



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of the Itchen Valley held at Avington Park on Thursday 19th April 2018

Annual Meeting of the Parishioners

The meeting was opened by the Rector, Alex Pease, who read the Magnificat from the BCP. He thanked Sarah and Charlie Bullen for making Avington Park available for the meeting, and Sarah Hunt and Sarah Shirley for organising the canapes. He explained that there are two meetings, the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, at which everyone who lives in the parish can participate, followed by the APCM for those on the Parish Electoral Roll. There were about 50 parishioners present.

1. Apologies: Apologies included Joan Dartnall, Theo Mezger, Claire and Richard Hunt, Liz Darley Doran, Brigid McManus, Nick and Lavinia Owen, Katherine Impey, Jenni Faber, Camilla Mortimer and Jane Anderson.

2. Minutes of last meeting: These were proposed as a true record by Andrew Impey, seconded by Penny Russell and passed unanimously.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

3. Election of Churchwardens: Forms had previously been submitted with nominations and seconders for the election of the following parishioners as Churchwardens:

Martyr Worthy: Andrew Impey; Robin Greenwood

Easton: Theo Mezger; Vanessa Rosewell

Itchen Abbas: Tony Gaster, Nick Owen

Avington: vacant

There being only six Churchwardens nominated and seconded they were declared appointed. Andrew Impey agreed to remain as Churchwarden for a further year, under the Churchwardens Measure 2001. This is a resolution regarding the service of more than six successive periods of office. This resolution will be in place for one year and one year only and does not set a precedent for the future. The resolution is as follows and was proposed by Judith Mezger, seconded by Sarah Bullen and passed unanimously.

'This meeting resolves that section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 shall not apply in relation to the Itchen Valley Parish for the 2018- 2019 year regarding the period of service of Churchwardens.'

Alex thanked all the Churchwardens for all they have done over the past year.

The Annual Meeting of the Parishioners ended.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of the last meeting: These were proposed as a true record by David Anderson, seconded by Gerry Stacey and passed unanimously.

2. Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

3. Report on Electoral Roll: Simon Ffennell reported that there were 224 on the Electoral Roll, of which 32 were non-resident in the parish. This was six more than this time last year. The Rector thanked Lucinda Ffennell, Parish Electoral Roll Officer for all her help.

4. Annual Report 2017: This is a record of the work of the Parish over the last year. Copies were available at the meeting, and it is on the website; parishioners were encouraged to read it. There were no matters arising.

5. Financial Statement 2017: David Anderson presented the accounts, saying that he had been Treasurer for most of 14 years and emphasising how far the Parish has come since the merger. Madeline Quest Ritson has continued as book keeper and has made an enormous difference to the workload of the Treasurer and to the presentation of the accounts. There is a surplus of about £13,000 this year with over £100,000 in unrestricted funds.

The Rector will be self supporting on a half time basis; the Diocese will contribute to the Rector's housing costs and have also made available £10,000 a year for three years towards the cost of the professional Parish Administrator. Our contribution to the Common Mission Fund has decreased by about £20,000 a year.

The future challenge is the level of regular giving, currently about £90,000 + Gift Aid, but anticipated to decline to about £70,000, as the largest donations tend to come from older parishioners. The target is for regular giving to be at about £130,000 and for everyone not using CAF to move to the Parish Giving scheme (currently used by only about a quarter of donors) which makes book keeping far easier. David suggested that those still earning might think about giving £100 a month to the Parish, although he emphasised that the Parish is grateful for any financial support at any level.

Finally David announced that he will be stepping down as Treasurer as soon as his replacement has been identified and appointed, and in any case by the end of the summer. He added that his job had been enormously simplified since Madeline was appointed and is now stimulating and fun.

The Rector expressed grateful thanks for his work. Scot Johnston has kindly agreed to continue as Independent Examiner.

6. Election of Parish Representatives to the Deanery Synod: Two of our representatives to Deanery Synod are stepping down. Forms had previously been submitted with nominations and seconders for the election of the following parishioners as Deanery Synod Representatives to complete the remaining two years of a three year term:

Avington: Tim Clapp (to replace Sarah Shirley)

Easton: Theo Mezger (to replace David Anderson)

Martyr Worthy: Gerry Stacey continues

Itchen Abbas: Tony Gaster continues

7. Election of Parish Representatives to the PCC: Forms have been submitted with nominations and seconder for the election of the following parishioners to the PCC:

Easton: Jill Croft, alternate David Poole
Itchen Abbas: Sarah Hunt, alternate vacant
Avington: Penny Russell, alternate Helen Wayne
Martyr Worthy: Verity Coleman, alternate Amanda Seymour

8. Appointment of Sidesmen: The PCC Secretary read out the list of sidesmen for each church as follows:

Avington: Charlie Bullen, Sarah Bullen, Penny Russell, Liz Darley Doran, Gill Graham Maw, Sarah Shirley, Helen Wayne.

Easton: David Anderson, Judy Bishop, Jill Croft, Sara Janssen, Sue Kennedy, Penelope Kellie, Elaine Labram, David Poole, David Swinstead.

Itchen Abbas: Charlotte Appleby, Patrick Appleby, John Bouldin, Joan Dartnall, Sarah Hunt, Richard Hunt, Clare Hunt, Sally Parker, Toby Stubbs, Nick Owen

Martyr Worthy: Jane Chichester, Verity Coleman, Simon Ffennell, Gilly Greenwood, Robin Greenwood, Fred Haslam, Joanna Lang, John Lang, Sara Mason, John Platt, Liz Platt, John Prince, Joanna Sutcliffe, Robert Sutcliffe, Angela Wheeler, Emily Windsor-Aubrey, Philip Windsor-Aubrey, Guy Green.

10. Appointment of Independent Examiner: Scot Johnston has been reappointed and the Treasurer expressed thanks for his help.

11. Any Other Business

Tony Gaster announced that there will be a Rogation Walk on May 6 led by Judy Bishop, and that a Harvest Lunch is being considered on either 7 or 14 October in Easton or Itchen Abbas.

12. Concluding remarks from the Rector: The Rector expressed his particular thanks to Gerry Stacey and Jan Brookshaw for their support in taking services during the vacancy. Alex will have a half time role, which means that the parish will have to be much less reliant on the clergy. Alex will work Sunday-Wednesday, and he asks that the parish will respect that. Beccy Clarke the Parish Administrator will be in the Parish Office every weekday morning in term time and available by email in the school holidays. There will be two services in the Parish each Sunday, one in the morning and one in the evening, and one Sunday each month services will be taken by a visiting priest. He expressed his grateful thanks to Andrew Impey as lay Chairman of the PCC, to all the Churchwardens and the PCC, who have been involved in the vacancy. Please also refer to www.itchenvalleychurches.org/2018/04/17/letter-to-our-itchen-valley-neighbours-by-revd-alex-pease.

End of Business: Andrew Impey proposed a vote of thanks to Sarah Shirley for all her work as Churchwarden, on the PCC and Deanery Synod and all her support to the community, as she prepares to move out of the Parish. She was presented with flowers and a gift from the PCC. Andrew then proposed a vote of thanks to Lucy Pease who acted as unpaid Parish Administrator for two years and whose work was invaluable. She was presented with flowers and a gift from the PCC.

Verity Coleman, PCC Secretary