

PARISH OF SANDERSTEAD

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

HELD ON 30th APRIL 2017 IN ALL SAINTS' HALL

Present: Canon Martin Greenfield (in the chair), Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones, Fr Grant Cohen, Rev Jeremy Groombridge and some 25 members.

Apologies: Formal apologies had been received from: Michael & Myrtle Bourns, Linda Etheridge, Neville Henderson, Rosemary Kempell, Sue Lawrence, Fanny Smith and Kevin Wright

Martin opened the meeting with prayer.

VESTRY MEETING

1. MINUTES OF THE 2016 MEETING (17/4/16)

Adoption of the minutes as a true record was proposed by Clive Christensen, seconded by Sue Thomas, and agreed unanimously. There were no matters arising.

2. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Nominations for 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': Maria Linford, Lynne Davison

St Antony's: Linda Etheridge, Barbara Webster-Dudley

St Edmund's: Gill Pates, Chris Babbs

St Mary's: Deborah Rastall, Sylvia Keats

3. THANKS TO CHURCHWARDENS

On behalf of all, Martin expressed many thanks to the wardens for all their hard work. Particular thanks were due to Gill Hanson who was standing down after serving several terms as churchwarden of St Antony's.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. MINUTES OF THE 2016 MEETING (17/4/16)

Adoption of the minutes as a true record was proposed by Win Collis, seconded by Mary Courtney, and agreed unanimously. There were no Matters Arising which would not be covered under the main agenda.

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' :	227	(221 at the 2016 APCM)		
St Antony's:	20	(27	")
St Edmund's:	31	(34	")
St Mary's :	124	(114	")
Total:	402	(396	")

3. RESULTS OF ELECTIONS AT CHURCH AGMS

The meeting noted the results of the elections at church AGMs, as set out in the agenda pack. The secretary reminded the meeting that DCCs could fill the remaining vacancies at any time.

4. PARISH REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2016

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

4.2 In the absence of a PCC treasurer, Chris then also covered the accounts. On behalf of all, he offered many thanks to Clive Christensen who, despite formally standing down as treasurer, had in practice kept things going throughout the year. It would be immensely helpful if a volunteer came forward to take up the role. Chris then took the meeting through the main points of the accounts, covering the following key points:

- The parish as a whole showed a current account deficit for the second year in succession in 2016.
- This obviously had reduced our total funds.

- However, he did not see this as a cause for concern because it was due to major projects for which funds had been accumulated.
 - Formal sign-off of the accounts had now been received.
- 4.3 There were no questions concerning the accounts.
- 4.4 Adoption of the Report and Accounts was proposed by Michael Turner, seconded by Gill Pates, and agreed unanimously.

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE 2017 ACCOUNTS

- 5.1 Chris Babbs reported that the 2016 APCM had appointed Church and Charity Accounts Services (Mr Peter Saltiel) as Independent Examiner (IE) for the 2016 accounts, following a change in the Charity Commission rules which meant that charities of our size no longer required a full formal audit. This was on the assumption that Mr Saltiel would obtain full IE clearance. In the event, Mr Saltiel experienced technical difficulties with obtaining clearance under the money laundering regulations, as he was based in France. Consequently the September PCC had authorised the appointment of MHA McIntyre Hudson (who had taken over our former auditors, Bloomer Heaven) to provide formal sign-off if required. However, McIntyre Hudson had then informed us that their new method of working after the take-over meant that they could not rely on Mr Saltiel's work on the detailed examination of the accounts, as had been the previous practice. This would have greatly increased costs as all Mr Saltiel's work would have had to be re-done. Accordingly the November PCC authorised appointment of an accountant to be found by Mr Saltiel to provide final sign-off. The appointee was Ms Tutu Taiwo ACCA of Curtlee UK Ltd. Mr Saltiel was now re-applying for full IE authorisation and it was expected that this would be successful.
- 5.2 The appointment of Church and Charity Accounts Services (Mr Peter Saltiel) as Independent Examiner for the 2017 accounts, with contingent authority for PCC to appoint an accountant for formal sign-off should that be necessary, was proposed by Mary Courtney, seconded by Clive Christensen, and agreed unanimously.

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. PASTORAL STRUCTURES – STATEMENT BY ACTING TEAM RECTOR

Martin reported that Fr Grant Cohen had been licensed as Priest-in - Charge of St James's, Riddlesdown, in November 2016, in addition to his role as Team Vicar of St Mary's, Sanderstead. St Mary's had then decided to leave the Sanderstead Team, following the decision of St James's not to join it. It was not feasible to have a united benefice with one church in a Team and one not. Sanderstead PCC had received this decision on 15/2/17, with all good wishes to the congregation of St Mary's. The aspiration was to complete the legal processes for the departure of St Mary's by the end of 2017. The DCCs of the remaining three churches had met with the Archdeacon of Croydon on 22/3/17 to consider the issues this raised for the continuing Team. The Archdeacon had strongly recommended that decisions about pastoral structures should come at the end of a process of consideration of the needs for Mission and Ministry in the area, not at the beginning of the process. This process had begun with a meeting between Jeremy, Susan and the available churchwardens on 18/4/17. Martin recalled that the origin of the word "crisis" was not negative but simply meant a critical time. In our case this was the opportunity to conduct an "audit" of what the local community was like and how we could best carry out Mission and Ministry within it. Jeremy reported that some exciting ideas had come out of the meeting for models of surveys etc, and support we could bring in, to improve our engagement with the local community.

9. CONCLUSION

The meeting ended with Prayer and a Blessing from Fr Grant Cohen.

Chris Babbs
PCC Secretary
1/5/17