

PARISH CHURCH OF ST AUGUSTINE'S THORPE BAY



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
SUNDAY 22nd APRIL 2018

The meeting started at 11.35 a.m. in prayer by
Rev'd Canon Jonathan Collis

25 parishioners were present.

1. Election of Clerk to the meeting

Dawn Holley was elected as clerk to the meeting.
Unanimously agreed

2. Election of Churchwardens

Martin Everett was elected as churchwarden.
Proposed by Mhoira Brewer
Seconded by Colin Russell
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1. Minutes of the APCM 2017

There were no amendments thus the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by Rita Porter

Seconded by Sarah Devereux

2. Apologies for Absence

Linda Barnard John Rogers

Gail Tunley

3. Matters Arising

Rev'd Canon Jonathan Collis (JC) updated the meeting on the proposed extension: the plans have been drawn up, the sub-committee have discussed and they await amended plans. The sub-committee would like a properly formulated proposal to be in place before submitting to the PCC.

4. Election of One Member to the Deanery Synod

JC confirmed that Edwyn Pym had stood down from the Deanery Synod therefore 1 new member needs electing for a period of one year.

Margaret Ridley

Proposed by: Colin Russell

Seconded by: Martin Everett

5. Election of members to the P.C.C.

Seven people were elected for the nine places available.

Paul Chisnell

Proposed by: Martin Everett

Seconded by: Peter Somerville

Karen Kindley

Proposed by: Margaret Ridley

Seconded by: Colin Russell

Hannah Rowland

Proposed by: Fred Watson

Seconded by: Peter Somerville

Colin Russell

Proposed by: Mhoira Brewer

Seconded by: Martin Everett

Ian Stobart
Proposed by: Paul Chisnell
Seconded by: Colin Russell

Megan Sylvester
Proposed by: Margaret Ridley
Seconded by: Mhoira Brewer

Fred Watson
Proposed by: Colin Russell
Seconded by: Martin Everett

6. Appointment of Sidesmen

JC read out the current names and all were happy to serve for another year.
There are 24 names on the list:

Ann Bailey	Ron Bailey
Michael Jones	Victor Knill
Robert Knill	Geoff Mann
Rita Pillar	Michael Porter
Rita Porter	Maureen Hancock
John Rogers	Fred Watson
Jen Withers	Martin Everett
Barbara Black	Jacqui Butler
Phil Dean	Stella Lock
Edward Devereux	Sarah Devereux
Christine Hughes	Roger Sentance
Phil Harrison	Sandra Hewitt

Martin Everett commented that Assistant Churchwardens do essential but invisible work and would like to pass on his gratitude from all at St. Augustine's. He encouraged other members to consider taking on the role – ME described it as rather like a Sidesmen "Plus" role rather than an Assistant Churchwarden!

Proposed: Martin Everett
Seconded: Peter Somerville
Unanimously agreed

7. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner

John Denby and Matthew Findlay were elected as independent financial examiners. JD commented that Colin Russell (CR) makes the task easy for them. Mhoira Brewer thanked CR for his invaluable work.

Proposed by: Colin Russell
Seconded by: Michael Porter
Unanimously agreed

8. Report on changes to the Electoral Roll

Previously circulated

Martin Everett informed the meeting of the results of the electoral roll. We have 205 names on the roll. Thanks to Martin for the work that goes into keeping the roll up to date.

Proposed by: Peter Somerville
Seconded by: Margaret Ridley
Unanimously received

9. Report on the PCC and Parish Activities

Previously circulated

Michael Porter asked what the numbers are for the confirmation on Sunday 20 May. JC informed the meeting that there are approx. 6 at present and commented that we are usually the largest in the Deanery. Mhoira Brewer commented that the church is ever more a feature of the community's mind. JC added that Steve Halliwell had discussed the issue of the numbers of bellringers decreasing so JC has made bellringing one of his priorities for this year and to this end there are now 2 new teenage members of the group learning to bellring as part of their Duke of Edinburgh scheme. There are also 3 new adult recruits to the bellringing cause – JC himself, Chris Giles and William Wood.

Proposed by: Fred Watson
Seconded by: Peter Schofield
Unanimously received

10. Financial Report and Accounts

Previously circulated

Colin Russell (CR) took questions. In 2017/2018 approximately £20,000 was gained as a result of Gift Aid, this being enhanced by the tower funding. Michael Porter (MP) asked if CR is receiving more direct debit donations rather than the weekly envelopes in church. CR commented that when he began as Treasurer there were approximately 125 weekly envelopes, now there are approximately 25. CR actively encourages Standing Orders and Direct Debits as a form of donation. MP suggested that JC could mention during the notices when the collection is going to take place as sometimes people are not prepared as they were not aware when this was going to take place. Ideas are to be discussed between the Churchwardens and Sidesmen. JC commented that St. Augustine's raised £40k for the tower at the same time as paying for everything else and this

should be celebrated. As always a huge thank you on behalf of everyone to Colin for the meticulous preparation of the report was offered.

Proposed by: Geoff Mann

Seconded by: John Denby

Unanimously received

11. Report on the Fabric and Fittings

Previously circulated

Margaret Ridley commented that the brevity of the report belied the amount of work actually done by the Churchwardens. Peter Somerville queried the extension progress – ME confirmed that plans are currently being drawn up. JC informed the meeting that the next “housekeeping” major task would be a refurbishment of the floor. ME offered the Churchwardens’ thanks to everyone in the St. Augustine’s community that helps out; particularly the Assistant Wardens and reiterated his earlier request for others to consider the role. JC thanked the Churchwardens and looked forward to the positive work continuing into the forthcoming year.

Proposed by: Peter Somerville

Seconded by: Sarah Devereux

Unanimously received

12. Deanery Synod Report

Previously circulated

JC commented that the Synod discusses issues that affect us all. There were no questions.

Proposed by: Colin Russell

Seconded by: Michael Porter

Unanimously received

13. Any Other Business

There was no other business raised.

14. The meeting ended at 12.20pm in prayer led by the Vicar.