

MINUTES OF UPLYME CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 22ND April 2024

ATTENDEES:- Jenny Perham (Chair & Churchwarden), Chris Buckingham, Jo Clarke, Jo Cursley, David Dare, Rosemary Dare, Don Draper, Jackie Gannaway, Ann Gray, Claire Gregory, Roger Grose, David Hardman, Jan Impey, Marilyn Kent, Geoff Linsley, Mike Maccoy, Jan Maccoy, Rob Smith, Brenda Stansfield, Brian Stansfield, Rob Walker, Sharyn Walker, Noreen Watson, Martin Wells, Sue Wells (Churchwarden) and Mike Whittome.

APOLOGIES:- Anne Hardman, Nicky Davies, Robin Hodges, Carole Hodges, David Lawrence, Heather Lawrence, Heather Pullinger and Jo Smith.

Both meetings were opened with prayer led by Brian Stansfield.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Election of Churchwardens:- Sue Wells was proposed by Chris Buckingham and seconded by Jenny Perham. Jan Impey was proposed by Jenny Perham and seconded by Sue Wells.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 4th May 2023 were approved and signed.
Matter arising – none.

1. Election of one new representative to Honiton Deanery Synod:- Don Draper was proposed by Sue Wells and seconded by Chris Buckingham and was duly elected. Matt Roe remains as the other Deanery Synod representative.
2. Election of PCC members:- Jackie Gannaway, seeking election for a first term, was proposed by Jenny Perham and seconded by Sue Wells. Jenny Perham, seeking election for a first term, was proposed by Sue Wells and seconded by Chris Buckingham. Both were duly elected.
3. Appointment of PCC Secretary:- Chris Buckingham is willing to continue in this role.
4. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer:- Mike Maccoy is willing to continue in this role.
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts:- Martin Whitehead is willing to continue in this role.

At this point Sue Wells apologised at having overlooked to include the Electoral Roll Report and the Technical Team Report in the documents circulated prior to the APCM. However, both are now on display on the Church website.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Jo Clarke for all of the Technical Team's hard work in getting to grips with the problems that have been encountered with our sound and screen system. Their perseverance seems to have paid off !

THE REPORTS:-

1a. Churchwarden's Report - Jenny Perham presented her report to the meeting and gave her thanks to everyone for the support that she has received during her term of office, but especially to Sue Wells for her guidance and friendship throughout. Her term of office ends this year and she has been succeeded by Jan Impey. She was presented with a small gift of appreciation by Sue Wells on behalf

of the Church. Geoff Linsley proposed a vote of thanks to Jenny. Jenny's report in full is attached to these Minutes.

1b. Churchwarden's Report - Sue Wells presented her report to the meeting and at its conclusion gave a huge 'thank you' to Jenny Perham for all that she has done during her term of office. Sue's report in full is attached to these Minutes.

2. Revised Electoral Roll – Mike Maccoby reported that the revised Electoral Roll now stands at 78 (2023 – 82). There were 2 additions and 6 were removed. This Report is on display in full on the Church's website.

3. PCC Annual Report – This had been circulated prior to the APCM. Thanks to Sue Wells for having compiled it again this year. This Report is on display on the Church's website.

4. Financial Report – The full Financial Report and 2023 annual accounts had been circulated prior to the APCM and are on display on the Church's website. Sharyn Walker stated that we had fulfilled our Common Share obligation and our commitment to the AVMC funding, which together amounted to some £59,000 +. Our nett assets had increased to £148,000 (2023 - £122,000) and which was principally due to the grant of £17,000 from Lyme Regis Abbeyfield towards the disabled toilet fund. Sharyn stated that she would be willing to explain any aspect of the accounts to anyone after the meeting if they had any specific points that needed clarification.

Sharyn thanked Jan Impey for all of the bankings undertaken by her.

Geoff Linsley raised the issue of the AVMC accounts that had been provided to us via Sharyn, as they were not detailed as regards the 2023 financial year only. It was agreed that annual accounts for the 2023 year would be requested of the AVMC office by Jan Impey. However, it was emphasised that we were not entitled to raise questions about the AVMC accounts, as they are a separate entity from ourselves. These accounts were provided to us for information purposes only.

Martin Wells applauded Sharyn for the clarity of her Financial Report, which was echoed by the meeting.

5. Annual Fabric Report – The Building Team Report had been circulated prior to the APCM and is displayed on the Church's website.

6. Worship Report – This report had been circulated prior to the APCM and is on display on the Church's website.

7. Deanery Synod Report – In the absence of a written report, Jan Impey gave a brief resume of her one attendance (there were only two meetings during the year) at a meeting. After the usual reports, the main topic of the meeting was about 'Eco Church' and what the churches in the Deanery had either done or were planning to do. Without the full complement required of a Deanery Synod it was difficult to arrive at any satisfactory conclusions. However, one quote in the opening prayers of the meeting were most memorable and which had been written by The Rev Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-fields:-

"Let your heart expand. Let your mind encompass. Let your soul grow through meeting, encouraging and embracing one another; because we believe we are going to be spending eternity together, so we'd better start today; because Christianity is all about living God's future now."

8. Team Vicar Report – This report **had been circulated prior to the APCM and** is on the Church's website. In the absence of Nicky Davies, Sue Wells read out this report

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

1. David Hardman asked of the meeting “why had no AVMC ‘Family Support Worker’ been appointed?” (There had been a joint effort for funding by Nicky Davies and Tracey Vosey for this role.) It was explained that whoever was appointed would initially require adequate support and mentoring for the role and that Tracey Vosey’s move out of the AVMC would leave only Nicky Davies able to fulfil this support for the newly appointed person. Nicky’s workload was already fully stretched and this additional responsibility would prove to be untenable for all concerned.
2. David Dare spoke of the need for a clear ‘theme ’for the AVMC gathering at The Minster Church on 30 June 2024. The event is to raise the profile of the church in the community and to establish an objective of outreach. He suggested a ‘strapline ’of “Let’s Go Fishing” (based on the Apostle Peter in John 21 v3 – casting out the net ‘on the other side ’towards a miraculous catch). Perhaps this ‘theme ’could be relayed to those at the AVMC who may be involved in organising this event.

The meeting ended at 7.50pm with the sharing of the Grace.