

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of the Itchen Valley Thursday 30 March 2023 7.00 for 7.30 at St John's Church Itchen Abbas

Annual Meeting of the Parishioners

The meeting was opened by the Rector, Revd Peter. He explained that there are two meetings. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners is open to everyone who lives in the parish, reflecting the church's responsibility for the whole community. The APCM is open to those on the Parish Electoral Roll.

There were approximately thirty five parishioners present.

1. Apologies: (for this meeting and the following meeting). Andrew and Katherine Impey, John and Nicky Barber, Liz Platt, Patrick Appleby, , David Parker, Tim Clapp, Jenni Faber, Beccy Clarke, Richard Ritchie, Helen Wayne, Philip Windsor Aubrey, Frits Janssen

2. Minutes of last meeting: These were passed unanimously, proposed by Sarah Hunt and seconded by Brigid McManus, and signed by the Rector.

3. Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

4. Election of Church Wardens: Theo Mezger has agreed to stand as a Church Warden after having stood down for a year. Under the Church Wardens' Measure 2001 a resolution is required if the period stood down is less than two years. This resolution will be in place for one year and one year only and does not set a precedent for the future.

The proposal is as follows: This meeting resolves that section 3 of the Church Wardens' Measure 2001 shall not apply in relation to the Itchen Valley Parish for the 2023-24 year regarding the period of service of Church Wardens. Gavin Edgerley Harris proposed the motion, Sally Parker seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

Forms had previously been submitted with nominations and seconders for the election of the following parishioners as Church Wardens: Avington: vacant. Easton: Chris Ellis and Mary Purser. Itchen Abbas: Sarah Hunt and Tim Clapp. Martyr Worthy: Sara Mason and Theo Mezger. The election of the aforementioned Church Wardens was proposed by Lavinia Owen, seconded by David Anderson, and passed unanimously. The Rector asked each of the Church Wardens and other members of the standing committee to come to sit at the front of the room. He thanked them for all they have done over the past year and made a presentation to Robin Greenwood, retiring this year and to Theo Mezger, who retired last year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of the last meeting: These were passed unanimously and were signed by the Rector.

2. Matters arising: none

3. Report on Electoral Roll: There are 148 names on the electoral roll, 22 of which live outside the parish. This is a decrease of 11. The Rector expressed thanks to Beccy Clark, the Electoral Roll Officer and to Robin Greenwood who has calculated the worshipping community.

4. Annual Report 2022: The Annual Report, detailing the achievements of the past year, is available on the parish website. The Rector expressed his appreciation to everyone, including Gerry (who can now take communion to the housebound), the organisers of CAMEO, Valley Visitors and Little Rainbows and Elaine Labram who led the Bereavement Course. He asked a representative from each church to outline the service patterns in their church. Revd Peter also reported on Wednesday night

informal worship, held once a month and mentored by James and Julia Wright, and to which all are welcome.

Deanery Synod: Gerry Stacey and Chris Ellis are standing for election as Deanery Synod representatives for a three year term. Proposed by Judith Mezger, seconded by Brigid McManus and passed unanimously. Gerry Stacey reported that there is a vacancy for a Deanery Synod representative for the Itchen Valley, and that these are now stimulating and important meetings.

5. Financial Statement 2022-2023: The full accounts are on the parish website. The Treasurer, David Anderson, pointed out that planned giving, collections and tax relief has increased and there is now £11,536 surplus. However, we paid a one-off reduced Common Mission Fund figure of £45,000 last year and this reverts to £75,000 this year. Without that there would have been a deficit of about £25,000.

Ten years ago we had a full time Rector and two curates. Now the Rector is with us half time only. This puts a real burden both on him and also all those who contribute to the running of the Parish. All parishes in the diocese are in a similar situation, though we are one of only two combined parishes (Alton being the other).

To cover the deficit we need to:

- Look to increase regular giving from existing donors
- Encourage new donors
- Revive fund raising. We used to make £20-30,000 a year from events such as Easton fete, MW plant sale, GlyndeEaston, MW lectures, Duck races, Southwood Players and others.

We will have to find a way to solve these challenges.

7. Election of Parish Representatives to the PCC: Forms have been submitted for the election of the following parishioners to the PCC (each for a three-year term) Avington: Sonia Cragg (2023) alternate Helen Wayne (2023) The election of these representatives was proposed by Robin Greenwood, seconded by Rolls Coleman and the motion was passed unanimously. The Rector thanked Sally Parker for her service on the PCC.

8. Appointment of Sidespersons: Verity Coleman (acting Secretary) read out the list of sidespersons for each church as follows:

Avington: Sonia Cragg, Gavin Edgerley-Harris, Georgie Krone, Helen Wayne.

Easton: David Anderson, Judy Bishop, Sally Clarke, Jill Croft, Penelope Kellie, Sara Janssen, Sue Kennedy, Judith Mezger, David Swinstead.

Itchen Abbas: Sarah Hunt takes responsibility for initiating requests, there being no formal list.

Martyr Worthy: Verity Coleman, Simon Ffennell, Guy Green, Robin Greenwood, Gilly Greenwood, Andrew Impey, Katherine Impey, Joanna Lang, John Lang, Liz Platt, John Prince, Joanna Sutcliffe, Robert Sutcliffe, Emily Windsor-Aubrey, Philip Windsor-Aubrey, Angela Wheeler.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner: The Treasurer David Anderson proposed the appointment of Stephen Hendy of Data Developments; this was seconded by Rolls Coleman and the motion was passed unanimously. David Anderson expressed thanks to the bookkeeper Janet Denyer.

10. Final words: Revd Peter closed the meeting by highlighting his aim that Christ should be at the centre of everything we do. JVCC/30.3.23