

Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at the Oldham Hall at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 25th April 2023

Present (PCC Members)

Rev'd Malcolm Chalmers	Rosemary Ladd	David Harris
Laurence Clark	Sally Clark	Chris Nickless
Jamie Gairdner	Stephen Tanno	Graeme Petrie-Brown
Brenda Harris (Churchwarden)		

Apologies

Philippa Howells, Sue O'Farrell, Wendy Harris and Helen Biggerstaff

There were 14 members of the congregation also present with apologies from Alan and Kathleen Mustoe, Anne Ellis, Elizabeth Webster, Jeanette Green and Carola Clark.

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted and accepted.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 26th April 2022

These were approved unanimously.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4. Electoral Roll

It was reported that this numbered 152 at present but updating is necessary.

5. Treasurer's Report

Martyn Green reported that the Accounts had been audited (Independently Examined) by Mr Ed House and he had signed them off.

The overall unrestricted accounts show a small surplus of £3k.. as a result of Little Hampden and Ballinger posting a net surplus of £5.5k.

Giving was increased after the Inter-regnum was over and Fund Raising was better than budgeted,

The PCC agreed to fix the Parish Share at £66,387

Energy was up by £5k.

Special Collections were £4,763.

The Oldham Hall had a £1.3k surplus after the investment in a new boiler and a doubling of energy costs.

Restricted Funds were reduced by £38k.

£29k was expended from the Watson Cottages Fund, as agreed by the PVCC, as Vicarage improvements were paid from here as was a major proportion of the Porch and Window works at Ballinger.

A net £4k was expended from the Fabric Fund and £5k from the repairs and improvements fund. There were major boiler repairs as advised to the PCC and congregation.

6. Approval and Adoption of Annual Report and Accounts

These were approved and adopted - proposed by Martin Green and seconded by Brenda Harris.

7. Election of Deanery Synod Representative

At the time of the meeting there was no one in this office and no nominations had been received. The Vicar encouraged people to pray for someone to come forward to fill this important and interesting position.

8. Election of PCC

The following existing members had indicated their willingness to continue to serve -

David Harris, Laurence Clark, Sally Clark, Guy Priestley, Chris Nickless, Jamie Gairdner, Philippa Howells, Christopher Figg, Stephen Tanno, Wendy Harris, Rosemary Ladd

Three new members had been nominated and seconded -

Margaret Cameron and Anne Ellis (Honorary Wardens at Ballinger) and Val Withams.

All these members were duly elected and welcomed

Tricia Neale continues as ex-officio member

Helen Biggerstaff and Sue O'Farrell had indicated their wish to stand down,

Margaret Gordon had moved away and very sadly John Jeapes had died at Easter.

9. Safeguarding

It was noted that PCC members would be required to complete safeguarding courses and to acquire enhanced DBS certificates.

Mike O'Farrell and Alan Mustoe were thanked and congratulated for their work in this important field.

10. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Mr Ed House had indicated his willingness to continue as Independent Examiner and his appointment was proposed by Martyn Green and seconded by Lucy Wilson.

11. Vicar's Report

The Vicar started by thanking everyone involved for keeping the Church 'ticking over' during the interregnum, to the PCC, for help in making the Vicarage into a pleasant home.

He reported on the state of play with regard to the Parish Office which was currently in the Baptist Church but would hopefully soon be relocated in a room in St Andrew's Bookshop in the High Street.

He reported on his involvement in the School and that he hoped this would increase to get the children more involved in the life of the Church and his hopes for the development of the Church in the life of the community in the future.

David Harris then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his enthusiastic involvement with the Parish since his appointment. This was endorsed by those present.

12. AOB

Vivienne Davis asked if a long proposed development in the Church whereby

pews in the back of the Church could be removed giving more room for community events. This would be considered at the next PCC meeting. Vivienne also offered to apply for a grant from Bucks Historic Churches for further work on the stonework of the Church.

Val Withams reported that work was in progress to appoint someone to manage bookings for the Church and for the Oldham Hall - these would be paid positions.

There was a need to formalise contracts for Wendy Harris (organist) and Janet Chalmers (choirmistress).

There being no further business, the Vicar thanked Graeme Petrie Brown for his help with the PA system and David Harris for projection.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8.15pm

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