

Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Walton, Milton Keynes

PCC Attendees: Rev. Matt Trendall (Rector, Chair), Pat Sawyer (Churchwarden), Ann Beaton, Jonathan Bailey, Carolyn Sanderson, Ayokunnu Otunla, Lynn Atkinson, Steve Potter.

Other attendees: Rev Ruth Maxey, Rev Ruth Gookey, Emma Tyler, Ros and Alan Bird, Alise Trendall, Sue Wilson, Rachael Jenkins, Gloria Terrelonge, Catherine Marangu, Neil Na, Patricia Rosewell.

Apologies from PCC members: Rev. Keith Straughan (Associate Priest), Roger Hancock (Churchwarden).

Apologies from others: Klaus Reidel, Michael & Catherine Held, Stephanie Warren.

1. **Minutes of 2020 APCM** – no amendments were suggested. Steve Potter proposed and Alise Trendall seconded and these minutes were approved nem.con. as a true record of the previous APCM.

Matters arising:

a. MK Council has granted permission for the new shed in Wavendon churchyard – see item 9 of 2020 APCM 15/10/20. Roger Hancock (Churchwarden) will now pursue the matter with the DAC.

Rev. Matt then presented three further resolutions for approval, noting that the detailed review of each project either has been or would be conducted by the respective church councils:

b. New resolution 1: ‘this PCC approves the clearing of an area for a new garden of rest in All Saints Churchyard (back northwest corner), subject to a satisfactory quotation’

c. New resolution 2: ‘this PCC approves the Rector and Churchwardens beginning a discussion with the diocese regarding possible removal or re-siting of some old, illegible or untended gravestones with a view to freeing up new burial space’

d. New resolution 3: ‘this PCC notes the missing and damaged post and rail fencing at the back of Wavendon churchyard, and approves its replacement with a new post and rail fence, subject to a satisfactory quotation.’ Venn landscaping (who completed the renewal of the derelict area by the East Window last year) are quoting for the work, and Matt indicated that if their quote was good he would ask St Mary’s Stewards Council to approve it as soon as possible.

All three resolutions were proposed by Ann Beaton, seconded by Carolyn Sanderson, and approved unanimously.

2. **Note about individual churches’ Annual Reports** – copies of individual church reports, including St Mary’s Wavendon and All Saints MK Village, are available for other congregation members who wished to read them. Some are posted on the individual church websites, otherwise Matt will happily forward them if requested.
3. **Note about 2020 accounts** – since the parish bank accounts are managed by the Ecumenical Partnership (LEP), our accounts are scrutinised and approved by the Partnership’s Ecumenical Council. These have now been received at the Ecumenical AGM which took place just before this 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). Therefore the meeting noted the elections of:

- Roger Hancock (St Mary's)
- Pat Sawyer (All Saints)

There remains a vacancy for a 2nd warden at each congregation.

5. **Note about election of PCC and Deanery Synod reps 2020-23** – to align with the composition of the Ecumenical Council, the PCC constitutes the Anglican members of that Council, plus Churchwardens and Anglican Clergy. There is only one change since 2020's APCM:
- Jonathan Bailey has replaced Joyce McKenzie as one of the reps for St Mary's Wavendon. Carolyn Sanderson and Anthony Tull were both elected as Deanery Synod reps in 2020 – there remains one vacancy.

NB Only elected PCC representatives can vote on item 6:

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 (usually immediately after the Ecumenical Council) to discuss any specifically Anglican business – all other matters related to mission and ministry are covered by the Partnership Council. The resolution was proposed by Steve Potter, seconded by Lynn Atkinson, and agreed unanimously.
7. **Safeguarding update and approval of 2021 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 2021 policy was effected at the LEP AGM which immediately preceded the APCM.

To 'belt and brace it', adopting the current policy was proposed by Lynn Atkinson, seconded by Trish Rosewell and similarly approved unanimously by this APCM. The full policy is on the Walton Churches Partnership website for anyone to scrutinise.

8. **Broughton Trust Report** – Matt Trendall presented a short report as Chair of Broughton Trustees. In 2020, the Trust awarded grants totalling £10,1500 to the following organisations: Willen Hospice (£2,500), MK Foodbank (£2,500), Bridgebuilder Trust (£3,500), Poor's Coal (£900) and a new Bereavement Cafes project (£750). The aims of the charity are to support mission, education and other charitable work within the Parish of Walton. Matt concluded by saying that the Trust welcomed new applications and had yet to decide on awards for 2021.
9. **AoB** – there was none.
10. Date of next PCC Meeting – Thursday 27th May, to follow the main Ecumenical Council as normal.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8.45pm.

Matt Trendall