

**ALL SAINTS and SALUTATION CHURCH PCC
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

26th April 2023

28 people were present.

THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The meeting was opened by the Vicar .

1. Election of Two Churchwardens. Sandra Whiston and David Smith were proposed and seconded to continue as Churchwardens for the forthcoming year and following a unanimous vote for David Smith with no abstentions and one abstention for Sandra Whiston they were duly elected.
2. Vote of thanks proposed by the Vicar, to Both Sandra Whiston and David Smith for their service as Churchwarden during the last year.
3. Members of the meeting were advised that Prowardens / Deputy Wardens do not have to be elected. Mike Fryer agreed to continue in this role for a further year which left one vacancy which Jonathon Barker offered to fill at the end of the meeting.

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1. Prayers were led by the Vicar
2. Apologies – Apologies were recorded from Michael Shepherd, Eileen Auty, Paula Skilbeck, Brian Holmes and Beryl Holmes
3. Minutes of APCM dated 14th April 2021 – Other than a typing error on the last page These were proposed as correct by Nick Auty and seconded by Mike Fryer and therefore duly accepted as a true record by all parties.
4. Matter Arising – Jen Croft referred to Sandra Whiston’s previous question regarding the Benefice Group. She advised that the new Churchwarden at Piercebridge is interested in this and that Nick Auty has been asked to chair the group. It was pointed out that there can be 2 lay representatives from each church in the group.
5. PCC Chair Report – The following items from the Vicar’s report were highlighted.
 - Sandra Whiston, David Smith and Mike Fryer were thanked for the work they had undertaken to ensure services take place regularly.
 - Brian Holmes was thanked for the high level of support he gives the Church which has been very evident during the Vicar’s period of sickness. Members

of the meeting were advised that a bouquet of flowers has been sent to Beryl Holmes.

- Parent and Toddler Group – Andy Young was thanked for the work done enabling the Parent & Toddler Group to restart..
6. Secretary's report – Sheila Walton explained her reasons for standing down as PCC Secretary and was thanked for the work done over the last four years. A bouquet was presented to Sheila Walton in way of thanks for her work..
 7. Report on Electoral Roll – David Smith advised that there had been one new addition to the Electoral Roll in the last year. Members of the meeting were advised that it is possible to join the roll at any time and that a full picture of the numbers would not be available until a full revision of the members is completed.
 8. Churchwardens' Report – Sandra Whiston stated that she had nothing further to add to her report other than to thank Brian Holmes for the work done during the Vicar's illness.
 9. Treasurer's Report – Peter Davison issued copies of the Annual Accounts which have been independently audited. Members of the meeting were advised that the Parish Share has been reduced by £10,000 per year. Jen Croft thanked Peter Davison for the work done as PCC Treasurer.
Sandra Whiston questioned why the running costs have increased so much – it was pointed out that this is due to high gardening costs, and the new block paving along with the rise in the cost of living. Peter Davison added that this has been helped by the grant from the Diocese towards heating and lighting.
 10. Safeguarding Officer Report – Sandra Whiston stated that there was nothing further to add to the report submitted.
A vote of thanks was proposed for Sandra Whiston and Mike Fryer for their continuous work regarding Safeguarding.
 11. Reports from the committees of the PCC- included within the Annual Report and these are available to read online:
 - 11a: Planned Giving – Clare Curran stated that she has done an audit of the Planned giving contributions and advised that these have reduced over the recent year. Members of the meeting were advised that a Stewardship campaign was to be done later in the year.
 - 11b: Buildings and Grounds – Colin Price advised that there was nothing to add to the submitted report. A vote of thanks was recorded for all that have assisted in the care of the Buildings and Grounds – Colin Price, Andy Hopkins, Phil Elliott-Lyall

- 11c: Social Committee – Sandra Whiston advised there was nothing further to add to the report included in the Annual Report. Jen Croft stated that it was good to be able to have social events again to allow members of the Church to socialize on a regular basis.
- 11d: Green Action Group – David Smith stated that there was nothing to add to the report submitted and added that the main thrust of the group was to continue with work to develop community and global engagement. David Smith added that he has requested a slot at a future Deanery Synod meeting to give a presentation of the work done here.
- 11e: Ladies Fellowship – Nothing was added to the report other than how well Colleen Rhodes wreath making evening had gone
- 11f: Men Fellowship – Nothing added to the report submitted
- 11g: Community Outreach Group - Nick Auty advised that he is drawing this group to a close as it is currently not sustainable. It was agreed that a decision be made at the next PCC meeting to formally end this group.
12. Report of the All-Saint’s Millennium Trust – Jen Croft thanked the Trust for the work that has been done. It was pointed out that 25th April 2023 was the 25th anniversary of the Millennium Hall being opened. Pam Davison pointed out that this was the official opening and that the hall had originally opened on 4th January 1998. Keith Whiston stated that the new lighting in the hall was a huge improvement. Jen Croft agreed that the hall is now much lighter. Members of the meeting were advised that the defibrillator is now in place to the side of the front doors and that this had been paid for by a legacy received.
13. Report of the Group Council – This is no longer required and can be removed from future agendas.
14. Elections
15. Members of the meeting were advised that Pro-wardens / Deputy Wardens do not have to be elected. Mike Fryer agreed to continue in this role for a further year which left one vacancy. Interested parties in taking up this roll were asked to speak to Sandra Whiston or David Smith. At the end of the meeting Jonathon Barker offered act as Pro-warden for the forthcoming year.
- a. Electoral Roll Officer- David Smith agreed to remain in post for another year.
 - b. Sides People – the current volunteers on the rota to remain for a further year.
 - c. Mike Fryer and Sandra Whiston agreed to continue to work together as Safeguarding Officers
 - d. No nominations have been received for the 3 PCC vacancies advertised.

- e. Deanery Synod: The following nominations have been received as Deanery Synod representatives – Michael Shepherd, Eileen Auty and Nick Auty – these were proposed by Ian Groves and seconded by Sandra Whiston and agreed by all members of the meeting.

- 15. Appointment of the Independent Examiner – Clive Owen & Co to be reappointed as Independent Examiner. Proposed by Peter Davison, seconded by Mike Fryer and unanimously accepted.

- 16. Any other business – Colleen Rhodes asked about the accounts for the Wednesday Church Group and coffee which she had been told would be identified separately on the annual accounts. Peter Davison pointed out the entry on page 26 of the accounts
Katie Malcolm thanked Colleen Rhodes for all the work she does to raise money throughout the year.
No other items of business were raised.

The First PCC Meeting of the new PCC Year is 31st May 2023 at 7.15/7.30pm in Church.

The meeting closed with the Lords' Prayer and the Grace.