

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF DENMARK-WALPOLE HELD IN ST LEONARD'S ON SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Opening prayer.

1. The Rector, Revd Sally Buckley tssf, opened the meeting at 12:02pm with a prayer.

Definition of a Voting Parishioner

2. The definition of a Voting Parishioner was read aloud by Victoria Castiglione.

Apologies

3. Apologies were received on behalf of Alison Kershaw, Jane James, Sam Mayers, Janice Hill, Phyllis Charlesworth, Marney & Ray Moody, Alison Kenworthy, Geoff Newby, Robin & Norman Giles, Bert Pattinson and Carolyn Bentley.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting of Parishioners

4. The Minutes of the annual meeting of parishioners held on 23 February 2020 were read to the meeting. Jan Pattinson moved, and Ethel Mayers seconded, that the Minutes be accepted as written. The motion was agreed.

Presentation of Reports

5. The following reports were presented to the meeting and are attached to these Minutes:
 - (1) Parish Priest's Reports
 - (2) Wardens' Report (including statement of Insurance policies held by the parish)
 - (3) Mission Secretary's Report
 - (4) Mothers Union Report
 - (5) Mustard Seed Report
 - (6) Safe Church Report
 - (7) Social Secretary's Report
 - (8) Synod Representatives' Report
 - (9) Auditor's & Treasurer's Reports
 - (10) Parish Council Resolutions
6. Ruth Price advised that as she has not yet met with Mothers Union President, Wendy Mabey, she has nothing further to say.

Arrangements for bequests or special gifts to the Diocese or parish

7. As a parish warden, Sally Prickett made a statement advising parishioners of the arrangements under which bequests or special gifts may be made. She advised that we have been asked by the Diocese to consider making bequests to the Diocese or parish to enable us to continue meeting and operating as the church, that bequests make a difference to parish finances and that the parish would like to be able to build a new Op Shop at the side of the Mustard Seed. Sally stated that a bequest can be made by contacting the Parish Secretary and that there are also brochures available explaining the procedure. Sally noted that a general bequest is more flexible than a bequest for a specific purpose.

Treasurer's report

8. The Treasurer, Chris Prickett, referred to his written report and advised that the Budget for 2020 had anticipated that by the end of the year the parish bank balance would be around \$80,000. However, and in spite of Covid-19, the parish has almost \$154,000 in the bank, compared to \$101,500 for the same time last year. This increase of \$52,500 over the 2020 figures came about mainly as a result of the strong Mustard Seed income, Jobkeeper payments that saved the parish in the order of \$28,000, and an increase of \$11,500 in offertory income due to an increase in giving by direct credit. Additionally, the WA State Government has provided a credit of \$5,000 on electricity bills as part of their Covid relief strategy and there is still \$3,264 remaining to offset future bills.
9. The Treasurer advised that Parish Council anticipates ongoing expenditure on repair and maintenance: particularly for the committee room at St Leonard's where water has come flooding through the wall; the kitchen floor and exterior painting at St George's; and the condition of the church pews at St Leonard's. There will also be a \$5,000 repayment on the interest free loan given for the Hall work. The Treasurer expressed the belief that the parish is in a strong position to meet our commitments.
10. The Treasurer advised that as Mr Tom Sheard is standing as a Warden, and according to Diocesan Statutes cannot also audit the parish accounts, Mrs Bev Sheard has indicated she is willing to take on the task.
11. The Treasurer moved Mrs Bev Sheard be appointed as Auditor for the 2021 financial year. Judy Ross seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.
12. The Treasurer moved that the Financial Statements for 2020, as presented to the meeting, be accepted. This was seconded by Harold Luxton and the motion was agreed.
13. The Treasurer moved that the Budget for 2021, approved by Parish Council on 21 January 2021, be accepted. This was seconded by Amber Warneford. The motion was agreed.
14. The Rector thanked the Treasurer for all his hard work in a particularly challenging year. This was greeted with general acclamation.
15. Tine Adams moved that all reports presented to the meeting be accepted. This was seconded by Chris Watkins. The motion was agreed.
16. The Rector expressed her gratitude to Parish Council for working well together to achieve a great deal in a year of difficult circumstances.

Appointment by Parish Priest of two parish councillors

17. The Rector noted that Judy Ross is continuing as the Rector's appointed Warden, and she appointed Chris Prickett and Victoria Castiglione as parish councillors.

Elections

18. The Rector advised that according to Diocesan Statute, a Warden must be a member of Parish Council for a year preceding election. The Bishop may vary this requirement and accordingly, the Rector wrote to Bishop Ian Coutts seeking his approval for Tom Sheard and Harold Luxton to be elected as Wardens. The Bishop replied that he was willing to waive the requirement on the advice of the Rector. The Bishop also asked that a vote of thanks be expressed to Sally Prickett and Alison Kershaw for their work of dedication and care as Wardens. The Rector announced her plan to conduct a service for the ending of ministry for the retiring Wardens, and Tine Adams and Judy Wiseman as retiring parish councillors.
19. Of the eligible, enrolled Voting Parishioners, 37 voted in the election. The Rector announced that each of the elected councillors had received more than 50% of the votes. The elected parish councillors are: Tom Sheard & Harold Luxton (Wardens), Jane James, Sally Prickett, Margie Bramston and Alison Kershaw.
20. The Rector announced that each of the synod representatives had received more than 50% of the votes. The elected synod representatives are: Victoria Castiglione and Alison Kenworthy. Chris and Sally Prickett have agreed to be synod alternatives.
21. The Rector expressed her thanks to all who have agreed, and have been elected to parish positions.

General Business

22. As foreshadowed in the Treasurer's report, the Rector noted that as a matter of duty of care, the pews in St Leonard's need to be either replaced, modified or repaired. She noted that the current pews are no longer safe. Greater flexibility of use is needed and the motley collection of seating detracts from the beauty of the church's interior. While safety concerns need to be the primary focus, the Rector assured the meeting that the choice of seating will be made in consultation with parishioners.
23. Sally Prickett advised that a successful application has been made to the Police Work Camp at Pardelup to repaint the exterior of the church and toilets St George's. The work camp previously painted the church 9 years ago. The painting will include a surface spray, an undercoat and a top coat. The parish will only pay for the paint and brushes as the labour and scaffolding equipment will be supplied, thus saving the parish between \$5,000 and \$8,000.
24. Chris Prickett advised that the hole made by vandals a week ago in the outside wall of the committee room has been covered with a temporary patch. The wall is made of asbestos and it will need to be replaced appropriately when the committee room is renovated.
25. There being no further business the Rector declared the meeting closed at 12:32pm and the meeting ended with The Grace.

Attachment:

- Reports & Financial Statements presented to the Annual Meeting of Parishioners