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|  | **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting**  **of the SCAN Parochial Church Council**  **held on Sunday 16th April 2023 at St Lauds Sherington** |  |
|  | The meetingcommenced with an opening prayer led by Rev Coralie Mansfield. |  |
|  | **Present:** RevCoralie Mansfield**,** Rev Pam Fielding, Prof John Fielding,David Blamires, Judith Duncombe, Tim Edwards, Nick Freeman, Janice Freeman, Richard Morgan,Malcolm Rose, Pat Townsend, Ian Townsend, Felicity Robertson, David Robertson, , Ted Pepper, Robert Brewis, Anna Shotton Sheila Quinn, Claire Davies, Tricia Clementson, Alan Plater Judy Hammond, Tim Daily |  |
| **1** | **Apologies:** Sue Harrington, Christine Girard, Robert and Claire Ruck-keen |  |
| **2** | **Appointment of Chairman and Clerk:** Malcolm Rose was appointed to be the Chairman of the meeting and Anna Shotton appointed clerk to take the minutes. |  |
| **3** | **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the previous Annual Vestry Meeting held on Sunday 15th May 2022 had been circulated. The minutes were approved and accepted.  Proposed by .Nick Freeman and seconded by Ian Townsend. All were in favour. |  |
| **4**  **5** | **Election of Churchwardens:** The following persons were elected  **St. Lawrence Chicheley**:  Felicity Robertson proposed by Pat Townsend and seconded by Christine Girard  Judith Duncombe proposed by David Robertson and seconded by David Blamires  **St Lauds Sherrington:**  Edward Pepper proposed by Richard Morgan and seconded by Diana Morgan  Richard Morgan proposed by Sheila Quinn and seconded by Robert Brewis  **St Firmins North Crawley**  Malcolm Rose proposed by John Plummer and seconded by Judith Candlish  Janice Freeman proposed by Tim Edwards and seconded by Richard Morgan  All in favour  **Any other business**  It was acknowledged that David Robertson has stepped down as a Church Warden for St Lawrences having served 37 years. Malcolm expressed at vote of thanks to him on behalf of SCAN parish for his dedication. Judith Duncombe expressed her thanks for his help when she first became a Warden and that he will be missed! |  |
|  | The Annual Vestry Meeting was then concluded. |  |

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|  |  | **Action** |
|  | **Present:** RevCoralie Mansfield**,** Rev Pam Fielding, Prof John Fielding,David Blamires, Judith Duncombe, Tim Edwards, Nick Freeman, Janice Freeman, Richard Morgan,Malcolm Rose, Pat Townsend, Ian Townsend, Felicity Robertson, David Robertson, Ted Pepper, Robert Brewis, Anna Shotton Sheila Quinn, Claire Davies, Tricia Clementson, Alan Plater Judy Hammond, Tim Daily |  |
| **1** | **Apologies:** Sue Harrington, Christine Girard, Robert and Claire Ruck-keen. |  |
| **2** | **Minutes of the last AGM:** The minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 15th May 2022 had been circulated. The minutes were approved and accepted.  Proposed by Pat Townsend and Seconded by Richard Morgan. All were in favour. |  |
| **3** | **Matters arising:**  No Matters arising |  |
| **4** | **Accounts for 20212:** The PCC and DCC accounts for 2022 have been circulated with the annual report. There were no questions on the PCC accounts and it was proposed by Nick Freeman and seconded by Ian Townsend that the accounts be received and agreed with all in favour. A vote of thanks to David Blamires for his work in connection with the accounts was made. |  |
| **5** | **Appointment of Auditor**: It was proposed by David Blamires and seconded by Pat Townsend that Alan Simms be appointed auditor for 2023. This was carried unanimously. | *DB speak to Alan Simms* |
| **6** | **Annual reports:** The Annual PCC Report had been circulated previously by email and on the Website. Copies of the report were available the meeting . All the reports were accepted.  Pam Fielding wanted to acknowledge the success of the Monthly Breakfast clubs.  John Fielding made reference to the Parish Away Day in October 2022  Pam and Johns report was not in the circulated report but an updated copy will be sent with the minutes to include this.  Revd Coralie confirmed that they are not back to using communal cup for communion yet but will keep under review. |  |
| **7**  **8** | **Election of Deanery Synod**  Judith Duncome - proposed David Robertson seconded Chrisine Girard.  Sue Harrington – proposed Judith Duncome seconded Pam Fielding  All Approved.  **Election of PCC and DCC Treasurers:**  **PCC Treasurer:** David Blamires  Proposed by Pat Townsend, seconded by Judith Duncombe with all in favour.  **DCC Treasurers:** St Lawrence - Pat Townsend  St Lauds – Nigel Anderson  St Firmins – Malcolm Rose  Proposed by Pam Fielding, seconded by Ted Pepper. All in favour. |  |
