

St Andrew's Church, Yarnscombe
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on 16 May 2021

1. This meeting was held at 11:30am, via the Internet, on Zoom. The Revd. Gary Owen (Chair) (GO) welcomed the participants and started the meeting with a prayer. Present were Grahame Thomas (GT), Carol Wyatt (CW), Richard Pengilley (RP), Rosemary Woollacott (RW) and Hazel Jago (HJ).
2. Apologies were received from Anne Prowse (AP), and assumed from Lisa Smale (LS).
3. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners were accepted as correct, to be signed by GT as vice-chair. **Action: GT.**
4. AP was elected as Churchwarden, having previously agreed to serve. CW proposed, RW seconded.

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1. The minutes of the last APCM [19 October 2020] were accepted as correct.
2. RW reported that the Electoral Roll had been placed on the church notice board; she was asked to remove the addresses in order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation. There are 10 members on the Roll. **Action: RW.**
3. HJ stated that the PCC has complied with the duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.
4. The financial statement for the year ending 31 December 2020 was presented by RP, who was thanked by CW for preparing it.
5. Church Fabric
HJ reported that a green mould had re-appeared on the inside wall of the church below the tower. GT said that this was inevitable as the church is shut for most of the week and the air inside becomes very damp. RP asked whether something can be done about the small tree growing in the top of the tower. GT will find someone to cut it back and kill the roots. GO volunteered to inspect the top of the tower. The faculty which will enable the work proposed by the Yarnscombe Church Rescue Group to go ahead has not yet been received. GO promised to take up the matter again with the Diocesan Registry. **Action: GT/GO.**
6. Mission Council
A report will be added to our Review of the Year by GO. A Mission Action Plan is required. Only then will an advertisement for a Team Vicar be made. RP asked about the position on the moratorium on recruitment by the Diocese. GO will find out, but he will assume, meanwhile, that we can still go ahead. **Action: GO.**
7. There was nothing to report from the Deanery Synod.
8. Elections and Appointments
The current members of the PCC agreed to be re-elected. GT has the necessary forms for their nomination, which have been proposed, seconded and signed. A form for LS will be completed. She will be elected for a year and the other members will be asked to decide who will be elected for 1 year, 2 years, or 3 years on a three-year rolling cycle so that two members are elected every year from now on. RP proposed that Mr Brian Cooke be appointed as the Independent Examiner of Accounts. Seconded by HJ and carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting on 16 May 2021

1. The Minutes of the meeting on 19 October 2020 were accepted as correct and signed by GT.
2. GT was appointed as lay vice-chair.
3. CW will remain as our only representative on the Mission Community Council.
4. GT was appointed as PCC secretary.
5. CW agreed to continue as PCC treasurer with the help of RP.
6. Safeguarding
GO proposed that the PCC adopts the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy. Seconded by HJ and carried. This involves:
 - a) All PCC members to sign a Fit and Proper Person Form if not already done so — a safeguarding confidential form and application form (including two referees) in preparation for a DBS check. **Action: all.**
 - b) All PCC members to commit to completing C0 safeguarding training prior to the next PCC meeting. Failure to do so will result in suspension from the PCC until completed. **Action: all.**
7. Marriage Banns
The PCC voted unanimously to ask the Bishop for an order allowing banns to be read in any benefice church irrespective of where the wedding is to take place.
8. Evening Services
CW said that more people might be encouraged to attend the Sunday services if some were held in the evening. GO asked us to wait until all PCCs had had a chance to examine this proposal.
9. GO wound up the meeting with a big vote of thanks to CW for all her efforts in maintaining services, and to all PCC members for their support. He finished with prayers.