**THE PARISH OF THE RESURRECTION ALTON**

**Wednesday 22nd May 2024**

**Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS**

**In attendance:**

**PCC Members:**

Revd Andrew Micklefield; Helen Walters; Matthew Bayliss; Revd David Chattell; Robin Kemp; Lisa Hillan; Sarah Neish; Angie Briggs; Craig Stolton (Treasurer); Derek Gurney; Clive Muller

**Parishioners:**

Sally Kemp, Elizabeth Dain, Alison Parr, Mike Novell, Robin and Jane Lees, Pippa Mills, Gillian Muller, Jill Hurley, Carol Outlaw, Paul Susans, Sue Stephens, Graham Howe

**PCC Secretary and Minute Taker:** Philippa Penfold

**Apologies:**

John and Sue Hubbard, Mark Penfold, Lynda and Martin Baines, Trevor Irwin, Liz Griffiths, Revd Lyn Power, Elspeth Mackeggie-Gurney, Tim Codling, John Vivian

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| **1.** | **Bible Reading & Prayers**Revd Andrew Micklefield opened the meeting with a bible reading and prayers |
| **2.** | **Election of Churchwardens**Nominations had been received as follows:Angie Briggs (All Saints)Helen Walters (Holy Rood, Holybourne)Marcus Weighton (St Lawrence)Sarah Neish (St Peter’s, Beech)Clive Muller (St Lawrence)Matthew Bayliss (Holy Rood, Holybourne)Vacancy at All Saints noted.Thanks were expressed to John Vivian who is standing down this year.There being no objections to the nominations, all those standing for election **were duly elected unanimously**. |

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

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|  | **Minutes of the last meeting held on 25th May 2023 were approved.** |
| **3.** | **Vicar’s Report**The report is attached, and Andrew highlighted the following from his report:Reorganisation – Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden Parish have been welcomed into the Benefice of the Resurrection Alton, joining with the Parish of the Resurrection Alton. During 2023 this took up a lot of Andrew’s time but has been achieved with much grace on all sides.Changes to the Ministry Team – there have been some comings and goings during 2023, but the stability of the team is a real blessing.PCC – the PCC have had to tackle some difficult but important subjects during 2023, and Andrew expressed his thanks for their expertise and support during the year. Living in Love and Faith has been discussed and all PCC members took part in the practical sessions.Administrative Team – thanks to the admin team, Philippa and Ellie, for all the work they do. During the year they, and the Ministry Team, had to deal with Andrew’s absence for a number of weeks, for which Andrew was very grateful.Mission Statistics and ‘Looking to the Future’ report Update – looking at the mission statistics over the last 10 years (since Andrew has been the Vicar) and its good to see that we are growing. This is not always true of other churches and benefices in the deanery and locally. However, Baptisms and Weddings have dropped off since Covid, so this is an area we will need to look at. Andrew updated the meeting on the ‘Looking to the Future’ report (see attached with his comments).*Growing Community* – difficult to start new things as so many people in the church already involved with the community in many different ways. Manor and Wooteys Estates need further work as this stalled due to Covid.*Growing Younger* – youth groups have been brought back after Covid but this is still ongoing work. Martha Lloyd did fantastic work whilst she was in post, and a new appointment of her replacement is due to be made soon.*Growing Structures* – new service patterns have worked well so not thinking to change this at the moment. More encouragement to involve Lay people to be involved in leading services.Thanks were expressed from the congregation to Andrew for all his work and leadership. |
| **4.** | **Report on new Electoral Roll**Currently the Electoral Roll stands at 326 *(319)* members with 22 *(20)* of them being non-resident in the Parish *(2023 figures in brackets).* |
| **5.** | **Elections to PCC**PCC members - these were elected in 2023 so there is no change this year.5 places were allocated from the Deanery Synod although it was possible to only fill 3 places as follows:- Derek Gurney - Keith Arrowsmith-Oliver - Tori Hewitt Elected members, 1 for each church were:Robin Kemp (St. Lawrence) Lisa Hillan (Holy Rood) Cheryl Fisher (St. Peters) Vacancy (All Saints)+ 6 Church wardens – given in Item 2 page 1 (one vacancy at All Saints)+ Craig Stolten, Treasurer Two co-opted members during 2023 – Mark Penfold who is an architect and a Christian and provides good advice on our buildings and suitable contractors.Philippa Penfold (Parish Administrator) – helps with continuity of communication between the office and the PCC.Derek Gurney put forward Elspeth as a possible deanery synod rep but mentioned that she doesn’t wish to sit on the PCC. Andrew will look into this. |
| **6.** | **Financial Statements of Parish for period up to 31st Dec 2022**Craig Stolton presented the Financial report (see attached).General Budget – day to day running costs. Forecasted £19K deficit but had £10k surplus due to more giving and fee income.2024 – predicted £8k deficit and currently on course for this.Overall funding has decreased by £33k due to the fabric work that has taken place, and cash reserves have reduced by £41k. Still in a healthy position but Mark Penfold will hopefully help with the budgets for future building work.Energy costs have increased during the year but Craig has worked with energy broker to help keep this costs to a minimum.*Generosity and Stewardship* – in September a new campaign will be launched across the church worldwide, and POTR will fit in with this during this period. Local church groups in POTR have been asked to put forward the projects they want to tackle over the next year, and the PCC will be asking for help to increase the POTR fabric ‘pots’ so this can be used in a flexible way.A film was played about the Common Mission Fund by the Diocese. |
| **7.** | **Reports on Fabric**These were distributed with the Vicar’s report (see attached). |
| **8.** | **Report of the Deanery Synod**The report has been circulated with the papers (see attached). Alton and Alresford Deanery are now held in ‘plurality’, as Revd David Chattell, former Rural Dean of Alresford, is now part of the POTR team. Exciting to take this work forward and explore new possibilities.Two more places are available on the Deanery Synod from POTR, as mentioned previously. |
| **9.** | **Safeguarding**Sally Kemp (Safeguarding Officer) thanked all those who had filled in DBS forms during the year, and please keep sending her the certificates. Thanks to God as there had only been two safeguarding ‘alerts’ which have arisen this year, neither of which have gone forward to a safeguarding issue. |
| **10.** | **Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner**Approval was given to the appointment of Mr. L. Powell from Powdin and Co. who had been the Independent Financial Examiner for the past few years.Craig will be looking at the Treasurer’s report for next years APCM to make it more readable. |
| **11.** | **Charitable/Mission Giving for POTR**Do nothing, identify charities or chose 4-6 charities. PCC have spent a year working on the responses.* Do nothing not an option.
* Can identify some charities that we can support – some guidance on the type of charities that could be nominated has been provided.
* Some charities have been chosen, and this will be kept under review on a regular basis.
* 5% on income (regular, small plate and sum up etc) will be given to the chosen charities.

The charities that POTR will be supporting in 2024 are as follows:**Local Charity** – **Alton and District Community and Relief Fund**. Give out grants to people who are moving into housing association properties. Referral basis. Lisan Hillan and Paul will be the advocates.**National Charity - Citizens of the World Choir** – choir for refugees and displaced people. Supported by Parliament (House of Lords) and work nationally. A video was played of the choir singing. Martin and Sue ? are the advocates.**International Charity - Mission Aviation Fellowship** – a charity that flies different items into many places in the world. Graham ? will be the advocate.Also continue support of Anna Chaplaincy, Children’s Ministry and Karamoja. |
|  | **The Future**No great plans for any big changes in the future. But need to look at how to do ‘invitation’ to encourage more people into the church. Green/Amber and Red events coming… |

Meeting concluded at 20.52 with prayers.

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