

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH
OF DENMARK-WALPOLE HELD IN ST LEONARD'S ON SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2020

Opening prayer.

1. The Rector, Revd Sally Buckley tssf, opened the meeting at 12:01pm with a prayer.

Definition of a Voting Parishioner

2. The definition of a Voting Parishioner was read aloud by Victoria Castiglione.

Apologies

3. Apologies were received on behalf of Sheila Evans, Amber Warneford, and Marney and Ray Moody.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting of Parishioners

4. The Minutes of the annual meeting of parishioners held on 24 February 2019 were read to the meeting. Sally Prickett moved, and Alison Kershaw seconded, that the Minutes be accepted as written. The motion was agreed.

Presentation of reports

5. The following reports were presented to the meeting and are attached to these Minutes:
 - (1) Interregnum and Parish Priest's Reports; Highlights 2019
 - (2) Wardens Report (including statement of Insurance policies held by the parish)
 - (3) Safe Church Report.
 - (4) Synod Representatives' Report
 - (5) Mustard Seed Report
 - (6) Mission Secretary's Report
 - (7) Mothers Union Report
 - (8) Social Secretary's Report
 - (9) Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports
 - (10) Parish Council Resolutions

Arrangements for bequests or special gifts to the Diocese or parish

6. As a parish warden, Sally Prickett made a statement to advise parishioners of the arrangements under which bequests or special gifts may be made to the Diocese or parish. She reminded the parishioners that the bequest of \$76,000, made to the parish by Edna Brown for ecclesiastical purposes, had increased to \$86,000 by the time it was used. This had been very useful to the parish and had contributed to the construction of the St Leonard's hall extension. Sally noted that a general bequest may be more flexible than a bequest for a specific purpose.

Treasurer's report

7. The Treasurer, Chris Prickett, referred to his written report and advised that at the beginning of 2019 the parish had \$101,512 in the bank. The parish budget anticipates a loss of about \$21,000 by the end of 2020 which will reduce the bank balance to around \$80,000. The Treasurer noted that in 2019 the Mustard Seed Op Shop had its second most successful year taking in almost \$79,330 and, since opening in 2007, takings have totalled \$708,000. Offertory on the other hand has only amounted to \$382,000 which is just over half of the Mustard Seed income. He advised that the parish has given \$13,865 to national, international, state and local causes and this includes \$5,490 in emergency relief to the needy within Denmark.
8. The Treasurer advised that Mr Gary Schwab was no longer available to audit the parish books of account but said a member of the parish, a retired mathematics teacher, had offered to take over on a pro bono basis. Accordingly the Treasurer moved that:
 - The Annual Meeting of Parishioners appoint Mr Thomas Sheard as Honorary Auditor for the 2020 Financial Year; and
 - Mr Gary Schwab be formally thanked for his service over the past seven years. This was seconded by Jan Pattinson. The motion was agreed.
9. The Treasurer moved that the Financial Statements for 2019, as presented to the meeting, be accepted. This was seconded by Judy Ross. The motion was agreed.
10. The Treasurer moved that the Budget for 2020, approved by Parish Council on 23 January 2020, be accepted. This was seconded by Judy Wiseman. The motion was agreed.
11. The Rector thanked the Treasurer for his wise management of the parish finances.
12. Alison Kenworthy moved that all reports presented to the meeting be accepted. This was seconded by Ethel Mayer. The motion was agreed.

Appointment by Parish Priest of two parish councillors

13. The Rector appointed Victoria Castiglione and Alison Kenworthy as parish councillors, and noted that Judy Ross is continuing as the Rector's appointed warden.

Elections (four parish councillors)

14. Of the eligible, enrolled Voting Parishioners, 41 voted in the election. The Rector announced that each of the elected councillors had received more than 50% of the votes. The elected parish councillors are: Tine Adams, Jane James, Chris Prickett and Judy Wiseman.
15. The Rector expressed her thanks to the previous Parish Council and noted that this is the first parish she has been involved with that gives a 10% tithe of its income to worthy causes. The Rector also noted that the three continuing Wardens, Alison Kershaw, Sally Prickett and Judy Ross are now entering the third year of their three

year term as Wardens. The Treasurer commented that Wardens are able to stand for a second three year term but that after serving for 6 years they are required to take a break of 12 months.

General Business

16. On behalf of Amber Warneford, Sally Prickett asked whether she would be able to have a parish contact list. It was noted that when joining the parish roll, new parishioners are asked whether they consent to sharing their contact details. The Rector suggested that she and Judy Wiseman should use the parish roll spreadsheet to prepare a directory containing names, phone numbers and email addresses of parishioners willing to share their contact details.
17. Sally Prickett offered a vote of thanks to the three Wardens, noting that Alison Kershaw (with her particular focus on liturgical matters), Judy Ross (with her focus on building issues), and Sally herself (with her general Warden's duties) had worked well together as a team during the interregnum and had successfully found a new priest for the parish and managed the transition.
18. The Rector added her thanks to the Wardens and the Treasurer for all their work and for their warm welcome, encouragement and guidance. This was endorsed by the meeting with acclamation. The Rector also offered a vote of thanks for the work of Harold Luxton and Rev Kevin Callegari in Walpole, noting that all these people are corner stones and rocks within the parish.
19. The Rector expressed her hope that more people in the parish will come forward to share the work load that is undertaken by a small band of people, notably Sally Prickett (who has five different roles) and Alison Kershaw. The Rector offered to help with the prayer tree and noted that Judy Wiseman has now taken on responsibility for the parish roll. The Rector encouraged people not on Parish Council to consider taking on some of these roles and to contact her to express their interest.
20. There being no further business the Rector declared the meeting closed at 12:29pm and the meeting ended with The Grace.

Attachment:

- Reports & Financial Statements presented to the Annual Meeting of Parishioners