

**MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING AND APCM HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON ON
THURSDAY, 11 APRIL 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.**

The Revd Kathryn Windslow (Rector) opened the meeting by welcoming all those present and said an opening prayer.

Apologies were received from: Christine Tuson, Vera Blake, Susanne Carter, Jackie Lee, Laurence and Rebeka Hardy, Ruth Elphick, Don and Hilary Fritche, Ella Coventry, Amanda Hislop, Mary Taylor, Rupert Toovey.

27 members of the congregation were present.

Vestry Meeting

Election of Churchwardens

Barbara Buchanan and Dennis Cowdrey were proposed by Gwen Fisher and seconded by John Taylor and elected nem con. Revd Windslow thanked Barbara and Dennis for their work and support over the past year.

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. The Minutes of the APCM held on 26 April 2018 held on were approved.
2. There were no matters arising.
3. Electoral Roll – Val Rice reported that there were 403 in total: 207 Resident and 189 Non-Resident.
4. Rector's Report – Revd Windslow said that she had been here almost 5 years and was very happy here. The church has many parts and many people.
5. Treasurer's Report – David Rice drew attention to the unrestricted income which included the Gift Day income of £13K, including an anonymous donation of £10K. This was an increase of £14K on 2017.
Total unrestricted expenditure was £114,000 which is a reduction of £4K on 2017 as we have been scrutinising all costs very carefully. We need to keep monitoring costs. We now have a tenant in Longland Avenue – the rent after commissions is £1100 p.m.
6. Churchwardens' Report: Barbara Buchanan spoke to her report which had previously been circulated. Gwen Fisher asked whether we wanted to go ahead with the Christmas Draw. Barbara said she would invited Gwen to come to the social team meeting to discuss the draw.
Dennis Cowdrey spoke to the Fabric report: the tower project has been started and the faculties and paperwork approved. The stone work will be started in June for 14 weeks. DAC: tower project proposals to go before the PCC.
Dennis Cowdrey explained the previous problems with the boiler. Controller will stay. There was a discussion about a broadband line if we purchased a remote control.
Health and Safety: Barbara Buchanan is hoping we would be able to use the code for ambulance access if necessary. We should have a fire drill every year.
7. Deanery Synod – The 3 current representatives are willing to stand again. The Bishop's visitation by Bishop Mark will be from 26–28 June. At Deanery Synod on 27 June Bishop Mark will be talking about the next 5-year plan. Revd Windslow was planning a tour for him through the Deanery, including a visit to the Glebe Surgery and one of the vineyards.

8. Elections to the PCC – Val Rice, Laurence Hardy, Jackie Lee, and Susanne Carter were all willing to stand for re-election. Keith Taylor and Martyn Freeman had been nominated and were willing to stand. All in favour. Ian Miles said that he would be interested in being on the PCC. This would be discussed at a future PCC Standing Committee meeting.
9. Appointment of Sidesmen – Val Rice read out the list of current sidesmen. We are looking for more volunteers.
10. Appointment of Independent Examiner – David Rice suggested we reappoint Lewis Brownlee of Chichester.
11. Bellacre: Gwen Fisher reported there was no further news.
12. Church Fabric Report: This had been covered in the Churchwardens’ report.
13. Churchyard Report: Peter Bristow, the stipendiary gardener, has approximately 15 years’ service. Revd Windslow thanked all who worked on the churchyard. She also reported that the moles had migrated to the Rectory garden. Mice are also back in the church.
14. DBS checks: These will be done by Barbara Buchanan and Jackie Lee in the Rectory office.
15. St Luke’s Prayer Team: Will meet on Tuesday 12 April in the Cathedral at 7.30 for prayers for healing.
16. Concert Committee and Choir Reports were taken as read.
17. Bell Ringers: Reported that John Taylor had just completed 52 years as Tower Captain.
18. Pastoral Visiting Team: The team wish to spread the message to some of the other churches. Revd Windslow pointed out that some people do not wish to be visited.
19. Social Team Report: There are 4 members of the team which has raised about £200. Skittles evening was very successful.
20. Any other business John Coventry reported that Stuart Kersley goes to Foxmead Court to hold a communion service once a month. There are currently about 9 attendees.
21. Closing prayers – The Rector closed the meeting with The Lord’s Prayer at 9 pm.

Meeting of the new Parochial Church Council

The PCC Meeting started at 9.10 pm.

1. Election of Lay Vice Chairman –Barbara Buchanan was elected, with Dennis Cowdrey as reserve.
2. Election of Secretary – Val Rice was elected.
3. Election of Treasurer – David Rice was nominated by Dennis Cowdrey and seconded by Barbara Buchanan. He was duly elected.
4. Bank signatories – David Rice nominated Barbara Buchanan and Dennis Cowdrey in addition to himself and the Rector.
5. Any other Business –
 - (a) Village Day 29 June: Agreed to have a stall. Revd Windslow would discuss with Amanda Hislop.
 - (b) Safeguarding: The Rector read out and signed the Safeguarding Policy.
 - (c) Fire Safety Plan has now been approved and is displayed in the church and in the Parish Office.
6. Dates of future meetings: 28 June, 28 September, 23 November, 15 February, 22 March, APCM 26 April.

The next PCC Meeting will be held in the Church on Wednesday, 28 June at 7.30 p.m.

The Rector closed the meeting with The Grace at 9.25 pm.

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Chairman

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