

## **Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Walton, Milton Keynes**

**PCC Attendees:** Rev. Matt Trendall (Rector, Chair) , Rev. Keith Straughan (Associate Priest), Julia Davie (Treasurer), Carolyn Sanderson (Deanery Synod rep), Ann Beaton & Joyce Fennell (St Mary's).

**Other attendees:** Rev. Ruth Maxey, Steve Potter, Rachael Jenkins, Roger Taylor, Sue Wilson

**Apologies from PCC members:** Pat Sawyer, Ray Holmwood & Roger Hancock (Churchwardens), Bode Akinbiyi (Christ the King)

**Apologies from others:** Rev. Carole Hough, Sister Yvonne Pilarski, Deacon Klaus Reidel, Tyrone Darrell, Steve & Jackie Norman, Alan & Ros Bird, Lynn Atkinson, Sheila Cutler, Margaret Winsper, Alise Trendall, Christine Straughan, Stephanie Warren.

1. **Minutes of 2017 APCM** – attached separately. No amendments were suggested. These were approved nem.con. as a true record of the previous APCM.

There are no matters arising not already covered in this evening's agenda.

2. **Note about individual churches' Annual Reports** – copies of individual church reports (St Mary's, All Saints and Christ the King Community Church) are available for other church members who wished to read them. Matt will happily forward them if requested.
3. **Note about 2017 accounts** – since the parish bank accounts are managed by the Ecumenical Partnership, these accounts will be presented separately (and approved) by the Partnership's Ecumenical Council. They are still currently being prepared and will be presented to their next meeting.
4. **Note about election of churchwardens** – following established protocol, St Mary's and All Saints elect their churchwardens at their respective AGMs (although fully ecumenical, these congregations meet in the two Anglican church buildings, so it is most helpful to have parish wardens sited in these two locations. That said, the meeting ratified the elections of:
  - Ray Holmwood & Roger Hancock (St Mary's)
  - Pat Sawyer (All Saints) – there is still a vacancy for a 2<sup>nd</sup> churchwarden hereKeith Straughan proposed and Ann Beaton seconded all three ratifications, which were agreed nem. con.
5. **Election of PCC members 2017-20** – it was noted that since elections took place last year for a 3-year period, it was only necessary to note changes:
  - Keith Straughan's licensing as Associate Priest to Walton means he is now an ex officio member
  - Julia Davie as the new treasurer replaces David Harbey
  - Catherine Held has stepped down for the remainder of the triennium
  - It ought to have been noted last year that Carolyn Sanderson automatically joined the PCC in her role as one of our elected Deanery Synod representatives

*NB Only elected PCC representatives can vote on items 6 and 7*

6. **Delegation of specified functions to the institutions of Walton Churches Partnership** – as is customary, day-to-day management of the Partnership is devolved from the PCC to the Local Ecumenical Partnership Council. This is presented to the APCM for their agreement each year. The PCC still meets occasionally to discuss any specifically Anglican business – all other matters related to mission and ministry are covered by the Partnership Council. It was proposed by Ann Beaton, seconded by Carolyn Sanderson and agreed nem.con.
7. **Safeguarding update and approval of 2018 policy** – since Safeguarding is managed at the LEP level and overseen by the ecumenical WCP Council, the full update, re-appointment of Rachael Jenkins as Safeguarding

Officer and approval of 2018 policy was effected at the LEP AGM which immediately preceded the APCM. To 'belt and brace it' for this APCM, adopting the current policy was proposed by Keith Straughan, seconded by Matt Trendall and agreed nem. con. The full policy is on the WCP website for anyone to scrutinise, and a further update may be required later in the year following the implementation of GDPR legislation. Matt thanked Rachael for her excellent work as Safeguarding Officer since she took on the role in the middle of last year.

8. **Broughton Trust Report** – Matt Trendall presented a short report as Treasurer for the Broughton Trustees, indicating which grants had been awarded in 2017, reminding the meeting that the aims of the Trust were missional, educational or charitable, and encouraging church members to make the Trustees aware of any suitable projects. It was noted that the Trust has made a significant grant this year towards the cost of the Twinflower redevelopment project, as well as grant awards to Bridgebuilder Trust, Hope:MK and a couple of other good causes. It was also agreed to conclude the funding of Ruth's expenses at the end of 2017, rather than summer 2018, given the healthy growth of giving observed within the Church Without Walls community.

9. **Current resolutions re: churchyards**

Matt requested support for 3 churchyard resolutions:

- for a new wooden bench in the back part of Wavendon Churchyard nearest the newest graves
- authorising Cliveden Conservation to carry out work removing graffiti on the church wall at St Mary's – this was a retrospective resolution – the contractor had completed this work at the end of March and diocesan permission had already been granted
- noting the DAC's response to the request for a new noticeboard in Broughton Churchyard, which agreed it subject to seeking advice from the Diocesan Archaeologist and also checking with the local council, and authorising CCT to undertake this additional consultation

All three resolutions were proposed by Ann Beaton, seconded by Keith Straughan, and approved nem.con.

10. **AoB** – there was none.

11. Date of next PCC Meeting – this was not agreed at the meeting, but will be the same date as the next WCP Council meeting, assuming there is PCC business to conduct which cannot be done by the Ecumenical Council. Matt will be in touch with PCC members separately.

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm and returned to the final business of the Walton LEP AGM.**

*Matt Trendall*