

Benefice of Blagdon, Compton Martin and Ubley

Minutes of the Parish Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting of The Parish of St Bartholomew's, Ubley, for the Year 2019

DATE Monday 19 October 2020

VENUE Zoom Meeting

TIME 7.30-9.00

Names of those in attendance

Rev. Simon Lewis (priest) Laura Williams (administrator) Charles Fenn, Helen Fenn, Claire Pearson, Jonathan Longhurst, Judith Longhurst, Gerald Coles, Diana Coles, Nigel Crocker, Beryl Crocker, Muriel Cole, Heather Tinsley, Mary Serle, Patti Simcock, Denise Hastie
Apologies - Jean Holbrook

Minutes

Part 1 7.30-7.40pm: Parish Meeting (PM)

1. Opening Worship
2. Apologies - Jean Holbrook
3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting held on Sunday 24th February 2019
Proposed: Simon Lewis, Seconded: Charles Fenn. Approved by all present and signed by Simon Lewis 4.

Matters Arising - none

5. Election of Churchwardens

1) Judith Longhurst 2) Diana Coles

With no other nominations Judith and Diana were duly elected unanimously

Thanks were recorded to Charles and Helen Fenn for all their hard work and they in turn thanked the PCC for being a supportive team during the wardenship.

6. Meeting is Closed

Part 2 7.40-8.40pm: Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting held on Sunday 24th February 2019
It was noted that the number on the electoral role needed to be corrected to 35
Proposed: Simon Lewis. Seconded: Denise Hastie. Approved by all and signed by Simon Lewis
2. Matters Arising - none
3. Annual Report of 2019 - This had been circulated in advance of the APCM
Comments: Jonathan Longhurst requested that the County be changed to B&NES not Somerset and asked that we should record thanks to the church key-holders and to Charmian for her contribution to music and worship during 2019
The Annual report was accepted by all
4. Elections
 - a. PCC Members were duly elected
 - 1) Muriel Cole 2) Gerald Coles 3) Charles Fenn
 - b. Deanery Synod representatives were duly elected
 - 1) Nigel Crocker 2) Helen Fenn

5. Appointments

a. Financial Independent Examiner: Simon Lewis asked that the PCC continue to use Chris Ball and all were in agreement.

b. Stewards (*Churchwardens present list of names*)

It was agreed that in these difficult times (the country was between two national lockdowns due to Covid-19) it was inappropriate to be using stewards for worship at St Bartholomew's. The current stewards were to be asked to continue to serve and to support worship at St Andrew's, Blagdon. c.

Electoral Roll Officer: Charles Fenn volunteered to stand again and all were in agreement.

6. **Our Future:** Presentation by Nigel Crocker

Nigel gave a presentation on the transformation of the Benefice which we hope will move to becoming one church family and one parish. He recommended a holistic approach, of developing our strengths, being prepared to change and grow and reaching out to our communities. Nigel confirmed that he would be presenting to the other parishes in the Benefice at their APCMs later in the week and that the Diocese is in discussion with our Benefice over these proposals.

The PCC recorded their concern that the plans be communicated to the wider community with sensitivity and sympathy as they felt the need to engage them and give them ownership of the transformation. It was felt important that the change to One Church did not compromise the identity of each village. The PCC recorded their thanks to all those who had contributed to the PCC over the past year, particularly those stepping down from the PCC - Denise Hastie, Claire Pearson and Heather Tinsley and to the former churchwardens, Charles and Helen Fenn for all their work, especially during the past six months of change and transition.

6. Closing Prayer

7. Meeting Closed

Part 3 8.45-9.30pm: First meeting of the 2020/21 PCC

Present: Revd. Simon Lewis (priest) Laura Williams (administrator) Charles Fenn, Helen Fenn, Judith Longhurst, Gerald Coles, Diana Coles, Nigel Crocker, Muriel Cole

1. Approval of Minutes of the first PCC meeting held after the APCM February 2019 -
Unanimously approved
2. Matters arising - none
3. Confirmation of Facilitator of PCC Meetings
 - a. Facilitator - *Priest*
 - b. Vice-Facilitator - *Churchwarden*
4. Appointment of
 - a. Secretary: No appointment made. Laura Williams will take the minutes for the One Church PCC meeting and Heather Tinsley will remain the named contact for the Diocese
 - b. Treasurer: No appointment made but Simon Lewis had approached someone who he hoped would be a bookkeeper for all three parishes.
 - c. Parish Administrator (*co-opted*) Laura Williams
 - d. Standing Committee (SC) member : Diana Coles and Judith Longhurst
 - e. It was noted that a new Safeguarding Officer would be needed for the Benefice as Tricia Murphy's family were moving. She has agreed to help Diana and Judith with the Safeguarding process until her successor is appointed.
5. Dates for 2020/21 SC & PCC Meetings up to April 30th 2021 were provided to PCC members

Simon noted that we would be moving to united PCC meetings. Four times per year would be dedicated to finance, fundraising and fabric (with breakout groups for individual parishes) and eight times per year would be One Church meetings. The first meeting would be on Monday 23rd November via Zoom