

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF DENMARK-WALPOLE HELD IN ST LEONARD'S ON SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023

Opening prayer.

1. The Rector, Revd Sally Buckley tssf, opened the meeting at 12:01pm 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 Victoria Castiglione.

Apologies

3. The meeting was attended by 25 parishioners. Apologies were received on behalf of Ethel & Sam Mayers, Chris Prickett, Heather Haskett, Judy Bremers, Maureen Woodhams and Jean Lawrence.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting of Parishioners

4. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) held on 27 February 2022 were read to the meeting. Harold Luxton moved, and Tom Sheard seconded, that the Minutes be accepted as written. The motion was carried.

Presentation of Reports

5. The Rector thanked Alison Kershaw for producing the annual Report Book together with photos of parish life. The Rector then read the following list of reports presented to parishioners in the Report Book and invited questions or responses from the meeting. Copies of the reports are attached:
 - (1) Priest's Report
 - (2) Wardens' Report
 - (3) Mission Secretary's Report
 - (4) Mustard Seed Report
 - (5) Safe Church Report
 - (6) Social Secretary's Report
 - (7) Synod Representatives' Report
 - (8) Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports
 - (9) Parish Council Resolutions
6. There being no questions arising from the reports, Jan Pattinson moved that all reports presented to the meeting be accepted. This was seconded by Bev Sheard. The motion was carried.

Arrangements for bequests to the Diocese or parish

7. Warden Harold Luxton read to the meeting clause 13(i), of Schedule 1 of the *Parochial Statute 2017-2021* regarding the Agenda of the AMP, requiring that —
“A Memorandum shall be circulated or Statement made by a warden to remind parishioners of the arrangements under which bequests or special gifts may be made to the Diocese or parish. This must be in the form set out in the Parish Handbook.”

8. In focusing on 3 aspects of arrangements for bequests, Harold:
 - (i) encouraged all parishioners to consider making a bequest in their financial arrangements as funding is an important aspect of church life;
 - (ii) reminded parishioners that the Diocese is the legal entity that owns all property within the Diocese and that bequests should be left to the Diocese and not to the parish; and
 - (iii) recommended that the wording of bequests be kept general and simple to avoid gifts failing for being too specific. He suggested that bequests be left for “ecclesiastical purposes” either for the Diocese, or for the parish.

Elections

7. The Rector advised that the 3 Wardens will continue in place for the final year of their 3 year term, Harold Luxton being the Warden in Walpole, and Tom Sheard and Judy Ross being Wardens in Denmark.
8. Victoria Castiglione and Alison Kenworthy will continue as Synod representatives for the final year of their 3 year term, but new alternatives needed to be selected to replace Chris and Sally Prickett in the event that the Synod representatives are unable to attend. Jane James and Bev Dixon both expressed their willingness to be Synod alternatives. Tine Adams moved that Jane James and Bev Dixon be appointed as Synod alternatives. This was seconded by Ian Johnson. The motion was carried.
9. The Rector noted that her PC appointees for 2023 are Marion Jamieson and Victoria Castiglione.
10. The scrutineers for the election were Jan Pattinson and Margaret Stock in Denmark, and Alison Kenworthy and Judy Bremers in Walpole. The Rector advised that there had been 3 nominees for 4 positions on PC. The scrutineers confirmed that each nominee had received 50% of the votes. It was announced that Bev Dixon, Jane James and Sally Prickett had all been elected to PC.
11. The Rector noted that PC would discuss whether it will be necessary to co-opt another person to be a parish councillor. She also noted that Judy Ross, Sally Prickett and Victoria Castiglione will all be required to step down from PC next year because of the statutory limit that councillors must take a break for 12 months after serving on PC for 6 years. She thanked Alison Kershaw for taking a break in 2023 to lessen the number of councillors leaving at one time and she noted that new candidates will need to be recruited for the following year.

General Business

12. The Rector advised the meeting that PC had endorsed the draft budget for 2023 as prepared by the Treasurer and presented in the Report Book. As no questions were raised regarding the draft budget, Harold Luxton moved the the draft budget be approved. Tom Sheard seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
13. The Rector announced that, as indicated in her report, she is intending to present her vision for the future of the parish at PC.

14. The Rector proposed a formal vote of thanks for the work done by Chris Prickett as Treasurer. The proposal was seconded by Ian Johnson and passed with acclamation. The Rector noted that Chris was the best treasurer she had ever worked with in 30 years of parish ministry. The Rector also thanked Harold Luxton for being willing to step into the position and take back the reins as Treasurer.
15. Jan Pattinson noted that the parish no longer advertises weekly services in the Bulletin newspaper and she asked whether adverts might be published during holiday periods. It was noted that adverts are published for services at Christmas, Easter and All Souls' Day. It was agreed that further advertising should be considered at PC. The Rector expressed her desire to have an A4 sized "What's on this week" notice placed on the parish noticeboards. This will also be discussed at PC.
16. Judy Ross advised that she has checked the termite traps around St Leonard's and found a nest of black ants that has been sprayed. The termite baits need to be replaced and she asked whether anyone knew where these could be sourced. Harold noted that he will be meeting a representative from a Manjimup pest control business at St George's on Friday and he offered to ask about this.
17. Ruth Price advised that members of Albany branch of MU will be coming to Denmark on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 to meet with the local lone Mothers' Union members for a brief service and shared lunch, and possibly a walk by the inlet. Ruth noted that the Albany branch have always supported Denmark members, even before there was a local branch, and they are continuing to do so now that the local branch has disbanded. She invited parishioners to join the luncheon.
18. As a matter of business arising, Harold Luxton noted that permission was received for the donation of the old portable organ to the Walpole Historical Society, that it had been on display and attracted a lot of interest, and that in due course it will be housed in a yet-to-be-constructed local museum.
19. With Bev Sheard's agreement, Sally Prickett nominated Bev Sheard to the position of Parish Auditor for 2023. Harold Luxton seconded the nomination and all voted in favour of the appointment.
20. The Rector thanked Harold Luxton, Geoff Newby and Alison Kenworthy for coming to attend the AMP from Walpole. There being no further business the Rector declared the meeting closed at 12:38pm and the meeting ended with The Grace.

Attachment:

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