Annual Parochial Church Meeting Minutes

26th March 2023

1	Present: Revd. Eddie Smith, Jon and Tessa Bailey, Ann Wooley, Rod and Elaine Goldswain, Helen Grubb, Jean and John Grubb, Joy Hodge, Liz Hopes, Bob and Margaret Hughes, Jackie Allen, Anne Tilley, Elizabeth Packer, Jenny Smith and Anna Trimble.	
	Apologies : Caroline and Stewart Alvis, Revd. Irene Cobley, Terry Coles, Esmie Cunningham, Maggi Gordon and Edward Hopes.	
2	Minutes of previous APCM: 25 th April 2022 Date of May 2022 changed to May 2021 Then accepted, proposed by Jenny Smith, seconded by Anna Trimble.	
3 3.1	Matters arising not on agenda: Jackie questioned why Eddie wasn't going to Cogenhoe primary school and if he has started going again. The reason was Covid. Lay parishioners could arrange visits; it doesn't need to be a priest.	
4 4.1	Receive a copy of the 2023 Electoral Roll: The electoral roll was unanimously accepted. There are still 42 parishioners on the electoral roll, compared with 45 last year. Three members have died (Dorothy Stopps, Matt Gordon and Gloria Boyes). We have no new members to the electoral role. We took a moment to remember those we have lost in our congregations and in the wider community.	John
4.2	Eddie requested that the school, preschool and scouts should be invited to send representative to the next rectors's induction/instillation service.	
5	Annual report of the PCC: Distributed prior to meeting.	
5.1	Rector's report: No questions or comments on rector's report	Eddie
5.2	Children and youth ministry: No questions	Jenny
5.3	Home Groups: No comments.	Jenny
5.4	Zoom meetings: Explore the book and teen talk No questions	Irene
5.5	 Treasurer's report and adoption of accounts: a) Clock update - Cumbria clock expect to come in April for repair of chiming mechanism. b) Tenants of short lane – Liz Hopes asked if we were chasing. We have someone who would take up the lease but at a lower rate. Jon Bailey proposed we advertise widely the amount we want to charge. 	Rod (John on holiday) John

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a) b) c)	There are no incidents to report The Peterborough Diocese safeguarding policy was adopted and information posters signed. All new members of the PCC require a DBS check plus anyone working with children and vulnerable adults who received certificates more than 3 years ago.	Jean
a) b)	A spring clean was proposed for inside the church as well as in the church yard. Tree roots still haven't been done despite it being urgent because there is a new team in the housing department and a different diocesan officer. They need to get new quotes for the work and see where the funds will come from to do the work. They are also aware of the collapsed drain cover. The PCC will need to continue with this once Eddie is gone. He will pass the information of the property officer on to the secretary or Churchwardens for the PCC. We have paused work on the church rooms until the new incumbent arrives. We will get a report on the state of the woodworm. We can continue this work without an incumbent. At the last PCC meeting it was discussed that this work shouldn't be done without new incumbent. The PCC can decide to carry the work once he has left. Tilley left at this point)	Rod
d) e) f)	Elizabeth asked about funds of the village hall coffee morning which have gone into the fabric fund (page 13 section 10 – restricted funds). These was clarified. We had bequest from Dorothy Stopps' estate which has gone into the bell fund, and £1000 from David Hollowell following John Ouless' funeral. The accounts have been signed off by the independent assessor as satisfactory. Jon Bailey asked why energy costs have only gone up by 40%. Utilities are purchased through Parish Buying Basket. Gas charges have gone up but the current contract changes in September where we may expect it to get higher. Gas is 8.5p per unit compared with 2.9p at the beginning of the year. Joy raised that underfloor heating should be on all the time and asked why it isn't on so we will trial leaving it on continuously during April to see if it lowers heating costs. It is on thermostat timer currently. Churches should be heated between October and May. Fabric account doesn't close if there is no money as it is balanced by treasurer with the rest of the funds. Joy proposed and Jenny seconded adopting accounts. Unanimously adopted.	John

5.9	Ladies Fellowship report: No questions	
5.10	Outlook magazine: No questions	
	Thanks Eddie thanked everyone for the reports and for all the work done within the church community and the life of the church	
6	Election of Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod representatives: There were 6 positions on the PCC and 2 deanery synod representatives. Deanery synod meetings alternate between Tuesdays and Wednesdays but this may change with new dean. There are 6 meetings in the year. Elizabeth is prepared to continue although may not be able to make all meetings. Proposed and seconded and unanimously appointed. Anna and Tessa are still in term so there are 4 vacancies. Jackie Allen, John Grubb Helen Grubb and Elain Goldswain were nominated. All nominees were appointed unanimously.	
7	Appointment of sidespersons: Doesn't need to be done in this meeting The following people have agreed to act as sidespeople: Jackie Allen, Jon Bailey, Tessa Bailey, Elaine Goldswain, Helen Grubb, Liz Hopes, Elizabeth Packer, Dorothy Pittams, Anna Trimble and Ann Woolley. We must all be welcoming and smile. Appointed by new church wardens who would not usually be on the sidesperson's rota.	
8	Appointment of an Independent Examiner: Mike Hamborg is appointed as examiner for another year. Proposed by Liz hopes, seconded by Helen Grubb. Unanimously agreed	
9	 Interregnum: a) It is a chance for the church to grow and people to step into new roles. Irene will be working every Sunday. Non-communion services will need to belay led. Weddings that are pre-booked will continue. Church wardens will need to organise visiting priests for funerals. Irene will do them for those known in the church community. Eddie will provide list of visiting preachers and if none are available the rural dean will need to be contacted. b) PCC are in charge of running the day-to-day church. The PCC will be lead by the deputy chair in interregnum. c) The archdeacon will be meeting with the PCC to discuss the process and admin during the interregnum. d) The rural dean and archdeacon are points of contact during the interregnum. e) The benefice prolife will need updating and it would be good to have this ready to go as soon as Eddie has left. f) The diocese will maintain the house while empty although there will be a key holder within the congregation. It may need regular checking by a church warden. We should be able to continue to use the car park. It is not insured as a public carpark though and people use at own risk. 	

	g) The diocese should pay the energy bills but we should check this with the archdeacon.	
9	Church/St Peter's Centre;	
	No further questions	
10	Correspondence:	
	None	
11	Any other comments on Church life: Tapestries. Smaller one is still in possession of tapestry restorer in Burbage waiting for Robert Hollowell to build appropriate frame. The large one is still in the rectory. There has been a frame made but we need to get the tapestry to it.	
	Final prayer The new PCC members were welcomed; closing prayers were said and the meeting closed.	

Helen Grubb 26/03/2023