



The Parish of All Saints' Church, Catherington, Hampshire

Minutes of the VESTRY and ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

held on Wednesday, 18th May 2022 in the Church Hall at 7.30pm

This APCM, which covers the period from January 2021 to December 2021.

The meeting opened at 7.35pm with Rev Richard Hutchins reading John 15 v1-8 followed by a prayer.

Present: Rev Richard Hutchins (chair) and 28 members of the electoral roll

Apologies Jane Dalton, Deb Vears, Julia Pullen

Vestry Meeting for the election of two Churchwardens:

Only one nomination had been received:

Joseph Edwards, nominated by Wendy Haxell, seconded by Jason Peett.

Joe Edwards was declared elected.

The second Churchwarden position will be filled as soon as possible.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

1. **Those present and apologies for absence:** see above.
2. **Minutes of the APCM held on 14th July 2021:** The minutes had been distributed and were taken as read. They were agreed and signed by the Chair.
3. **Election of 6 Parochial Church Council Representatives.** Following the decision at the 2021 APCM to move to standard 3 year terms for PCC members, one third of elected members (1) required replacing at this APCM. Jason Peett was the PCC member who stepped down.

There was only one nomination for the 6 vacancies, Jason Peett who offered to serve another term. Proposed Joe Edwards, Seconded Angela Johnson; Jason Peett was declared elected. There remain 5 casual vacancies on the PCC.

4. **Appointment of the Independent Examiner.** Proposed that Antony Rose be appointed. Proposed Joe Edwards, seconded Angela Johnson. Carried unanimously.
5. **The Electoral Roll Report:** The summarised Electoral Roll report was taken as read. One correction was noted for the summary report – namely that the role has reduced by 8 to 93 from 101. The outgoing Electoral Roll Officer then read the full report offered in comments and discussion.

Margaret Roberts was thanked for her 10 years of service as Electoral Roll Officer.

6. **The PCC Secretary's Report:** The PCC Secretary report was taken as read. One correction was noted to the Annual Report, where the PCC meeting held in May 2021 had been missed from the meeting details listed.
7. **The Treasurer's Financial Report:** The Financial Statements were received by the APCM and were taken as read. A number of comments and discussion points were raised:

- An update was provided on progress with changing final bank account signatories (Refurbishment Account at Lloyds Bank).
- The ongoing unsustainability of reliance on investment growth was highlighted, noting that growth in numbers and giving was the way to achieve sustainability. The reduction in COVID impact will also allow fundraising activities to begin again.
- A challenge was presented (Revd Michael Bever) to those gathered that the legacy from Tom Sweeney had remained in the accounts since it was gifted and that progress to using this needs to be made.
- It was noted that the designated funds for heating (£75k) and live-streaming capability (£10k) were not listed in the accounts. This was an oversight and will be corrected in future; noting the intention to commit the expenditure at the earliest opportunity.
- The increase in central Church of England Strategic Development Funding was mentioned, and it was emphasised that this would be available to any parish or church, subject to an appropriate and successful bid.

8. Churchwardens' Fabric Report. The report was taken as read. Discussion focussed on:

- Lady Chapel – movement seems stable at the moment
- WiFi to church – WiFi in the Church Hall was installed aided by a kind EHDC grant. This is a key enabler to WiFi to the church once the challenges of the adjacent land not under church ownership can be resolved.
- Church heating – plan to move to electric heating, however recent cost increases in utilities mean that electric heating would be prohibitively expensive to run at this point therefore remain with gas blower for now.

9. Safeguarding Report. The report was taken as read. There were no comments.

10. Deanery Synod Report. The report was taken as read. A query was raised regarding the status of the Havant Deanery Plan going forwards. Revd Richard shared that the Deanery Synod were yet to be brought up to date with developments in this area, but that it looked likely that there would be less emphasis on formal clusters and more on co-operation between parishes appropriate to areas of shared interest.

11. Matters of Parochial or General Church Interest. The additional reports in the Year Book were taken as read. Specific emphasis and thanks were offered to the Churchyard Working Party for their sterling efforts.

The meeting then moved into an "Our Values" exercise, capturing views around three key areas:

- All Saints Values and Characteristics in the past 10 years.
- What these Values and Characteristics should look like over the next 5 years.
- Which groups of people has All Saints struggled to reach over the past 5 years.

This information will be fed into the PCC to assist with vision development.

12. Result of Elections. The members of the PCC are:

Revd Richard Hutchins (Chair), Joseph Edwards (Churchwarden & Deanery Synod), Jason Peett, Katherine Peett, Wendy Haxell, Deb Vears (Deanery Synod).

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm with the Grace.

Signed on behalf of those gathered as a true record of the meeting:

Signature: (Chair)

Rev Richard Hutchins

Date: May 2023.