

Minutes of the Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

Of the Parish Church of St Cuthburga, Wimborne Minster.

19.15hrs, Thursday 25th April, 2024 in the Minster.

Attendees:

Rector Andrew Rowland, Beatrice Dopita, Peter Cook, Bruce Jensen, Minna Harvey, Zahra Rowland, Canon Nigel Lloyd, Rosemary Protheroe, Millicent Fawcett, Anthony Oliver, Christine Oliver, Sarah Steele, Revd Derek Butler, Angela Mullins, Gordon Edgar, Ruth Edgar, Rosalind Jensen, Revd Michael Harding, Revd Elise Harding, Sue Hatherley, Neil Davies, Trudy Davies, John Waldsax, Revd Heather Waldsax, Richard Knott, Tricia Knott, Norma Aitchison, David Allen, Liz Allen, Laurie Turner, Margaret Turner, Dennis Child, Mike Dodd, Vera Ricketts, Di Hiscock, Barry Glazier, Patsy Glazier, John Stevenson, Jane Davidson, Mike Lunt, Rosemary Lunt, Robert Pearce

1. **Prayers to open the meeting were led by the Rector.** who also asked us to pray for Sheila Soper and Colin Feltham who were too unwell to attend. The Rector reminded us that our service to the Minster was based on the work of those who had gone before us to establish this great church.
2. **Apologies for absence at the Vestry Meeting & APCM:**
Alison Francis, Andrew Patrick, De Ashton, Chris & Julia Stocker, Anne Pollard, Colin & Chris Feltham, Jane Pike, Chris & Penny Young, Ian Grimbly, Sheila Soper, Anne Norman, David Steele, Colin Davey

Vestry Meeting:

3. **Election of Churchwardens:**
Bruce Jensen & Andrew J Patrick were elected, unopposed as Churchwardens.

This concluded the business of the Vestry Meeting – Only persons on Electoral Roll could remain for the APCM which followed.

4. **Safeguarding.** The Rector thanked Jane Davidson for her Safeguarding work at the Minster.
5. **GDPR** Control of all that information that relates to the PCC & SC. Usual reminder to keep all PCC documents password protected and never to share them with church members, or anyone else, outside the PCC.

6. **Minutes of the 2023 Annual Parochial Church Council, and Vestry Meeting,** were approved by the majority of those present at the meeting. Proposed by Dennis Child, Seconded by Jane Davidson. Barry Glazier and Anthony Oliver complained that they were unable to negotiate the Minster website and so, were unable to read the Minutes before the meeting. The Minutes were shown on the AV screens for the benefit of those who had not been able to read them before the meeting. (11 people abstained from the vote to accept the Minutes).

The Minutes of the 2023 Vestry Meeting and the 2023 APCM had been circulated to all members of the PCC and were available on the Minster website for anyone else who wished to consult them.

7. **Electoral Roll 2024,** (compiled by Mrs Ruth Marshall, Parish Secretary.)

329 on the ER this year compared to 335 last year. The revised document had been on display on the Verger's desk, by the South Porch, in the Minster for 3 weeks (minus addresses, emails & telephone numbers – a GDPR requirement)

8. **Elections Parochial Church Council Members:**

Peter Cook and Angela Mullens were elected to the PCC. Andrew Patrick stood down from the PCC to become Churchwarden.

9. **Election of Sidesmen:** Angela Mullens and Gilly Snarth have been added to the list.

10. **Annual Accounts for 2023 & Treasurer's Report:**

The Accounts had been published on the Minster website for the statutory period before the APCM. Barry Glazier and Anthony Oliver complained that they had been unable to find them; they had not thought it worth asking for help to do this in the weeks before the meeting. Treasurer Richard Knott did his best to explain the highlights of the document, including a £30,000 surplus. The Accounts had already been approved by the PCC on Zoom, a week before the APCM, and were accepted by a majority of those present at the APCM, Proposed by Richard Knott, Seconded by Minna Harvey (11 abstained). The

Rector signed the Accounts and reminded people that all the officers of the church, except him, are volunteers and deserved a little more kindness and respect.

11. **Presentation of the Terrier:** (inventory of the Minster Church).
CW Bruce used the AV screens to show additions to the Terrier which had come from redundant churches in the villages, including: silverware donated by the Napier family, vestments, 3 peal boards, 2 silver flagons and other silver items previously held by the County Museum in Dorchester. The wooden pulpit which had originally been at the Minster and later in Holt church, has been returned to the Minster and will be part of the display in our proposed Heritage Centre. CW Bruce expressed his intention to revise and update the Terrier before the Churchwardens Visitation, by the Archdeacon, this summer. The Chained Library, which has a separate Inventory, has received several valuable Bibles and books (some from the Quaker Society) in the past year.

12. **The Annual Report** is available on our website plus a few printed copies, at the back of the church, for those unable to access it on-line. Detailed reports by 43 different groups, describing their contribution to life at the Minster, compiled by the PCC Secretary. Received by Norma Aitchison and Sue Tipping.

13. **Church Wardens Supplementary reports:**

CW Bruce said that he hoped to recruit a Church Manager to help with concerts and other events.

Peter Cook was thanked for his six year term as Churchwarden and was presented with a gift by the Rector and by CW Bruce Jensen. Peter spoke about how it had been an honour to serve the Minster and thanked all who had assisted him during his term as Churchwarden. Peter promised to help the two Churchwardens in any way he could, including at the forthcoming Civic Service. (CW AJP will still be on holiday). Peter also thanked: De Ashton, Andrew Patrick, Organist Colin Davey, Bruce Jensen, Claire Lehmann (especially for her work with the Choristers) David Warwick and the excellent pool of additional musicians that he had enjoyed working with.

14. **Chairman's (Rector) Supplementary Report:**

Canon Andrew said that the plan to build a new Rectory was experiencing difficulties but was still making progress. He is involved, as a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral, in exploring ways of using green energy to heat the church and had just taken part in a research visit to Bath Abbey to look at their new heating system.

Incoming CW, Andrew Patrick, will steer the re-ordering plans for the Minster over the next three years. The Rector thanked CWs Peter & Bruce for all the help that they had given him in the past year.

The meeting sang Happy Birthday to Neil Davies and Mike Dodds.

15. The meeting ended with **Concluding Prayers & The Grace.**