**ALL SAINTS BIGHTON PARISH MEETINGS**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING 23rd April 2023**

The following meetings were held at All Saints Church Bighton at 12 noon

# Meeting of Parishioners pursuant to the Churchwardens

**(Appointment and Resignation) Measure 1964**

 Ian Waring Green chaired this part of the meeting.

Mr. Robert Ellis and Mr Christopher James were duly elected as Churchwardens. They had both been nominated at the PCC meeting on 7th March 2023. Proposed by Sarah White and seconded by Simon McCowen.

Ian and the PCC thanked Simon for his time as Church warden .

Bob Ellis continued as chair.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Apologies – Alison Mayne and Joanna Gray

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2022 had been approved and signed on 16th June 2022

**Parochial representatives** of the laity A Nomination form, Trustee Eligibility Declaration form, HMRC fit and proper persons declaration and privacy notice form had been received from

 Robert Ellis, Sally Ellis, Sarah White, Simon McCowen, Elizabeth Prescott-Decie, Sue Gray, Chris James, Alison Mayne and Joanna Gray

They were all elected to the PCC.

**Appointment of sides persons** – Alex James, Chris James, Sarah White, Elizabeth Prescott –Decie and Joanna Gray were all elected as side persons.

**Electoral Roll numbers** –The Electoral Role secretary reported that 31 persons on the electoral roll, of which 6 are resident outside the Parish.The next review will be in 2025.

**Treasurer’s report.**

 The report was produced by the Treasurer and is attached and contains the following:-

The annual report on the financial affairs of the Parish.

The examined accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

 The examined statement of the funds and property of the Council.

Mr. Nicholas Ashford agreed to continue as examiner for the next financial year. He was thanked by Bob for examining the 2022 accounts.

Sue thanked Nick for examining the accounts. She commented on the fact that we were able to hold the fete last year and how important the fete money was to the church .Fees to the deanery and diocese are due amounting to approx £1000. The church is in a good position financially despite the fabric expenses and the drop in the share price.

Nick commented on the excellent files from the Treasurer which made the examination easy to carry out.

**Church warden’s and the Rector’s reports** had been distributed to the parishioners, copies of which are attached to the minutes.

**Representative to the Deanery Synod**

Alison Mayne will continue as Deanery Synod representative. Heather commented on the fact that the Lango scheme has now finished and the Benefice is being encouraged to support a parish in Rwanda. Simon asked if lessons have been learnt from the Lango support. Has there been any review of the support given? He will write to Bishop David for the information.

The Terrier will be signed. Nothing was added during the year .

# Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

Present Sally Ellis, Robert Ellis, Simon McCowen, Elizabeth Prescott- Decie, Sarah White, Chris James, Ian Waring Green, Sue Gray and Heather Brearey

Apologies Alison Mayne and Joanna Gray.

 **Appointment of Officers**

Chairman –Revd Heather Brearey

Bob suggested that last years elected PCC members continue in their roles

Robert Ellis. -Vice Chairman.

Deputy Vice Chairman - Chris James

Sue Gray - Treasurer.

 Sarah White - Secretary.

Sally Ellis - Electoral Role Secretary.

Chris James - Fire, Health and Safety officer, Web master and GDPR officer.

The officers were happy to continue in their roles.

Conflict of Interests – none declared

Safeguarding. The Benefice dashboard is up to date . The safeguarding policy is regularly reviewed and adhered to.

Sarah mentioned the difficulty she and Joanna Gray were having in contacting the Safeguarding Officer re Joanna’s DBS checks. Heather said Sarah Wilding now has her own laptop ,so contacting her should be easier.

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Heather said it is a pleasure to be working with the Benefice and All Saints.As the Benefice parishioners “ come out of COVID’ more events are able to take place. She thanked Bob and sally, Ian and John and the PCC for everything they do for the church.

Ian ended the meeting with a closing prayer.

Next meeting tbc a doodle will be sent with possible dates.