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| **9** | **Election of PCC members:**  Nick Freeman, Proposed by Malcolm Rose and Seconded Tim Edwards David Robertson Proposed by Judith Duncombe and seconded by Pat Townsend  All in favour.  Remaining members of the PCC are ex officio. |  |
| **10** | **Election of DCC members:**  **St Lawrence, Chicheley:**  Christine Girard, Alan Plater, David Robertson, Robert Ruck-Keene and Pat Townsend.  **St Laud, Sherington:**  Robert Brewis, Sue Harrington, and Sheila Quinn, Nigel Anderson, Ann Bond  **St Firmin, North Crawley:**  Nick Freeman, Ann Kearney, Pam Pinder, John Plummer, Joan Shaw,  All DCC nominations were proposed and seconded by electoral roll members. All at meeting in favour  (Remaining members of the DCCs are ex officio or PCC members) |  |
| **11** | **Any Other business:** |  |
| **11a** | Deanery reorganisation:  Tim Edwards asked if all the churches had received the Blue letter from Red Adrian Low with reference to feedback on Deanery Reorganisation. There is also a website Newport.Deanery.uk which has some information on it and can be used to comment on what you think is the way forward.  Currently only paying for 4 clergy and have 5 ½.  All DCC/PCC’s should look at the paper/website and Feedback needs to be given before the meeting on 12th June where options will be looked at and decision should be made by the end of the year. (Coralie, Judith, Sue are there to represent SCAN views)  It was discussed that the Parish Share covers the cost of the Priest to the Parish but holds no base in the ability of that Parish to pay ie size, attendance or the demands of the church building.  There are alternative options based on Rural Subsidy but that places a much heavier burden on larger/town churches.  Ian Townsend encouraged all DCC’s to look at fundraising opportunities and especially those that could encourage donations from outside the church community.  Coralie gave the details of a meeting recently attending at Chicheley Hall and their aim to become a wedding focused venue. This could increase the profile of St Lawrence’s as well as the other two churches for weddings.  Richard Morgan stressed that despite the fundraising from St Lauds they still couldn’t pay the parish share and that the amount of fundraising needed is both time and energy consuming.  Tim Daily raised the issue that some churches in the Deanery are far wealthier than others and that both NP and Olney are spending large amounts of money on development of the buildings that was perhaps unnecessary when smaller churches are struggling to stay open. Could the Deanery as a whole not be considered and that those with more reserves, pay more. Tim Edwards said there was precedent for that but would need to be decided by the Deanery. SCAN paid 90% of it’s Parish Share. |  |
| **11.2**  **11.3**  **11.4** | Nick Freeman offered his thanks on behalf of the Parish to Coralie, Bob, Pam, John and Glynis for their continue efforts. To Malcolm for Chairing the meeting and Anna for her Administrative duties  Coralie highlighted that the sale of Astwood is “nearing completion” although still no definite date for completion. There have however been some issues with requests for Internments and memorial stones.  There is a plan of what is included in the sale and which part will remain open with public access. This will be requested and shared.  Once complete any new requests will be dealt directly between the Owner and the registrar.  An amendment has been requested to the resolution made at the APCM in 2022.  New Resolution  No more burials or internment of ashes will take place at St Peter’s Church Astwood as the churchyard is now closed.  Proposed by Richard Morgan Seconded by Pam Fielding  In Favour 14  Against 0  Abstain 1  Copy of the minutes showing the resolution to be sent to the Archdeacon and Registrar    David Robertson reminded everyone at the meeting that quite often people need to be asked to help and when asked they normally will. Don’t be afraid to ask for volunteers to do the things that need doing. | **CM/AS to obtain** |
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| **13** | **Date of next meetings:**  APCM: 21st April 2023 at St Lauds Sherington  PCC: 23rd May 2022 at Village Hall Chicheley 7:30.    The meeting was then closed with the Grace. |  |