

Approved (17/4/17)

The Parish of All Hallows, South Cerney with Holy Trinity, Cerney Wick. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in All Hallows Church on Wednesday, 20th April 2016 at 7.30pm.

21 parishioners attended. The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Rev'd Canon David Bowers who welcomed everyone. He thanked all who contribute in so many different ways to the life of our two churches and, after prayers, the meeting commenced.

A.1. Election of Church Wardens by the Parishioners

The Chairman first thanked Tony Squire and Vicki Jones for all their work over the past year. They do very important work and their office was a legal one. He offered thanks on behalf of the whole congregation.

Vicki had decided to stand down this year after ten years of service. She will carry on with the role of Sacristan. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers and given a big round of applause.

Nomination forms had been received for Tony Squire and Martin Gould and there being no other nominations, their election for the coming year was confirmed. All in favour.

2. Election of Deputy Wardens

The Chairman thanked Roger Webb for his work over the past year.

Roger, having confirmed his willingness to continue as Deputy Warden, was proposed by Tony Squire and seconded by Diana Hazelden. All in favour.

B.1. Presentation of the Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll officer reported a total of 154 parishioners on the electoral roll, 149 from South Cerney and 5 from Cerney Wick.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ruth Lewis, Naomi Lugg, Tony Townsend, John and Ruth Martin, Mandy Fry, Cliff and Kay Jones, Jill Squire.

3. Minutes of the Last Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The minutes had been made available prior to the meeting. Agreed they are a true record, Proposed by Vicki Jones, seconded by Roger Webb and signed by the Chairman. All in favour. Matters Arising: None.

4 Reports on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council for the past year (2015) including sub-committees and organisations.

The Chairman referred to his Foreword in the annual reports booklet, copies of which had been made available prior to the meeting, and spoke further about some of the points he had made. He gave thanks for the loving and caring fellowship at All Hallows and spoke about Sunday 26th June being his last day with us.

He spoke about David and Angie Austin moving house end of June time when David would become a house for duty priest in the Kemble benefice.

He prayed for leadership in our benefice and that the Holy Spirit would guide us in our seeking a new incumbent.

Referring to the group reports in the booklet he invited any further comments or questions from the floor. No further comment.

5 **Presentation by the Treasurer, on behalf of the PCC, of the accounts for the past year**
A copy of the accounts had already been handed round to those present.

Peter Williams guided those present through the document.

pp 14-18 Some funds are held for very special purposes.

pp 4-7

p.4 deals with day to day income and expenditure which we meet from our Unrestricted for General Purpose funds, totalled on p.5

p.6 lists Restricted funds earmarked for specific Charitable purposes. eg Coffee Pot monies held in a separate account earmarked for the charity for which they have raised the money. The South India fund reflects monies held temporarily before being donated to Garidepalli (via the Diocese).

p.7 is the Balance Sheet summarising the totals of the Restricted and Unrestricted funds already shown.

pp 10-13 These pages are 'Notes to the Accounts'

p.10 (Note No.8) provides a detailed picture of the Street Fair week-end finances.

p.11 (Note No.9), gives a picture of our Charitable Giving for the year..

p.12 (Note Nos. 10,11&12). A useful focus on some of our main day to day running costs. These figures were included in the Expenditure section on p.4.

Treasurer's Comments on the Accounts:

p.4 Income and Expenditure

- This year the Street Fair item has been reclassified so that it now comes under Specific Purposes.

- Parish Share increased to £42,429.

- Planned Giving continues to decrease. Launch of the new Parish Giving Scheme has had a mixed start. Thanks to those who have already joined or switched from the old standing order scheme.

- Collections have reduced back to the level they were in 2012.

- P.10 Street Fair – the income to the church was £14,604 plus £800 donated from the duck race proceeds. This was up £1,194 on the previous year.

Comments from the floor: Don Adams asked about the percentage increase in our Parish Share. Treasurer replied that this year it was 1.5% but increasing to 8% next year. This will be a problem.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Roger Edgar and seconded by Bob Owen. All in favour.

Finally, the Chairman thanked Peter for his continuing very hard work on our behalf including all the extra work for the Street Fair.

6 **Safeguarding** Chairman said that Mandy Fry had sent her apologies for being unable to attend tonight's meeting. She is the nominated person for this parish. We also now have Ann Ferris at Siddington and Karen Thornton at Preston. Churchwardens and two other members of each PCC need enhanced DBS checks. Carolyn Kennedy helps by processing DBS forms. People can see copy of the form if they wish.

7 **Report on Fabric & Furnishing**
Nothing further to report.

8 **Deanery Synod**
Nothing further to report.

9 **Election by Members of the Church Electoral Roll**

a) **Parochial Church Council**

The Chairman first thanked all members of PCC for their work during the past year. He then read out the names of the following people:-

Standing down: None

Continuing: Bob Owen, Roger Edgar, Carolyn Kennedy, Carole Wilkinson

Standing for re-election: Graham James, Roger Webb, Diana Hazelden, Peter Williams.
(nomination forms received)

New nomination: Vicki Jones (nomination form received)

There being no other nominations, the election of the above people en bloc was proposed by Peter Williams and seconded by Tony Squire. All in favour.

(For information: Vicar plus ex officio members Angie Austin, Joan Townsend, Liz Pearse, Tony Squire, Martin Gould and Jenny Gardiner make up the PCC).

b) **Sidesmen**

Those willing to continue -

Judith Bowers until 26th June
David Croft
Gill Deacon
Jenny Gardiner
Vanessa Godfrey
Elsje Hunt
Hilary James

Kay James
Michael James
Jenny Roberts
Mary Sanders
Roger Webb
Carole Wilkinson
Penny Wreford

Proposal that the above be elected en bloc was made by Tony Squire and seconded by Martin Gould. All in favour. The Vicar thanked the Sidesmen for their valuable work.

c) **Deanery Synod representatives**

No election required this year. Our representatives are Jenny Gardiner, Martin Gould and Liz Pearse.

10 **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

The continued appointment of Alison Palmer of McGill & Co was approved. Proposed Peter Williams, seconded Diana Hazelden. All in favour.

11 **Any Other Business**

Jennifer May wished to thank those who take the trouble to keep our noticeboards so well – the boards are very good witness. She wondered about a 'rogues gallery' of who's who in our church. Chairman expressed all of our thanks to Joan Townsend and Mandy Fry.

Refreshments followed during which a brief PCC business meeting took place as detailed below.

C.1 Election by the Newly Appointed PCC

- a) Secretary: Mary James. Proposed by Roger Webb, seconded by Diana Hazelden and elected unanimously.
- b) Treasurer: Peter Williams. Proposed by Roger Edgar, seconded by Bob Owen and elected unanimously.
- c) Electoral Roll Officer: Mary James. Proposed by Roger Webb, seconded by Vicki Jones, and elected unanimously.

2. **Co-option to PCC** Jennifer May nominated by Peter Williams and seconded by Tony Squire. Carried unanimously.

Acting Foundation Governor Chairman asked for PCC approval of John Martin acting as Foundation Governor during the vacancy, This was proposed by Tony Squire and seconded by Martin Gould. All, in favour.

3. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** Tuesday, 17th May 2016, in All Hallows church at 7.30 pm.

4. **Prayers at Next Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm.

Signed..... Dated.....