

**AGM Meeting Minutes – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Present:**

Matt Trendall (Chair), Pat Sawyer, Sylvia Bennett, Wayne Webb, Cath Segers, Ron Codrington, Gloria Terrelonge, Paul Terrelonge, Ian Corlett, Sandy Grey, Gill Farrow, Dawn Bromley, Trisha Gifford, Brian Quentin, Sandra Mills, Nick Mills, Cynthia Kelly, Sedar Davis, Pauline Evans, Ayokunnu Otunla

**Apologies:**

Alise Trendall, Jane Charman, David Sawyer, Mark Mitro, Niki Mitro, Carolyn Sanderson, Marina Rupal

1. **Opening devotions:** the meeting was opened with excerpts from Evening Prayer. Matt shared a brief reflection taken from Psalm 63 and Ephesians 3, reflecting the call of Lent towards both hunger (for God) and love.
2. **Election of churchwardens:** Pat Sawyer was proposed by Wayne Webb and seconded by Sylvia Bennett and elected unanimously to serve as churchwarden. Matt proposed a vote of thanks to Pat for her outstanding work over the last 8 years, and also shared the importance of finding a second churchwarden in the near future, to work alongside Pat.
3. **Apologies:** see above.
4. **Minutes of 2018 ACM:** accepted as a true record of the meeting nem. con..
5. **Matters arising:** no additional matters arising.
6. **Reports:** (a) noting the various reports on the church's life and previous year contained in the meeting pack; (b) the Electoral Roll is still being renewed, but membership has fallen slightly from 63 in 2018 to 59 currently. Diversity is increasing, with 40% of or membership from non-Anglican traditions; (c) Ian gave a short summary/overview of the treasurer's report. Overall the picture is positive: we had a small surplus last year and our reserves have held steady over the last 4-5 years. However there has been a small decline in the proportion of our costs funded by congregational giving. Whilst this will not be noticed this year owing to a high number of weddings, it is something to keep an eye on for future years. Matt proposed a vote of thanks to Ian for his continued excellent work and to Pat for banking the money. Ian Corlett's accounts formally accepted – proposed by Wayne Webb, seconded by Gloria Terrelonge, unanimously approved.

As an addendum, Matt noted that the financial position of the WCP was much stronger: the silver lining to the cloud of not paying a Baptist Minister for 3 years. However this money is being ring-fenced in view of the need to sustain Church Without Walls, and a possible second plant in Wavendon, for the long-term. Our generosity helps to fund mission more widely across our parish.

7. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** Manish Patel was re-appointed by the meeting nem. con.
8. **Update on works required by our recent Quinquennial:** Pat gave an update on the works for the Quinquennial Repairs approved in 2017. The schedule of works, accompanying photographs and repairs specification were received from Adrian Ringrose, Architect from Stimpson Walton Bond Chartered Architects of Northampton in July 2018 and quotes for works requested. Tenders were received and all papers circulated with a summary letter from the architect for discussion by the Church Council. The works comprise mainly stone work and external window repairs and following a meeting with the builder with the lowest tender in October 2018 the contract has been agreed with a planned start date of mid-late March 2019. Faculty permission has been granted from the Diocese. The tender is for £21,477 plus VAT and Architects fees, and contingency for possible unforeseen problems. The works will be funded from the Church Restoration Building Fund, currently about £17000, with further

possible sums from grant applications to The Bucks Historic Churches Trust, The Broughton Trust and church fundraising through a proposed Gift Day after Easter. VAT may be reclaimed through the Listed Places of Worship scheme. The order of works will be scheduled to take account of weddings and special services in the church calendar.

9. Safeguarding and re-appointment of Safeguarding Officer and Responsible Adult (previously known as Children's Advocate). The policy current (the summary page of which is in the meeting pack) was accepted nem. con. Rachael Jenkins is currently producing an updated draft for approval our various church councils in the next couple of months. Rachael Jenkins (as Safeguarding Officer) and Sandra Mills (as Responsible Adult) were both re-appointed unanimously. Matt proposed a vote of thanks to both for their continued work in this important area.

10. Elections

- a. Election of Church Stewards, all appointed unanimously:

- i. Ian Corlett (Treasurer)
- ii. Paul North (Mission & Community)
- iii. Carolyn Sanderson (Worship)
- iv. Gloria Terrelonge (Worship Weddings)
- v. Moira North (Special Events)
- vi. Wayne Webb (Building & Maintenance)
- vii. Paul Terrelonge (Building & Maintenance)
- viii. Dawn Bromley (Families/Children & Young People)
- ix. Ayokunnu Otunla (Walton Churches Partnership Link Rep)

Gill Farrow and Sylvia Bennett are stepping down from their roles as Pastoral Growth Stewards and Marina Rupal likewise as Secretary. Matt thanked all of them for their terrific work – we are grateful that they will continue to give so much to the church in other ways. There are several posts available to be filled, and Matt encouraged the meeting to keep an eye out for possible new stewards.

- b. MK/WCP link posts: alt current reps are standing again and were unanimously appointed:

- i. Sandy Grey & Ann Harris (Mission Partnership Link)
- ii. Carolyn Sanderson & Ayokunnu Otunla (Walton Churches Partnership reps)
- iii. Carolyn Sanderson (Deanery Synod rep)

11. Rector's Report: attached separately in meeting pack.

12. Questions/Feedback – there were no additional questions.

13. Any other business – none

14. Dates of the next Church Stewards/Congregational Meetings:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Stewards' Council

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Stewards' Council

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Stewards' Council

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 – Congregational Meeting

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Stewards' Council

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Stewards' Council

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 possible date for next ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

15. Closing Devotions