

**St Andrew's Church, Yarnscombe**  
**Minutes of Vestry Meeting of 19 October 2020**

1. This meeting was held in the church, being the first since the advent of the coronavirus pandemic, with participants maintaining social distancing of two metres and wearing masks. The Revd. Gary Owen (Chair) (GO) said a prayer and welcomed those present, namely, Grahame Thomas (GT), Richard Pengilley (RP), Anne Prowse (AP), Carol Wyatt (CW), Rosemary Woollacott (RW), Tim Farr (TF) and Tim Harris (TH).
2. Apologies were assumed from Hazel Jago (HJ) and Lisa Smale (LS).
3. AP was nominated as Churchwarden and agreed to serve. GT proposed, RP seconded.

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 19 October 2020**

1. The minutes of the APCM of 9 April 2019 were accepted as correct.
2. The Parochial Church Council members present were nominated and re-elected. HJ and LS will be contacted to ascertain their decision.
3. GT agreed (reluctantly) to continue as Secretary.
4. The search continues for a successor to our Treasurer (RP) who stood down a year ago but has continued in the task. CW volunteered to act as a temporary Treasurer. To be resolved.
5. The Annual Report and Review of the Year 2019 and the Financial Report, having been formally accepted by the PCC at the meeting on 21 January 2020 and signed by the Revd. Paul Bysouth [then Team Vicar] and GT, were submitted by RP.
6. RW was re-elected as Electoral Roll Officer. There are now 10 people on the Roll.
7. CW agreed to continue as the Deanery Synod representative.
8. It was proposed by RP, seconded by CW, that Mr Brian Cooke should be nominated as Independent Examiner of Accounts, subject to his acceptance.

**Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting of 19 October 2020**  
**held in St Andrew's Church, Yarnscombe**

Present: The Revd. Gary Owen (GO), Grahame Thomas (GT), Richard Pengilley (RP), Anne Prowse (AP), Carol Wyatt (CW), Rosemary Woollacott (RW); Tim Farr (TF) and Tim Harris (TH) from the Yarnscombe Church Rescue Group (YCRG).

1. **Minutes** of the meeting on 21 January 2020 were accepted as correct and signed by GT.

2. **Matters Arising**

- a) YCRG

TF gave a summary of progress so far achieved by the Group and the future plans. In essence, these are as follows. The Faculty Petition awaits approval by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Exeter. YCRG awaits news of this decision. The project has been altered to do the following:

- i) Removal of some of the fixed seating to allow installation of a toilet, a small servery and a storage area at the rear of the church;

- ii) Re-location of existing under-pew heaters, together with some new under-pew heaters in the fixed seating at the front of the church;
- iii) Provision of some new light fittings for the existing electrical wiring;
- iv) Redecoration of the church throughout on completion.

Assuming the Petition is approved, the YCRG will seek detailed bids from local building companies for the work. The Group will then increase their efforts to raise funds for the costs of the work. Once this has been achieved, an agreement with the chosen building company can be entered into.

The Charter for the YCRG from the PCC is due to expire on 31 December 2020. The PCC was offered two options: terminate the YCRG on the planned date and assume responsibility for the remaining tasks as detailed above; or extend the YCRG charter until 31 December 2021 and invite the YCRG to continue its work for another year. After a short discussion the PCC agreed to take the latter option and invited the YCRG to continue until the end of 2021. TF and TH took note of this request and then left the meeting.

b) Churchyard

Mr John Tebby will cut the grass this week, possibly for the last time this year. Both lawnmowers require servicing; GT to arrange. **Action: GT.**

### 3. Mission Community

GO said that the advertisements for another Team Vicar had not, so far, been successful and that maybe the time had come to try a different style of advertisement, stressing the attractions of living in this part of the country. He thought that it might be too big a job for a half-time Vicar. In a change to the agenda, he went on to discuss the forthcoming events in the year.

- 1 November The first Sunday in the month, All Souls' Day, will be devoted to the remembrance of those who have passed on.
- 8 November Remembrance Sunday, at 10:30 a.m.
- 29 November The first Sunday in Advent.
- 13 December The third Sunday in Advent will be a Comfort and Joy Sunday, to raise our spirits.
- 24 December Christmas Eve service of Holy Communion.

It was decided, with the agreement of the YCRG representatives, that it would not be possible to hold a Carol Service this year, in view of the current Covid-19 restrictions.

### 4. Health and Safety

GO reminded the PCC to refresh our memories on the contents of the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and the Mission Community's Safeguarding Policy, to ensure our compliance with the regulations.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

The detailed report is attached and the 'Budget vs. Actual' expenditure spreadsheet was presented. RP was thanked by GO for his excellent work.

The meeting concluded with prayers for the church and the Mission Community in this time of trial.

### 6. Date of Next Meeting

Sunday 17 January 2021.