

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF DENMARK-WALPOLE HELD IN ST LEONARD'S ON SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2022

**Opening prayer.**

1. The Rector, Revd Sally Buckley tssf, opened the meeting at 12:00pm with a prayer.

**Definition of a Voting Parishioner**

2. The definition of a Voting Parishioner from *The Parochial Statute 2017-2021*, as amended at Synod on 8-9 October 2021, was read aloud by the Rector.

**Apologies**

3. Apologies were received on behalf of Ethel & Sam Mayers, Jan & Bert Pattinson, Alison Kershaw, Chris Prickett, Jane James, Bev Sheard and Chris Watkins.

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

4. The Minutes of the annual meeting of parishioners held on 28 February 2021 were read to the meeting. Harold Luxton moved, and Judy Ross seconded, that the Minutes be accepted as written. The motion was agreed.

**Presentation of Reports**

5. The Rector read the following list of reports presented to parishioners in the annual Report Book and invited questions or responses from the meeting. Copies of the reports are attached:
  - (1) Parish Priest's Report
  - (2) Wardens' Report
  - (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 Report
  - (10) Treasurer's Report
  - (11) Parish Council Resolutions
6. There being no questions arising from the reports, Tine Adams moved that all reports presented to the meeting be accepted. This was seconded by Alison Kenworthy. The motion was agreed.

**Arrangements for bequests to the Diocese or parish**

7. Sally Prickett made a statement encouraging parishioners to consider making a bequest to the Diocese or parish. She advised that brochures are available explaining the procedure. Sally noted that the bequest from Edna Brown, former Denmark teacher and Sunday School teacher, had enabled renovations to the hall at St Leonard's and refurbishment at St George's. Sally ended by reading a prayer by Bishop Allen Ewing contained in the bequest brochure.

### **Insurance Policies**

8. The Rector advised that the details of the parish insurance policies are provided on page 11 of the Report Book. She noted that insurance premiums have increased significantly and that the excess payable on claims is sizeable.

### **Appointment by Parish Priest of parish councillors**

7. The Rector noted that Judy Ross is continuing as the Rector's appointed Warden, and Chris Prickett and Victoria Castiglione are continuing as her Parish Council (PC) appointees.

### **Elections**

8. The Rector announced the outcome of the PC election. She advised that the 3 Wardens would remain in situ as they were appointed and elected last year for the beginning of a 3 year term. Tom Sheard and Harold Luxton continue as elected councillors, with Harold having a particular interest in the Walpole end of the parish.
9. Of the eligible, enrolled Voting Parishioners, 34 voted in the election. 3 of these were invalid votes. The Rector announced that each of the 5 candidates for the 4 positions had received more than 50% of the votes. The 4 elected parish councillors are: Sally Prickett, Marion Jamison, Jane James and Alison Kershaw. Alison Kenworthy was not elected but she and Victoria Castiglione are continuing as Synod Representatives for the 2nd year of a 3 year term. The Rector thanked Alison Kenworthy for putting her name forward as a candidate and suggested that prior to next year's election a brief statement be prepared for each candidate for the benefit of parishioners in both parish centres.

### **Appointment of Auditor**

10. The current Auditor, Bev Sheard, was unable to attend the meeting. As Tom Sheard, Bev's husband, is now a signatory to the parish bank accounts Tine Adams queried whether there might be the perception of a conflict of interest. Harold Luxton noted that Tom Sheard is a Warden and that the Wardens have financial responsibility for the parish. Sally Prickett offered to look into whether a married couple are permitted to be Warden and Auditor without a conflict of interest.
11. Sally Prickett moved that the parish ask Bev Sheard whether she would be happy to be parish Auditor for 2022. Tine Adams seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

### **General Business**

12. The Rector advised the meeting that PC had endorsed the draft budget for 2022 as prepared by the Treasurer and presented in the Report Book. Harold Luxton moved the the draft budget be approved. Ian Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

13. The Rector proposed a vote of thanks for the work done by Chris Prickett as Treasurer. The proposal was seconded by Tine Adams and passed with acclamation. Sally Prickett was asked to pass on the thanks of the parish to Chris who was unable to attend the meeting.
14. As indicated in her report, the Rector advised that an old portable organ has been discovered in the vestry in a state of disrepair. Judy Ross noted that in the 1950s it was taken to Walpole for services. Ruth Price added that it was also used for worship in Tingle Dale and Kentdale. Options for repairing it were discussed, together with suggestions that it might be of interest to the museum in Walpole, or in Denmark. The Rector noted that if a decision is made to dispose of the organ, the Archdeacon has advised that a faculty will be required. Tom Sheard offered to look into repairs. Harold Luxton agreed to approach the Walpole Historical Society, and depending on the outcome, the Rector offered to approach the Denmark Historical Society.
15. Also as noted in her report, the Rector advised that a number of old heavy brocade altar frontals and curtains had been discovered in the vestry. These are in poor repair and the members of the parish were asked to consider what might be done with these.
16. At the previous Annual Meeting the need for the pews in St Leonard's to be either replaced, modified or repaired was considered. The Rector advised that there is now a faculty from the Diocese approving the modification of one pew to see whether it can be rendered safe and comfortable. This is awaiting the attention of Tom Sheard, once he has completed construction of the new parish noticeboard.
17. Ruth Price raised the matter of air conditioning for the Rectory, noting that the front office is not useable in summer. The Rector advised that the new roof insulation has greatly improved the comfort of most of the house but that the roof space above the office was too narrow for proper insulation. Sally Prickett moved that PC be directed to obtain a quotation for reverse cycle air conditioning in the Rectory in Denmark. Tom Sheard seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
18. Judy Ross noted that the parish has a large quantity of hand knitted and crocheted rugs and asked for suggestions for the use of these. It was agreed that Ruth Price will contact Mission to Seafarers, and Sally Prickett will contact Wheelchairs for Kids to ask whether they would be interested in having these rugs.
19. Ruth Price advised that two of the Denmark Mothers' Union members wish to continue to meet and there may be another couple of interested people. She will inform them that they will need to pay annual subscriptions to continue as MU members. The members have no place to meet at present.
20. There being no further business the Rector declared the meeting closed at 12:43pm and the meeting ended with The Grace.

Attachment:

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