

Parish of Ponteland

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday May 18th 2021

The meeting was held via the Zoom platform due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on October 7th 2020** were approved nem con and duly signed by Revd Paul Allinson.

2. **Election of Churchwardens:** David Butler was re-elected, there were no other nominations. David was thanked for the hard work and time that he gives as churchwarden. Rev Paul asked for prayer that a new churchwarden would come forward.

Signed..... Date.....

Chairman

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The meeting was attended (virtually) by 42 parishioners.

All the relevant documents for the meeting had been placed on the church website.

1.0 Apologies for Absence were received from: Alan Barron, Charles and Rachael May, John Doherty.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting held on October 7th 2020: were approved nem con and duly signed by the Revd. Paul Allinson.

3.0 Matters Arising: None.

4.0 Electoral Roll Officer's Report: There were 191 names on the Electoral roll at 31st March 2021

5.0 Annual Report on the Proceedings of the Council: The report for 2019, which had been approved by the PCC, was reviewed at the APCM and formally adopted by the meeting. The report can be found on the church website and is filed with the minutes.

6.0 Financial Report and Annual Accounts: the financial report and the summary are available on the church website and are filed with the minutes. Clive Ringrose (Accountant) presented a brief financial commentary and the accounts for 2020, consolidated for St Mary's and Holy Saviour, Milbourne. The restrictions implemented because of the Covid-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the PCC's finances. The areas most affected were loss of income from collections and from hiring out the Parish Centre. Northumberland County Council contributed £10,000 but the net effect was that the PCC were only able to pay £72,00 of the £97,255 that was requested for Parish Share.

This was the largest item of expenditure. The amount paid was set so that the PCC's reserves would remain unchanged in 2021. Overall expenditure was down £1,000.

Restricted income in 2020 was £19,389, this included two grants totalling £2,500 for refurbishing the Parish Centre. The remaining £17,000 came mainly from donations, large and small, and the associated Gift Aid.

The Refurbishment Fund had the largest number of receipts, receiving £11,044.

The report was adopted by the meeting nem con.

7.0 Reports from groups within the church: Copies of each of the group reports are available on the website. Revd. A Bookworms group update was given by Georgina Mathews and a Children's Society update by Rosy Doherty. Revd Paul Allinson expressed thanks and appreciation to all.

8.0 Chairman's (Vicar's) report: The vicar's report is on the website and filed with the minutes. The report was given under four headings, Welcome and Worship, Refurbishment and Renewal, the Mamre project and Community Outreach and Service. Using these as headlines Revd Paul set out his vision for the coming months and years, this included a change to the structure of our worship, a strengthening of our mission to children, re-ordering of the church building. The Community and Outreach strand has been placed into the hands of Canon Christine.

Additionally, Revd Paul expressed sincere thanks to everyone for their fellowship, faithfulness, and ministry through the difficult Covid times. The year ahead will be busy as we engage further in the pastoral care and occasional offices that Covid has limited. However, he strongly believes that we will face challenges and opportunities with creativity, compassion, and prayer.

9.0 Deanery Synod Report: The Deanery Synod report for 2019 is on the website. Mac Squires has resigned from the Synod for family reasons and Canon Christine gave thanks for his involvement.

10.0 Election of PCC members: There were four vacancies on the PCC, three due to the three-year rule, one due to the resignation of Mac Squires. Clive and Angie Jordan and Carole Butler wish to continue their membership and Georgina Matthew, nominated by Carole Butler and seconded by David Butler, has volunteered. All four were voted on unanimously.

11.0 Election of Sidespeople: this has been delegated to the PCC and will be decided at a future meeting of the PCC.

12.0 Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts: It was proposed that Stephenson Coates be re-appointed as Independent Examiner, this was approved nem con. Revd Paul Allinson thanked them for their support and hard work and a letter of appreciation will be written to thank them for their work.

13.0 Parishioners' comments:

- Stephen Bell asked about remuneration for Stephenson Coates, who audit the accounts pro bono. They are given a free advert in the Grapevine , which has resulted in some work being given to them.
- Ann Brown proposed a vote of thanks to Alison Ringrose for continuing to edit the Grapevine, which has not missed an edition during the whole of the lockdown period.

15.0 AOB: None.

15.0 Closing prayers: the Revd Paul closed the meeting with a communal prayer at 7.40pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman