

## **The Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Nunthorpe-in-Cleveland**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in St. Mary's Church Hall immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

**Present:** Rev'd Tessa Stephens, Graham Hinton, Edith Dobson, Brian Dinsdale (virtually via Zoom), Gill Hughes, Carol Keen, Ray Burton, Pat Bingham, Linda Smith, Julie Williams, Gary Cox, Ivan Lake, David & Christine Young, Merrick Brown, Rev'd Pat Harrison, Linda Smith, Janet Hinton, David Whilde, Graham Hassall, Rev'd Laura Wild, John & Margaret Cundall, Basil Eadershaw, Janet Jameson, Liz Taylorson, Alma Nicholson

The meeting was chaired by Rev'd Tessa Stephens.

1. **Apologies:** Angus Levie, Sylvia Toresen, Barry & Shirley Glover, Bill & Alison Colombi, David Cook, and Joan Lake.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 (published).** These minutes were accepted in full. Christine Young proposed that these minutes were accepted and this was seconded by Janet Barker. All were in favour. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** None
4. **Report on finance and adoption of accounts (published).**

Brian Dinsdale started by presenting the accounts for 2021. The PCC approved these accounts on 10<sup>th</sup> February. These have been audited by Fred Hutchinson.

The number of parties booked at the Hall are looking positive. The current Free Will Offer is remaining at 55,000. There have been significant costs associated with the costs associated with repairs to the boilers. There have been the losses from the luncheon club and the flower guild. Looking to the future, we have received over 20 bookings for weddings into the future, many bookings for the Hall, and have fixed gas and electricity prices for the next 3 years, at significant benefit compared to the current prices.

Pat Harrison expressed her thanks to Brian both for production of the accounts and the explanation presented. Merrick Brown said that the accounts were very encouraging, given the circumstances of the year. Pat Bingham expressed her good wishes to Brian for his up-coming surgery.

It was proposed that the accounts were adopted by Janet Barker and seconded by Gary Cox. This motion was passed unanimously.

5. **Electoral Roll report:** In David Cook's absence David Young read out the report noting that very little has changed with respect to the Electoral Roll from last year. At the accounting date there were 110 names on the Roll, of which 91 are residents and 19 are non-residents. Tessa thanked David for his hard work.
6. **Churchwardens' report on the fabric, terrier and inventory of the Church** – The inventory verification files were produced by David Young in February. This is normally done by the two churchwardens, but in the absence of a second Churchwarden, Christine Young has assisted in the production of these documents. The lower of the two safes in the Church vestry had originally been loaned to the Church by Les Nichols in 1987. Les has been contacted and has agreed to donate this safe to the Church. David also raised that a flower vase is missing, and was also missing last year. Nothing is missing from the Church Hall. David also presented the Church Log Book, which shows all significant maintenance

activities and also the book of supporting information. The report is kept in the safe at Church and has an electronic back-up. Graham Hassall acknowledged what a good job David Young had done in maintaining and updating these records.

7. **Deanery Synod report (published).** There have been a lot of change and A brief summary of this was presented by Christine Young. Tessa pointed out that we are entitled to three representatives to the Deanery Synod and that we currently only have two in Christine Young and Linda Smith. So, if anybody wanted to take on this role, the opportunity is available at any point through the year.

#### 8. **Written reports -**

The various written reports from Fabric Team, Mothers' Union, Pram Service, The Children's Society, St. Mary's Ladies' Luncheon Club, The Players, The Website, Nunthorpe News, Deanery Synod, Social and Events Team, Safeguarding, St. Mary's Knitting Group, Church Hall Bookings, Churches Together in Marton & Nunthorpe, Youth Activities, St. Mary's Flower Guild, St. Mary's Church Choir, were as printed in the Year Book. Tessa recognised Liz Taylorson for all her work in pulling the report together. She noted how different the report was to a normal year and a real testament to how resilient the church community has been to the pandemic. Naturally, some things have changed and some have stopped during the course of the year. Laura stated how humbling it was to pull the report together and expressed her deep thanks for everyone for their contributions to the report. There were no additional questions or comments. Rev'd Tessa Stephens thanked the people who have been involved in the Pastoral Team and the Oasis group.

9. **Election of Deanery Synod Representatives** – there were no new nominations to the role of Deanery Synod Representative. Christine Young and Linda Smith remain as our representatives for a further year.
10. **Election of Parochial Church Council Representatives** - The current and continuing PCC representatives are Graham Hinton, Carol Keen, and Janet Barker through to 2022, and Margaret Cundall, Gary Cox and Graham Hassall through to 2023. David Cook, Brian Dinsdale and Ivan Lake are standing for re-election. David Cook was nominated by David Young and Janet Barker, Brian Dinsdale was nominated by David Young and Christine Young, and Ivan Lake was nominated by David Young and Graham Hassall. There being excess vacancies on the PCC, it was not required to vote them on. These were due appointed under Church Representation Rule M9(3). Tessa thanked Ivan, Brian and David for standing again.

#### 11. **Appointment of**

- a. **Sidesmen** - David Young read out the list as follows:

Mrs. P. Bingham  
Mr. R. Burton  
Mrs. A. Colombi, Mr B. Colombi  
Mrs. E. Dobson  
Mr. B. Glover, Mrs. S. Glover,  
Mr. Tony Greason  
Dr G Hassall,  
Mrs. C. Keen  
Dr Ivan Lake, Mrs Joan Lake  
Mr A. Levie,

Mrs. C. Levie, Mr. E. Levie

Mrs. A. Nicholson

Mrs Julie Williams

Mrs. C. Young

These were accepted by the meeting.

**b. Independent Examiner**

It was proposed by Brian Dinsdale that the independent examiner be Mr. F. Hutchinson. This was seconded by Janet Hinton and was accepted by the meeting. We thank Fred for his kindness and support for doing this free of charge to the parish.

**12. Vicar's Address**

Reverend Tessa reflected upon the year and started by sharing the cover of the year book produced by Liz Taylorson. There was a special joy in taking those particular weddings, given the significance of resuming normal services. Remembrance Sunday was back in Church, unlike the previous year. We were able to have a sense of community and gathering together. She also reflected upon a more normal series of services over the Christmas period. Tessa finished by expressing thanks to all our various bakers who have contributed towards... She also wanted to specifically thank a number of people for all their hard work and contributions to the Parish, namely:

- A. David Young for his service as Churchwarden
- B. Laura Wild, Pat Harrison, John Blakesley and Janet Hinton for all they have done for the life of our church in the last year.
- C. current serving PCC members and that they have done over the year.
- D. And the groups and organisations of the church, some of which have been able to function and some of which have been severely limited. For example, the grass cutting team have continued as normal, whereas those whose gift is serving of teas and coffees have not been able to fulfil their roles.

Tessa looked forward to the rest of 2021, although unfortunately Church life will continue to be not as we want it to be. We know and trust that we can move forward together. We can find new ways of working together without losing all of the old ways of working, including things such as singing and worshipping together.

Merrick Brown raised the subject of boiler replacement 32 years, 28 years, 24 years (mechanical failure), present one due to expire in 2030. Looked into ground source heating, which was deemed not to be viable for occasional use, like the church. Merrick stated that he had looked into an air-source heat pump.

Janet Barker expressed her deep gratitude

The meeting then closed with The Grace.

**The meeting closed at 8.40 pm**

Graham Hinton

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022