

Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Walton, Milton Keynes

PCC Attendees: Rev. Matt Trendall (Rector, Chair), Pat Sawyer, Barny Daley, Jonathan Bailey (Churchwardens), Ann Beaton, Carolyn Sanderson, Steve Potter, Stephanie Warren, Mandy Sleight.

Other attendees: Rev Ruth Maxey, Rev Ruth Gookey, Sue Wilson, Rachael Jenkins, Gloria Terrelonge.

Apologies from PCC members: Roger Hancock (Churchwarden), Emma Tyler (Treasurer), Ayokunnu Otunla.

Apologies from others: Alise Trendall, Philip & Joy Darbyshire, Trish Rosewell.

1. **Minutes of 2021 APCM** – no amendments were suggested. Ann Beaton proposed and Barny Daley seconded and these minutes were approved nem.con. as a true record of the previous APCM.

Matters arising:

a. All Saints, MK Village is seeking approval for a new Garden of Rest in the NE corner of the churchyard. This has already been reviewed and unanimously approved by All Saints' Stewards Council, and a proposal document submitted to the DAC; however as always we also need a PCC resolution formally supporting this proposal.

'We note and approve the proposed siting for the new Garden of Rest in the NE corner of MK Village Churchyard'

This was proposed by Carolyn Sanderson, seconded by Mandy Sleight 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. These are posted on the individual church websites, there are also links on the WCP website (<https://www.wcpmk.co.uk/wcp-council/>) – otherwise Matt will happily forward them if requested.
3. **Note about 2021 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. A final draft of these was 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 enthusiastically noted the elections of:
 - Roger Hancock & Jonathan Bailey (St Mary's)
 - Pat Sawyer & Barny Daley (All Saints) – Barny newly elected this year

Matt indicated that was the first time in the 8 ½ years he had been here that we have a full complement of churchwardens!

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, Anglican Clergy and WCP Treasurer as ex-officio members. Alongside a new churchwarden, there are a number of other changes since 2021's APCM:

- Stephanie Warren has replaced Lynn Atkinson as a new rep at CtK
- Mandy Sleight has replaced Emma Tyler as a new rep at CWW (note Emma remains on the PCC as Treasurer)

So the PCC now comprises: Rev Matt (Chair); Pat, Barny, Roger & Jonathan (Wardens); Emma (Treasurer); Ann Beaton (St Mary's – note Jonathan is other rep); Carolyn Sanderson & Ayokunnu Otunla (All Saints); Steve Potter & Stephanie Warren (CtK); Mandy Sleight (CWW) – total 12 members

Carolyn Sanderson and Anthony Tull were both elected as Deanery Synod reps in 2020, and are happy to continue – Jonathan Bailey is now our third rep for 2022-23.

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 Barny Daley, seconded by Jonathan Bailey, and agreed unanimously.
7. **Safeguarding update and approval of 2022 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 Pat Sawyer, seconded by Ann Beaton 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** – Steve Potter presented a short report as Chair of Broughton Trustees. In 2021, the Trust awarded grants totalling £13,285 to the following organisations: Bridgebuilder Trust (£4,500 & £7,785 – total £12,285), Poor's Coal (£1,000). In principle grants were also awarded of £750 to CtK for new technology to allow live-streaming; and to underwrite reserves for Kent's Hill Community Centre up to £4,000, both of which have been deferred. 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 2022.
9. **AoB** – there was none.
10. Date of next PCC Meeting – Wednesday 25th May, to follow the main Ecumenical Council as normal.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8.45pm.

Matt Kendall