

Parish of Oakworth

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on Sunday 24th March 2019

- 1. Declaration of the meeting:** Revd. John Rogers declared the meeting open with prayer at 10.50am and welcomed everyone.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners 2018:** This was included in the Annual Report which had been circulated previously. They were proposed as correct by Christine Brunskill, seconded by Revd. Anne Pickard and all were in favour. There were no matters arising from the said minutes so they were duly signed as a true record by Revd. John Rogers.
- 3. Election of two Church Wardens:** Colin Stow has one year remaining on his term of office. There was a vacancy left after Michael Whiteoak had moved away from the area shortly after the last APCM. Revd. John Rogers stated that he had had no nominations and invited nominations from the floor. Roy Aston was proposed by Judith Bland and seconded by Dawn Whitaker, all were in favour and Roy accepted the role. Colin Stow was thanked for all his work during this somewhat difficult year.
Deputy Church Wardens: The post of deputy church warden does not have a term of office and Carole Howorth agreed to stay in post at Christ Church as did Ralph Brunskill at St John's. They were both thanked for their work during the past year.

The meeting closed at 11.05am.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 24th March 2019

- 1. Declaration of the meeting:** Revd. John Rogers declared the meeting open immediately following the A.M.P.
- 2. Minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church meeting:** These had been circulated and read previously. They were proposed as a correct record by Sharon Quinn, seconded by Ralph Brunskill, all were in favour and they were duly signed by Revd. John Rogers.
There were no questions put forward.

THE REPORTS

- 3. Report on changes to the Electoral Roll (Philip Cullingworth):** The Electoral Roll had been renewed fully this year as per rules. There are currently 71 on the Roll which is 3 less than last year, however there are 15 names which were not on the previous Roll. Thanks were given to Philip.
- 4. Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council:** Those present were asked to consider the report which had been previously approved by the PCC. There were no questions raised.
- 5. Annual Financial Statement for the year ending December 2018 (Nick Robinson):** The full financial report is contained in the Annual Report, Nick reported that on a financial basis he felt encouraged; the Challenge had raised in excess of £12,000, there have been a number of very generous personal anonymous donations and over 70 chairs have been purchased by members of the congregation.
At present, although it is still under review – we are still committed to paying our Share in full. Mavis Jessop asked how much it would be this year- this being £53,000.
Those present were asked to consider increasing their planned giving. Cyril Davies said that he felt he couldn't commit to planned giving and was reassured by Nick that all methods of giving were perfectly acceptable.
Revd. John Rogers thanked Nick for his work as Treasurer this year.
- 6. Church Wardens report (Colin Stow):** Colin explained that it hadn't been possible to make a complete inventory this year because for the duration of the reordering most moveable items have been put into storage and reassurance was given that this will be completed when the work is finished. The pews, altar frontal cupboard, priest's bench, 3 prayer desks and the kneelers have been sold or disposed of. Work is still needed

to refurbish the kitchen and toilets and Colin said that the Fabric subgroup was in need of more members to keep up with day to day running of the building. Most other internal work has been concerning the reordering. During the summer following a period of severe rainfall an extensive part of the south wall collapsed into a neighbour's garden. Revd. John Rogers reported that it is proving a very laboured process to have it repaired...so is ongoing.

- 7. Deanery Synod Report (Sharon Quinn):** In reporting on items the Deanery Synod had looked at during the meetings attended by herself and Anita Rogers- Sharon told those present about a presentation given by Revd. Simone Bennett- Director of Education for Leeds Diocese on Education: Opportunities, Challenges and Partnerships. This dealt with the work going on within church schools. Sharon said that we were fortunate that we have very good relationships with both our local schools. Also Bishop Toby Haworth told Synod about the Strategic Development Fund which is a way for dioceses to get funding to create and grow community mission projects. They also had a meeting at which reps were able to share good news and success stories from their own parishes.
- 8. Vicar's report (Revd. John Rogers):** John reported that he felt we had a good news story to tell, in that despite a few hiccoughs along the way and there being a few problems still to sort out...the reordering of the worship space is nearing completion and will be finished on time. He then gave thanks to Revds. Bryony Partridge and Anne Pickard, Philip Cullingworth and Sharon Quinn for their commitment and support within the clergy/worship team, to Ralph and Esther Brunskill for all the hard work they undertake at St John's Newsholme, to all who work so hard in providing music to aid our worship, to Simon Tanner for his work and commitment as Site Manager during the building work and lastly to everyone for their support through what has been a very busy and sometimes personally difficult year. He said that we can look forward to lots of different opportunities ahead. Colin Stow asked those present to join him in giving John a vote of thanks for all his hard work over the year.
- Report from St John's Newshome (Ralph Brunskill):** A sealant has not been put on the west wall to rectify the damp problem but it doesn't appear to be worsening at present. The heating is proving troublesome. Encouragingly numbers are up by 20%.

THE ELECTIONS

9. Election of lay representatives to the PCC:

For the coming year there are 4 vacancies on PCC (3 from this year plus the 1 left vacant from last year), one being for the length of 2 years and the remaining 3 being for the length of 3 years.

There were 4 nominations ..being as follows:

Louise Spicer	Proposed- David Spicer	Seconded- Claire Ketteman
Chris Godwin	Proposed- Anita Rogers	Seconded- Carole Howorth
Melanie Tanner	Proposed-Carole Howorth	Seconded- Anita Rogers
David Powis	Proposed- Lynn Stow	Seconded- Danny Smith

- 10. Appointment of an Independent Examiner until the next A.P.M.:** It was proposed by Colin Stow and seconded by Judith Bland that we continue to use KJA Fletcher Greenwood Ltd and all were in favour.
- 11. A time for questions:** Pam Aston thanked all who do behind the scene jobs which help with the upkeep and smooth running at both Churches. Thanks were also given to Claire Ketteman and Melanie Tanner for all they have done with the children while the building work has been in progress.
- 12. Closure of meeting:** The meeting was closed at 11.30am with the Grace.

Post meeting:

D.O.N.M.: Tuesday 30th April

Deep clean: John had received a quote for £250+V.A.T. to deep clean the worship space prior to moving back in on completion of the building work, a majority of the PCC were in favour so it was decided to go ahead.