

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
WITH ST EADBURGHAS, BROADWAY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON

SUNDAY 14th MAY 2023, 12.00 p.m. AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Present: Reverend Michelle Ward (Vicar) (Chairman), Mrs Sarah Beasley (Secretary), Mr Kevin Beasley (Churchwarden/Treasurer), Mr John Hayes (Churchwarden), Mrs Gill Hammond (Deputy Warden), Rev Jo Williamson, Mrs Ruth Davenport, Dr Joan Reading, Mr Peter Reading, Mrs Helen Rushmore, Mr Simon Williamson, Mrs Valerie Charlton.

MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS
INCLUDING DEPUTY WARDEN

1. PRAYERS.

2. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS.

Mr John Hayes is retiring as Churchwarden, and he was thanked for his service.

Nominations were received for:

Mr Kevin Beasley - proposed by Dr Joan Reading and seconded by Mrs Helen Rushmore;

Mrs Gill Hammond - proposed by Dr Joan Reading and seconded by Mr John Hayes;

Those in favour: 10; against 0; abstentions 2.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. APOLOGIES were received from Mrs Elizabeth Chard (Electoral Roll Officer), Mrs Margaret Pegg and Mr Alan Barker.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON 8th May 2022 AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

These had been published on the church website and were taken as read.

The minutes were proposed as a correct record of the proceedings by Mr Kevin Beasley, seconded by Dr Joan Reading.

Those in agreement that they were a correct record: 10. Against: 0; Abstain: 2

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING – NONE

4. ELECTION OF DEANERY SYNOD MEMBERS

A nomination has been received for Mrs Sarah Beasley.

Proposed by Revd Jo Williamson, seconded by Dr Joan Reading

Agreed unanimously.

5. ELECTION OF 3 PCC MEMBERS

Mrs Ruth Davenport– proposed by Mrs Helen Rushmore, Seconded by Dr Joan Reading, Agreed: 10; 2 abstentions.

Dr Joan Reading, – Proposed by Mrs Sarah Beasley, seconded by Mr John Hayes.

Agreed: 10; 2 abstentions

6. ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT Mrs Elizabeth Chard, Electoral Roll Officer.

76 on the Roll. 46 females; 30 men; 71 resident in the Parish and

5 non-resident.

Mrs Chard is willing to continue as Electoral Roll Officer. Revd Ward thanked Mrs Chard.

7. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 2022

Mr Kevin Beasley, Treasurer. (KB)

KB apologized that the accounts had not been available for the full two weeks before the meeting, saying there had been a delay with the auditors. He had not received any questions relating to the report or financial statements.

Kevin Beasley (KB) referred to his report, which shows all the figures, and said that if anyone had any questions, at any time, they could contact him.

Donations have stayed fairly static – £43,745 compared to £44,394 for 2021.

Salary expenditure is down as we no longer employ an organist.

There is outstanding maintenance to be done on the churchyard at Snowhill Road which includes the felling of dangerous trees.

Revd Jo Williamson asked about the status of the lift appeal. KB replied that to date the figure raised, including Gift Aid is approx. £4,400. Mrs Helen Rushmore has kindly offered to help with fundraising. If £5,000 can be raised, we can apply for a grant from the Broadway Trust of £1,000 but this will be received once the project is complete. Revd Jo Williamson suggested having an update in the weekly notices and Revd Ward replied that the appeal, and how much is needed, is on social media and the website. Revd Ward will produce a notice.

Mr John Hayes said that the original quote for the work is now two and a half years old and the PCC are waiting for an updated quote.

Kevin Beasley proposed that the Annual Report and Financial Statements are approved by the meeting. Mrs Valerie Charlton seconded. Agreed unanimously.

8. APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINER OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Clement Rabjohns Ltd, 111 -113 High Street, Evesham, WR11 4XP were proposed by Mr Kevin Beasley, seconded by Mr Simon Williamson and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

9. REPORTS

The reports of the Vicar, Secretary (the Annual Report), Treasurer, Churchwardens, Safeguarding Officer, Electoral Roll Officer, Evesham Deanery Synod and The Friends of St Eadburgha's Church had been circulated and were taken as read. Thanks were given to those who had submitted these reports. The reports were all unanimously adopted.

The Vicar thanked the Friends of St Eadburgha and the Thursday Team for their continued support.

The Churchwardens thanked Revd Ward and Revd Williamson for their help and support during the past year.

Churchwardens

Mr Kevin Beasley went briefly through the report and highlighted the following:

St Michael's Church:

- The Choir Vestry has now been decorated and is being used by the village foodbank;
- Organ – work is required and a report on the work required to the electrical components is being prepared by Clevedon Organs;

St Eadburgha's Church:

- Thanks were given to The Friends of St Eadburgha's for all that they do in caring for the church.
- The conservation of the King Charles I Coat of Arms has been completed and the panel is now back in situ, and extra spotlights have been installed to illuminate it.
- An electronic card reader has been installed to make it easier for contactless card donations.

Revd Ward thanked the churchwardens for all they do.

Safeguarding – Dr Joan Reading.

Dr Reading said that Safeguarding is increasingly important in the Church of England. In church Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The Diocese have commented that our Parish is particularly good at Safeguarding. The training is nothing to be afraid of, it makes us more aware of the diverse types of need.

Revd Ward thanked Dr Reading for her work as Safeguarding Officer for the Benefice.

Deanery Synod – Benefice report by Jackie Knight from Wickhamford. No questions were raised. Thanks to Jackie.

Friends of St Eadburgha's Church – Mr Phil Whatmough.

Mrs Gill Hammond is the PCC representative for Friends, and she keeps them updated.

No questions were raised on the report. Thanks were again expressed to The Friends for their continued support.

The Vicar read out her report. She emphasized how positive it has been to resume more social activities alongside our worship over the last year. She encouraged us to reflect on what might need to stop or change in order that new things can grow, and to continue to reflect on how we invite and welcome people to join us in worship, in discipleship, and in fellowship.

10. ANY MATTERS OF PAROCHIAL OR GENERAL CHURCH INTEREST – None.

11. DATE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2024

It was agreed that the PCC would agree a date for the annual meeting 2024.

12. THE GRACE. The meeting closed at 12.25 p.m. with all saying The Grace.