

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 1 March 2023

Present: Fr Christopher Davies (Fr C), Brian Randall (BR), Jim Hartley (JH), Andrew Naylor (AN), Chris Grant (CG), Philip Aldred (PA), Kay Dorling (KD), Alex Perry (AP) and Barbara Randall (BaR) taking notes

1 **Welcome:** The meeting opened with prayer *Action*

2 **Apologies:** Catherine Mack

3 **Minutes of last meeting** held on 25 January 2023 were accepted as a correct record

4 **Matters arising**

Re item 10: The intention of agenda item 10 was to facilitate the possibility of postal voting at next year's APCM. The aim was to allow those who couldn't attend in person to have a vote.

Referring to: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/legal-services/church-representation-rules/introduction>

'But the annual meeting of any parish can make a scheme to amend, supplement or replace the model rules. This will make it possible for a parish to make governance arrangements that are best suited to the mission and life of the Church in that parish. A small number of essential provisions will be mandatory; and a scheme making Rules for a parish will have to be approved by the bishop's council who must be satisfied, among other things, that the scheme makes due provision for the representation of the laity, and that it ensures the effective governance of the parish.'

We agreed to rephrase item 6 on the APCM agenda to allow for future developments as follows:

To consider the option of other means of voting at future APCMs to enable those who couldn't attend the meeting to vote. This had been discussed by the present PCC and agreed in principle.

5 **Annual report and accounts**

The Annual Report and financial statement for the year ending 31 December 2022 was approved subject to a few minor changes. This would then be displayed in the Abbey and on the website and everyone on email on the Electoral Roll would be sent a message with a link to the relevant website page. BR would hand-deliver a few copies.

After many delays CG had finally been able to answer all the queries raised by Aston Shaw on the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2021. These would also be available in the Abbey.

Robert Ayers had agreed to examine next year's accounts.

6 **Safeguarding:** nothing to report

7 **AOB**

The practical matters for the APCM were discussed. Fr C would lead Morning Prayer at 10am on Saturday before the meeting.

8 **The meeting closed with a prayer**

BaR 02/03/2023

Signed as a correct record of the meeting Fr C J Davies

Date 13/03/2023