

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD IN ST
MARY'S HOUSE ON MONDAY 28TH MARCH 2011 AT 7.30 PM.**

PRESENT: Rev P Holzapfel, Mr C Bursnall, Mr J Campbell, Mrs M Childs, Mrs J Clee, Mrs S Cook, J Dudley, N Dudley, Mrs R Frank, Mrs F Harrison, Mrs B Hassell, Rev D Hassell, Mrs E A James, Miss Z Jenkins, Mr A Kelly, Mrs H Kelly, Mr P Kemp, Mr D Locke, Mr D Lowe, Mr D McCall, Mrs M McCall, Mr H Morris, Mrs J Oram, Mrs K Padden, Mr A Plowman, Mrs P Plowman, Mrs M Read, Mrs J Romer, Mrs B Smith, Mr D Smith, Mrs A Stokes, Mr D Walters, Mrs M Walters, Mrs G Warfield.

1. **OPENING PRAYER:** Prayers were led by Paul Kemp.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Mr D Anfield, Mrs P Bursnall, Mr P Fitzjohn, Mrs S Fitzjohn, Mrs R Garrett, Mrs A Kemp, Mrs I Lucas, Mrs J Morris, Mrs E Ould-Oram
3. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24th March 2010, having been circulated, were signed as being a true record by Peter Holzapfel.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** None.
5. **ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS:** Two nominations had been received; **Alan Plowman** proposed by Sheila Cook, seconded by Libby James and **Duncan Smith** , proposed by Libby James, seconded by Sheila Cook. **Both accepted the post and were unanimously elected.** Peter thanked Alan for the tremendous amount of work he had done particularly with regard to the building projects. He thanked Arthur Kelly for his hard work which was much appreciated. The present Churchwardens will remain in post until 1st June when the newly appointed ones will be inaugurated.
6. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHURCHWARDENS:** Two nominations had been received; **David Lowe**, proposed by Peter Fitzjohn, seconded by Julia Grant, and **Arthur Kelly**, proposed by Heather Kelly, seconded by Gill Warfield. **Both accepted the post and were unanimously elected.** Thanks were paid to Duncan Smith for his work during the past year. David Lowe and Arthur Kelly were elected as ex-officio members due to their roles as deputy churchwardens.
7. **PRESENTATION OF ELECTORAL ROLL.** Colin said the roll had been revised as required by the Church of England. There are at present 180 on the roll, an increase of 6 members since the 2010 AGM. Peter thanked Colin for his report.
8. **ACCOUNTS FOR 2009.** Copies of the report were circulated and David talked through the accounts. It had been a difficult year managing them and David emphasised the importance of everyone giving an extra £1 per week in their collection. He thanked David Walters for his work as covenant officer. The accounts had been audited and found to be correct. Peter thanked David for his work as Treasurer and for producing such clear and easy to understand accounts. In answer to a question, David said Mission Giving will appear in next year's accounts.
9. **ELECTION OF PCC SECRETARY:** **Marian Walters** was proposed by Julia Grant, seconded by Libby James. **As there were no further nominations, she was unanimously elected.** Peter Holzapfel thanked her for her continuing support and efficiency.
ELECTION OF TREASURER: **David Hassell** was proposed by Marian Walters and seconded by David Walters. **As there were no further nominations, he was unanimously elected.**

ADDITIONAL PCC MEMBERS: **Fiona Harrison** was proposed by Gill Warfield, seconded by Avril Kemp, **Iris Lucas** was proposed by Beth Ould-Oram, seconded by Bev Smith, **Becky Garratt** was proposed by Libby James, seconded by Beth Ould-Oram and a **Vision 33** representative proposed by Libby James, seconded by Peter Fitzjohn. **All nominees were unanimously elected.**

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES: **Sue Fitzjohn** was proposed by Peter Fitzjohn, seconded by Colin Bursnall, **Sheila Cook** was proposed by Peter Fitzjohn, seconded by Colin Bursnall and **Colin Bursnall** was proposed by Bev Smith seconded by Beth Ould-Oram. **All nominees were unanimously elected.**

ELECTION OF AUDITOR. **Trevor Lloyd-Adams** was proposed by Arthur Kelly, seconded by Marian Walters and **unanimously elected.** It was assumed Trevor would be willing to continue in this role despite his intended move to the Cotswolds.

ELECTION OF SIDESPEOPLE: These were re-elected en bloc. More families have been added and Peter Holzapfel thanked all sidespeople and welcomers for their support.

ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER: **Colin Bursnall** was proposed by Bev Smith, seconded by Julia Grant. He agreed to continue in this post and was **unanimously elected.**

10. **GROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The reports, having been circulated were taken as read. Peter Holzapfel read out his report thanking God for another blessed year of ministry and mission. There is a significant increase in the number of young families and children attending morning service especially on the first Sunday. Links with the school are stronger than ever. The choir are now in attendance at all Sunday morning services and Peter paid thanks to the choir and David Anfield, our Musical Director. Due to declining attendance, evening services have been reduced to Holy Communion BCP on the first Sunday each month, but numbers at this service now frequently reach double figures. Peter thanked the Ministry Team for all their hard work and was pleased to report that Paul Kemp is a Reader in training. It was good to report that the Parish Share has been paid in full and he thanked everyone for their generosity. Peter thanked David Hassell and the Churchwardens for their hard and dedicated work. He thanked everyone who gives their time to ensure the smooth and successful running of our church and to Margaret Childs and Mac McCall for their care of Kerswell Green church. He also thanked the PCC for allowing him his three month sabbatical in 2010.

Marian read out David Anfield's report in which he thanked the choir for embracing music which doesn't always come naturally to them when singing at morning services. He has introduced a slightly more modern approach to hymns on certain appropriate occasions in order to broaden the choir's musical experience and this appears to have been welcomed. He again asked for more choir members to join the ranks.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Various comments were made and will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.

On behalf of everybody, David Hassell then thanked Peter Holzapfel for all his dedication and love.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm