

## **MINUTES OF GREAT BRICKHILL ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING,**

**HELD IN THE CHURCH ON THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.30pm.**

Attached to these Minutes are the 2020 Warden's Report, Report on Coronavirus and a Report on the New Facilities. These are available as a PDF file on the website on the following page:-

<https://brickhillchurches.org.uk/great-brickhill/annual-church-meeting/annual-meeting-2020/>

**The Reverend John Waller took the chair.**

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer, and welcomed all those attending.

### **PART I: THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

#### **ELECTION OF THE CHURCH WARDENS:**

The current Warden, Julia Turner, was willing to seek re-election. Her nomination was proposed by Michael Turner and seconded by Phillipa Cook. Julia Turner was duly elected.

The Rector expressed his thanks to Julia Turner for her work over this very long year and he was very grateful that she was willing to stand again.

### **PART II: THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**NO APOLOGIES** had been received.

An Attendance Sheet was circulated. A total of 12 parishioners were in attendance.

#### **MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 30th APRIL 2019**

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting had been made available in advance. There was no requirement to formally approve these Minutes.

#### **ELECTIONS:**

##### **a). Up to two Deanery Synod Representatives.**

Jeremy Hopkinson had resigned as Deanery Synod Representative. He is continuing in the position of Deanery Synod Treasurer. No nominations had been received and so the positions remain vacant - the posts can be filled at any time.

##### **b). Up to six Members of the PCC.**

The Rector informed the Meeting that the number of PCC members allowed for the size of our Electoral Roll is 6. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2004 provision was made for the annual appointment of representatives on the PCC. There is also facility for two people to be co-opted on to the PCC during the year if there is good reason to add more people.

The Rector thanked the members of the PCC for their contribution over the last twelve months, with particular thanks to Mary Maley and Angela Northen who had tendered their resignation at the time of the original date for the Annual Meeting.

The following three members were willing to stand again:- Phillipa Cook, Margretta Smith and Joy Wilson, With only three nominations, no vote was required and all three were appointed by a show of hands. The Treasurer, Neil Cook, would be co-opted on to the PCC at the first meeting after the Annual Meeting.

The Rector noted that others who are members of the PCC are himself as incumbent, Julia Turner as Warden and Jeremy Hopkinson as LLM.

**c). Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2019.**

The Treasurer said that David Beatty had acted as Independent Examiner for this year and was willing to continue for the 2020 Accounts. Proposed by Joy Wilson and seconded by Jeremy Hopkinson, Mr. Beatty was duly appointed as Independent Examiner for 2020. The Treasurer recorded his thanks to David Beatty.

**d). Appointment of Sidesmen.**

The Rector noted that there is no longer a requirement to appoint Sidesmen at the Annual Meeting.

**ELECTORAL ROLL:**

Jeremy Hopkinson reported that there were currently 42 people on the Electoral Roll of whom 4 were not resident in the parish. These figures would be passed to the Diocese.

**ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH INCL. DEANERY SYNOD REPORT:**

The Rector ran through the activities referred to in the Annual Report, summarizing what had happened through the year. The Rector referred in particular to:-

- i). The "Policy Documents" section where it was reported that there had been no safeguarding incidents during the year.
- ii). The Deanery Synod section detailing the proceedings through the year of the Deanery Synod.

**TREASURER'S REPORT INCL. ANNUAL REPORT:**

Copies of the Annual Report had been available via the website in advance of the Meeting. The Treasurer, Neil Cook, presented the financial statements for the year to 31st December 2019. He referred to the "Review of the Accounts" section in the Annual Report and noted the difficulty in paying the full amount of the Parish Share.

The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted as one single document - proposed by Joy Wilson and seconded by Jeremy Hopkinson. All were in favour of the adoption of the report.

Joy Wilson thanked the Secretary for drafting the written report and the Treasurer for his ongoing work with the Accounts.

**WARDEN'S REPORT ON THE CHURCH BUILDING AND ITS FABRIC:**

Julia Turner gave her Warden's report for the year – see separate file. At the end of her report Julia presented flowers to Gill Wilson and Val Baldwin (in absence) for their work many years' work on the Social Committee.

Janet Pritchard gave thanks to Julia for all her hard work through the year.

**OTHER MATTERS OF PAROCHIAL OR GENERAL CHURCH INTEREST:**

Two separate reports are attached relating to this item:

- Coronavirus Information
- Report on New Facilities

The Rector thanked all in the church and parish for their understanding with the complications that arise from their personal home situation. Due to the pandemic his 3-month sabbatical from Easter to July had to be called off but he hoped that it would be possible at a later date.

The Rector thanked Gill Wilson for her humour and tenacity while working as his Admin Assistant and in progressing the New Facilities project. The generosity of local people through recent times has enabled the work on the project to go ahead.

With the unprecedented few months, the Rector said that we had found different ways of doing things and thanked Phillipa Cook for coordinating the communications. Lessons had been learnt and discovered that some people can be included via other ways.

The Wardens had been meeting every other month but since the spring these were held monthly. Soon the services/events for Christmas would be discussed.

On Saturday the first wedding of the year was being held, 15 people are allowed.

With regard to the New Facilities, Gill Wilson said that, although the church is not filled every week, people really want to be part of it, and absolutely want the church here. The builders are starting work this week. Photographs will be taken at every stage for an archive record of the work being carried out.

The Rector said that when the work is finished, to mark the completion of the project, a special service will be held, a celebration with either the Archdeacon or Bishop. All who have contributed will be invited to the service.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Janet Pritchard recorded her thanks to Julia Turner and Phillipa Cook for all the work they do for the church.

The Reverend John Waller thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded with Compline at 8.15pm.