

Parish of Oakworth

Christ Church with St John's Newsholme

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on Sunday 15th November 2020

(This was the meeting which had been postponed from earlier in the year due to the enforced Covid 19 Virus restrictions and was conducted via Zoom)

- 1. Declaration of the meeting:** Roy Aston welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open with prayer at 11.00am..
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners 2017:** The Annual Report had been distributed via email and posted previously and the minutes of the last meeting had been perused and were passed as accurate and would be duly signed.
- 3. Election of two Church Wardens:** Roy Aston and Colin Stow were both eligible and agreed to stand, all present were in favour of their nomination so they were duly reappointed. Revd. Bryony Partridge gave heartfelt thanks for all their work and commitment during the interregnum and Covid restrictions.
- 4. Election of two Deputy Church Wardens:** Carole Howorth and Ralph Brunskill had agreed to remain in post so there was no need for an election. Roy expressed thanks for their work and commitment.

The meeting was closed at 11.12am.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 15th November 2020

- 1. Declaration of the meeting:** Roy Aston declared the meeting open immediately following the A.M.P. at 11.12am
- 2. Minutes of the Annual Parochial meeting:** These had also been distributed previously.
Matters arising:
 - It was noted by Carole Howorth that the reports included only covered the time until last March, it was explained that the Annual Report was prepared with the original date in mind. The next report would run from April 2020 until April 2021.
 - Melanie Tanner expressed that the inventory should hopefully be shown to be fully accurate due to the restrictions this year.

They were now passed as accurate and would be duly signed.

3. THE REPORTS

- **Report on changes to the Electoral Roll:** At the previous A.P.C.M. the number on the Electoral Roll was 71, since then 5 names have been removed (either due to death or moving away) and 1 name has been added so there are 67 names now recorded.
- **Annual report of the P.C.C.:** This had previously been passed by the P.C.C. Carole Howorth asked for clarification as to whether ex officio members (Deputy Church Wardens, etc) are able to vote and propose items. Judith Tiplady thought that as the post of Deputy C.W. is not a legal one that there would not be a problem. Roy Aston said that he would look into it for clarification.
- **Annual Financial Statement for the year ending December 2019:** This was included in the information which had been circulated earlier. Nick Robinson explained the reduced share payment and reported that the overall balance is reasonably healthy. Although offertory donations are down due to the restrictions – our outgoings are also down. He gave thanks to those who have been able to continue with regular giving.

Revd Bryony Partridge asked for clarification concerning the total payment for the new chairs, it was thought that part payment had been shown the previous year.

The donation of £2,000 paid to the Diocese should be reflected in our share payment. Nick Robinson and Roy Aston will clarify.

There were no further questions regarding this report. Thanks were given to Nick for his work as Treasurer.

- **Church Warden's Report:** This report had also been circulated. Work has been started outside in preparation for treatment of the damp problem before work is undertaken to install new toilets and replace the kitchen, Roy said that we will very soon be able to submit a reapplication for a faculty for the work to be undertaken.
- **Deanery Synod:** Sharon Quinn encouraged everyone to follow the link on the Deanery Synod report and watch the presentation "Reimagining Churches".
- **Chair person's report:** Roy Aston told those present that it had been a long time since the previous A.P.C.M. and so much has happened since then... primarily we went into a period of interregnum following Revd. John Rogers leaving and moving to his new post at Holy Trinity Church, Meanwood. There have been 3 failed attempts to appoint a new vicar and it is felt to be wise to wait until spring before re advertising. In addition a great deal of work has been undertaken to comply with all the restrictions imposed during the Covid lockdowns, this is of course ongoing.

Roy then gave heartfelt thanks to Revd Bryony Partridge for all she has done along with others in the ministry team- Revd Anne Pickard, Sharon Quinn and Philip Cullingworth throughout the interregnum.

He also thanked:

Dawn and Connie Whitaker for all they have done regarding the online services and to all who have taken part with reading and prayers. It was noted that numbers accessing our worship online have been very good.

Living Waters and Steve Harwood for continuing to provide live music for us.

Ralph Brunskill, Jan Thomson and Noeline Sharp for all they do at St John's Newsholme

Dawn Whitaker and the team who have worked so hard on the preparation and editing of the Parish Brochure and Profile

Melanie Tanner and Claire Ketteman for children's work and safeguarding

Simon Tanner for his commitment and expertise in overseeing the work on the worship space, the collapsed wall and more recently, helping us to draw up plans for future developments – Toilets, Parking, and Drainage solutions.

To the following in their respective roles: Nick Robinson- treasurer, Carole Howorth and Ralph Brunskill- deputy wardens, Lynn Stow- secretary and Colin Stow- Church Warden and to all other members of the PCC. In closing Roy said that we all need to hold onto our faith and hope in our Lord Jesus.

He finished his report by reading a quote from Jeremiah 29:11.

"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for".

4 Election of Deanery Synod Reps:

There were 3 vacancies

Lynn Stow will continue

Sharon Quinn wished to be re nominated and Dawn Whitaker was nominated and both were duly appointed.

5 Election of PCC Members:

There were 3 vacancies

Jan Thomson and Claire Ketteman wished to be re nominated and Karen Lobleby was nominated, all were duly appointed.

It was suggested that a Zoom PCC meeting be held perhaps before Christmas.

The meeting was closed with the Grace at 11.51am