

Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Bolney

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 23rd April 2023 in the church immediately following the election of churchwardens.

The meeting was chaired by Tony Bond and opened in prayer. 15 present including the vicar, Rev Michael Windridge.

1.Apologies. Apologies for absence received from Claire George, Martin Mills, Judy Woodland, Sarah Harvey.

2.Minutes. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2022 were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

3.Matters arising. None.

4.Annual reports. Reports for the calendar year 2022, eight in all as listed on the agenda, were posted on the website in advance and hard copies placed in church. The author of each report was thanked by the chairman. See AOB below.

5.Nominations. Ron Leggett, proposed by Susan Ayres and seconded by Janice Warren, was re-elected as the PCC's representative to serve on the deanery synod for three years. Following the resignation of Peta Pratt, a vacancy exists for a second representative.

Claire George was not standing for re-election to the PCC. Nominations for re-election received from Linda Barker, proposed by Susan Ayres and seconded by Martin Burgess, and from Janice Warren, proposed by Susan Ayres and seconded by Judy Woodland: each duly elected. Jennifer Harrison, proposed by Tim Hutchings and seconded by Susan Ayres, was elected to the PCC. Jenny was warmly welcomed.

6.Auditor. Susannah Bowen, proposed by Tim Hutchings and seconded by Susan Ayres, was duly re-elected as independent examiner. In her absence, Susannah was thanked for her role, as was Brian Cook for the invaluable support & expertise he provides for the accounts.

7. Any other business.

- Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Claire for all the work she had done over the years as PCC Secretary.
- Income: the PCC is suffering a financial crisis caused by the loss of some major donors. PCC needs to reach out to more individuals/families recently moved to the village.
- Outreach: formation of a prayer group for newcomers suggested by Marigold Pym.
- Village Magazine: the magazine lost money in 2022 but this should be reversed in the current year.
- Deanery Synod: the next meeting of the deanery synod is May 23rd. All welcome.
- School: a vacancy exists on the school governing body for a Foundation Governor appointed by the PCC.
- Ringers: the bells are in good order, but new ringers needed. The bells are to be rung for the Coronation on 6th May 2023 at 9.30 am for 30 mins.
- Safeguarding: the diocese provides excellent support for any safeguarding issue.
- Thanks: the vicar and others were warmly thanked by several parishioners for all they do in the life of the church.

Meeting closed at 11.45 am.

Signed....

(Chairman)

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