

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

St Andrew's Ark, Sonning

Sunday 29th April 2018 at 11.45am

1. Opening prayers

The Vicar welcomed those present (55 parishioners were recorded as attending) and opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Appointment of Secretary

Hilary Rennie was appointed Secretary for the meeting.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from 13 parishioners, whose names are recorded.

4. Election of Churchwardens and Deputy Church Wardens

Perry Mills was elected as Church Warden.

Proposed by: Mark Jordan Seconded by: Bob Peters All content

Stuart Bowman was elected as Church Warden.

Proposed by: Molly Woodley Seconded by: Bob Peters All content

Mark Jordan, Sue Peters and Molly Woodley were all elected as Deputy Wardens.

Proposed by: Perry Mills Seconded by: Stuart Bowman All content

5. Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 26th April 2017

The minutes were unanimously approved by those present and signed by the Vicar as a true record.

Proposed by: John Russell Seconded by: Sandra Grist All content

6. Matters arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising.

7. Vicar's Report

Jamie began by saying how wonderful it was to be meeting in The Ark after morning service and he hoped everyone would stay to enjoy a light lunch after the meeting. He referred the meeting to his report in the APCM booklet where he had commented in more detail on the developments in St Andrew's in 2017. He did not propose to read out his report which had been available in church in the previous weeks but invited any questions and there were none.

He thanked Rachel Argent for her hard work leading the Sunday Club for the last three years and thanked Alison Smyly for agreeing to take over as Sunday Club leader. Rachel will continue in the important Safeguarding officer role.

He also thanked Jean Collin for all her work as Rota organiser for the servers for a number of years.

8. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements of Parochial Church Council

Richard Moore presented the Financial Statements for 2017. He advised the meeting that a copy of the Financial Statements would be filed with the Charities Commission and required the meeting's approval.

He pointed out in his report that the income for the year was approximately £512,671 with expenses of £326,461. A net surplus of £202,601 was reported of which around £187,000 related to donations for The Ark construction. He explained how the Balance Sheet represented the financial position of the PCC at 31 December 2017. It showed Fixed Assets including The Ark and equipment of £740,278 and investments of £210,477 as well as cash of £263,142. PCC liabilities were £54,647 which mainly relate to the parish magazine advertising received in advance for 2018 and a retention owing to The Ark contractors of around £17,000.

He advised the meeting that the PCC had decided to cap the Parish Share at £80,000 for another year.

Richard confirmed that the PCC's financial position was very satisfactory. He confirmed that the loan taken out to fund The Ark construction had been fully paid back in the year. He invited questions on the accounts but there were none.

Richard asked that the formal accounts for 2017 be accepted.

Proposed by: Linda Bowes Seconded by: Claude Masters All content

9. Church Wardens' Report and Presentation of Terrier

Perry Mills outlined how the churchwardens split their roles. Perry was responsible for buildings and facilities and Stuart Bowman for the ecclesiastical side of things.

Perry thanked the Pro-Wardens, Sandra Grist, Keith Nicholls and Bob Hine, for their hard work during the year.

He invited questions about The Ark building and there were none. He commented that snagging issues were still being resolved, in particular rusty nails on the outside of the building were to be replaced by the contractors.

He outlined that work was still ongoing in the churchyard to install gates to the church car park. He hoped these would be installed around the middle of the year. Work on the paths will begin in the middle of May and certain access routes to the church will temporarily be out of action.

On the matter of Jubilee Hall, Perry advised the meeting that the sealed bids would be opened on 2 May and in due course the PCC would announce the results.

There were no questions for Perry on the St Sarik Room or the bells.

Stuart Bowman then thanked Jamie, Kate and Bob for their support in the year and also Terry Hunt, Bob Hine and Keith Nicholls for their support too, as well as the Deputy Wardens, bellringers, Sunday Club, coffee makers, flower arrangers and the Social Committee. He thanked Caroline for her support and presented her with a gift.

Stuart presented the Terrier to the meeting in digital form and thanked Terry Hunt for organising this.

10. Election of representatives to the Sonning Deanery Synod

Rory Symes was re-elected to the Sonning Deanery synod for a five year term.

Proposed by: Stuart Bowman Seconded by: Molly Woodley All content

11. Election of members to the PCC

Liz Nelson was elected to the PCC for a three year term.

Proposed by: Stuart Bowman Seconded by: Mark Jordan All content

12. Election of Sides-people

The team of Sides-people was available for inspection by anyone at the meeting and had not significantly changed from the previous year. Those listed were duly elected to continue in their roles.

Proposed by: Perry Mills Seconded by: Stuart Bowman All content

13. Election of Chalice Bearers

The names of Chalice Bearers were available for inspection by anyone at the meeting and had not significantly changed from the previous year. Those listed were duly elected to continue in their roles.

Proposed by: Perry Mills Seconded by: Stuart Bowman All content

14. Electoral Roll

Jamie advised that the current electoral roll was 294 which was the same as that of the April 2016 APCM.

15. PCC Committee Reports

Jamie drew attention to the written reports that form part of the Annual Report in the printed booklet. He invited questions. There were none.

Jamie thanked the Social Committee for all their work and commented on the quality of the welcome and hospitality.

16. Other Reports

There were no questions on any of the other reports.

17. Appointment of independent examiner

Richard Moore advised that Banks & Co of Newbury had indicated their willingness to be appointed as the PCC's independent examiners. He asked for this to be agreed by the meeting.

Proposed by: Richard Moore Seconded by: Simon Darvall All content

18. Any Other Business

Jamie asked for a vote on whether people felt the APCM should remain after the 10.30am service or revert to an evening meeting. All were content for it to remain after the service for future years.

David Bentley suggested a note be put in the news sheet next year in advance of the meeting stating that APCM booklets were available at the back of the church.

Magnus Smyly wished to record thanks to Perry Mills for all his work with The Ark, the paths and the gates.

19. Closing prayers

Prayers were said and the meeting closed at 12.15pm. A light buffet lunch was then served to those attending.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

These Minutes are draft and will be approved by the APCM in April 2019