

PARISH OF SANDERSTEAD

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

HELD ON 19th APRIL 2015 IN ST ANTONY'S CHURCH

Present: Canon Martin Greenfield (in the chair), Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones, Fr Grant Cohen and some 60 members.

Apologies: Formal apologies had been received from: Nevile and Anne Henderson, Corrie and Dick Hibberd, Maria Linford, Don and Brenda Lloyd, Gill Pates, David and Jan Prothero

VESTRY MEETING

1. MINUTES OF THE 2014 MEETING (6/4/14)

The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

2. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Nominations for seven of the eight churchwarden posts had been received from the respective Church Annual General Meetings. There being no other candidates, the following were declared to have been elected;

All Saints': David Chillman, Maria Linford

St Antony's: Gill Hanson, Vacancy

St Edmund's: Richard Wragg, Gill Pates

St Mary's: Mike Whittaker, Deborah Rastall

3. THANKS TO CHURCHWARDENS

On behalf of all, Martin expressed many thanks to the wardens for all their hard work. Three of the 2014/15 wardens were standing down: Paul Carter, Anne Halliday and Derek Funnell, and particular thanks were extended to them for their service.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. MINUTES OF THE 2014 MEETING (6/4/14)

The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

2. ELECTORAL ROLLS OF THE PARISH

With many thanks to the Electoral Roll Officers for providing the information so efficiently, the secretary reported that the electoral rolls of the parish stood as follows:

All Saints' : 224 (223 at the 2014 APCM)		
St Antony's: 27 (28	")
St Edmund's: 34 (37	")
St Mary's : 102 (96	")
Total: 387	(384)

3. RESULTS OF ELECTIONS AT CHURCH AGMS

3.1 The meeting noted the results of the elections at church AGMs, as set out in the agenda pack, subject to amendment of the incorrect information provided in respect of elected members of All Saints' DCC [*revised version of the relevant paper attached*].

3.2 The meeting further noted that Penny Bird was standing down as Readers' representative and extended many thanks to her for very valuable contributions over many years.

4. PARISH REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2014

4.1 Chris Babbs introduced the Report and asked if there were any comments or corrections. There were none.

4.2 Clive Christensen then took the meeting through the main points of the accounts (which had been signed off by the auditor since preparation of the agenda pack):

- Funds had been drawn down from a number of restricted funds, as the projects for which they were intended had been completed.
- Income into unrestricted funds was dominated by the very generous legacy of some £500,000 from Anne Herbert to All Saints' (the funds had not yet been received but accounting rules required that the legacy was recognised in the 2014 accounts).

- Hall hire income at some £135,000 was a major element on the income side.
- Key elements of the expenditure on charitable activities (some £401,000 in total) were: Parish Share, building maintenance and general running costs.

4.3 Adoption of the Report and Accounts was proposed by Mike Whittaker, seconded by Mary Courtney, and agreed unanimously.

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE 2015 ACCOUNTS

5.1 Clive Christensen reported that the fee charged by Bloomer Heaven, the incumbent auditor, had more or less doubled for 2014, to some £3,000 + VAT. However, research had shown that this was in line with market rates for the audit of charities, such as ours, where the level of income required formal audit.

5.2 Clive therefore proposed re-appointment of Bloomer Heaven as auditor for the 2015 accounts. This was seconded by Tim Crump, and agreed unanimously.

5.3 The meeting further agreed unanimously to re-appoint Mr Peter Saltiel of Church and Charity accounts Services as Independent Examiner.

6. CROYDON SOUTH DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The meeting noted the report which had been circulated with the agenda pack.

7. QUESTIONS TO PARISH OFFICERS/AOB

No formal questions had been tabled. There was no Any Other Business

8. CONCLUSION

Martin had been greatly encouraged by the buoyant atmosphere during the Team Eucharist which had preceded the meeting. There was general agreement that the Presence of the Lord had been felt during worship. Martin then thanked the Parish Officers for all their work during the year and the meeting closed with The Grace.

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