

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS OF
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SHILLINGTON & GRAVENHURST
Held in All Saints Church on Sunday 28th April 2024 at 10.30am.**

Present

Liz Allan, Chair, Trish Humphreys Secretary
John Coles, Liz Carboni, Roger Barnard, Linda Butler, Clive Butler, Tim
Watson, Liz Brewer, Dick Brewer, Emma Lodge, Helen Smith, Di Whiteley,
Peter Farmer, Tony Bird, Ian Moss, Julia Moss, Shirley McGrath

1. Apologies for absence;
Tim and Maggie Theaker
Joy Robertson
Denise Randall
Ann Simkins
2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of All Saints Church, Shillington and Gravenhurst held on 14th May 2023 were agreed; Emma Lodge proposed, Dick Brewer seconded.
3. Matters Arising. None
4. **The Meeting of Parishioners**
 - a. To elect two Churchwardens. There being no candidates, Liz and Dick have agreed to remain in post for another year but will certainly stand down next year. They asked if anyone would consider this for next year and prepare by spending some time with them in the post (ie, shadowing over the next year). Failing this, we would be in a position of having no church wardens which means all jobs would need to be divided amongst the PCC members. Dick stated his concern that, were Rev Jenna to feel unsupported, she may decide not to continue in post although it was stressed that she comes with good credentials. We must ensure she is supported as she has a big job ahead of her.

We all agreed that Liz and Dick have done an amazing job as church wardens especially during this time of vacancy and we all thanked them heartily.

5. **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

- a. To receive the Electoral Roll. There have been no additions to the electoral roll so the number remains the same at 46. We cannot remove people legally until next year but there may be removals. No new people have presented themselves or expressed a wish to be included. Thanks To Linda Butler for overseeing this task.
- b. To elect or to appoint:
 - i. Election of **six** members of the Parochial Church Council. Note: The Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officer and Deanery Synod Representative(s) are *ex-officio* members of the PCC. Peter Farmer and Liz Allan are currently Deanery Synod Representatives and remain so until re-election next year (2025)

As our Electoral Roll numbers are below 50, we have six available places for election on to the PCC. We currently have three elected members of the PCC, all of whom have offered to continue to serve.

We had one member step down during the year and so there are 3 places vacant on the PCC. No one stepped forward today however, we agreed any volunteers could be co-opted during the year before the next APCM.

We shall add names of PCC members to the pew sheet and place photos in the porch area and description of what we do. At next PCC meeting we shall take photos etc

Elected members are as follows;

Tim Theaker

Emma Lodge

Helen Smith

All were duly proposed and seconded

As such the membership of the current PCC is as follows;

Liz Allan (Acting chair and Treasurer)
Liz Brewer (Church Warden
Dick Brewer (Church Warden)
Peter Farmer
Tim Theaker
Emma Lodge
Helen Smith
Trish Humphreys (Secretary and Parish Safeguarding Officer)

- ii. Appointment of Hon. Examiner or Auditor.
Jackie Smith regularly audits our accounts and would agree to continue.
This was proposed by Tim Watson and seconded by Liz Brewer .

- c. To receive the Hon. Treasurer's Report and to approve the Examined Accounts for 2023-24.
Accounts have been displayed in the porch and they were also sent out with the pew sheet.
All agreed with no questions. The accounts were duly adopted.

We agreed that Liz and Helen have completed a great job and gave our thanks.

- d. To receive Reports: all are at the back of the church and have been sent out with the pew sheets.
 - i. Secretary
 - ii. Churchwardens and Events; It was stressed that new people are needed onto the committee.
 - iii. Churchyard; Liz thanked the volunteers and praised the work that makes the churchyard such a beautiful place and an asset to the church. Volunteers always required.
 - iv. Flowers; Di thanked all the volunteers and we agreed the flowers are always beautiful. We are now trying to use only vases rather than oasis to reduce our carbon footprint. This requires a different approach and means the displays may not be as full as have been.
 - v. Bells: No written report, however, Bell team captain, Emma Lodge gave a verbal update; 8-9 people attend practice which is a vast improvement. Lost one member this year. Raised money through 'sponsor a bell' scheme and last week had a 'tower outing' where

- other towers were visited and a pub lunch afterwards. Everyone learned a lot, gained valuable experience as well as enjoy themselves. They will endeavour to ring the bells for evensong in the future.
- vi. Friends and Fabric; There is no chairman currently although Andy is 'picking up the reins'. The stone mason has previously done a really splendid job to recreate original features and it is hoped he will begin repairs to the North door in May. This means the church is closed in the meantime as the very expensive stones are being stored in the church.
 - vii. Deanery Synod; Liz Allan and Peter Farmer attend. Liz said it is interesting to attend with various helpful talks.
 - viii. Bible study group: report received.
 - ix. Friendly Place: report received.

Thanks to all people who have written reports and to all the various committees and ministries who are doing such a worthwhile and much needed job.

Liz Allan spoke about the importance of fundraising and various costs incurred through running a church.

- e. To report on compliance with the House of Bishops' guidance on *safeguarding children and vulnerable adults*.
Safeguarding report received and displayed. The report confirms that as a church we are not fully compliant with above guidance, however, we are not far off and the PCC are fully aware of what needs to be completed. It is anticipated this compliance will be achieved within a short space of time.
- f. To consider any other business.
|Liz Brewer spoke about the need to repair the clock in the tower. To be discussed during a PCC meeting.
Linda Butler spoke about evensong and how he choir have rehearsed many anthems and encouraged more people to attend. It could be that Rev Jenna would seek to change the time which may mean people would feel more able to attend.

Meeting closed with the Grace. At 11.15 am

PCC secretary

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