

## **Minutes of Annual Meetings 2021 – The Vine Sheffield**

9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 11am – St Bart’s Church Building (with several members joining remotely via Zoom)

**Present** (in St Barts): Paul Sheridan, Becca Sheridan, Alan Harrison, Stella Harrison, Will Briggs, Gill Briggs, Miriam Briggs, Davo Smith, Sarah Smith, Tina Powell-Wiffen, Ben Widdows, Rachel Widdows, Claire Law, Martin Horton, Anne Kingstone

**Present** (via Zoom): Steve Hill, Andy Bryce, Jon Smith, Gill Wier, Dave Neath, Bob Maunder, Dave Neath, Vicki Neath, Phil Townsend, Rose Hawkins, Tim Hawkins, Deb Battersby

**Apologies:** Andy Wier, Gill Wier

### **Annual Meeting of Electors**

#### **1. Opening Prayer**

Will opened in prayer with thanks to be able to meet together and a reminder that God is our solid rock and our vision.

#### **2. Minutes of last year’s vestry meeting**

Minutes of the previous year’s vestry meeting accepted as accurate record.

#### **3. Wardens report**

Notes have already been circulated. Some maintenance work has been undertaken (including a leak at St Barts and some work in the gardens).

The Rock Christian fellowship continues to meet in St Stephens for their Sunday livestream.

#### **4. Election of the Church Wardens**

2 nominations received: Paul Sheridan, Andy Bryce. Declared as church wardens, as no other nominations (to great acclamation).

### **APCM**

#### **1. Minutes and Matters Arising from the A.P.C.M. held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

No questions raised. Minutes agreed as accurate record.

#### **2. Motion to approve the appointment of licensed lay ministers to the Parochial Church Council.**

Will briefly explained that lay readers are licensed by the Bishop and can be adopted onto PCC (as opposed to clergy who are automatically part of PCC and those elected to PCC at the APCM).

Proposed that Tina Powell-Wiffen and Andy Wier are adopted onto PCC and that all other current and future lay readers may be adopted onto PCC at the discretion of PCC. Motion passed.

#### **3. Elections to the Parochial Church Council**

9 vacancies. Nominations received in advance from: Davo Smith, Vicki Neath, Andy Wier, Alan Harrison, Tina Powell-Wiffen, Jon Smith, Martin Horton, Claire Law

Standing down: Ben Widdows and Dave Neath – specifically thanked by Will, echoed by all present.

As no other nominations received, these are appointed directly.

Elections to Deanery Synod – these positions are for 3 years and are automatically be on PCC. Steve Hill will continue in this post (for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 years).

There is 1 vacancy for PCC and 2 vacancies for Deanery Synod, which PCC may co-opt to fill at their discretion.

Tina invited to pray for our new PCC.

#### **4. Annual Report on the Electoral Roll**

Report on electoral roll given by Dave Neath. Last year: 56 total, 33 non-resident, 23 resident. Current year unchanged. Report accepted.

#### **5. Annual Report on the finances of The Vine Sheffield PCC, other funds and appointment of independent examiner**

Sarah Lightfoot from VAS was our independent examiner.

Jon delivered a brief overview of our accounts (to compliment the full report that has already been circulated). General funds income £105k, expenditure £111k (of which £5k was designated for supporting those in the parish struggling due to pandemic). We were nervous about donations last year, but these have continued well – noted thanks for Andy Bryce as Giving Coordinator. Buildings hire has gone down, but not as much as feared. Investment income has remained strong.

Expenditure: £8.6k as charitable giving; £46k to Diocese Common Fund; £15k staff expenses (some of this was covered by furlough income); much less on Mission and Evangelism (£5k); Building costs still almost as high at £35k (due to ongoing contracts for heating, lighting, etc.)

Designated funds: approx £5k in and £5k out. (mostly the COVID support fund).

Restricted funds: approx £27k in and £28k out (a large part of this was money to support our Common Fund costs, which simply goes in and out again).

Overall, a small loss this year, but no overall concerns. Over the next few years PCC need to make decisions about the 2 buildings, which should see our finances balance from that point.

Budget: inclined to be less cautious than last year, as we are coming out of COVID crisis and we have done better than feared last year.

Jon thanked Jackie for her administrative work and Andy Bryce for his role as giving coordinator.

Report proposed by Jon, seconded by Steve. Carried.

Jon proposed we continue with Sarah Lightfoot from VAS as independent examiner for next year. Martin seconded. Carried.

Massive thank you to Jon for his work (agreed unanimously).

We may need to consider using the same independent examiner as St Tims, as we align in the joint benefice.

## **6. Annual reports from Church Groups and on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod**

Will highlighted the S6 and S3 working groups that are being formed and are part of important conversations.

We have quite a lot of money in the bank, so this is the time that this should be spending some of this to stimulate the Gospel ministry – some on buildings, some on employing people to undertake missional activities. This is the “rainy day” it has been saved for.

We may not be formally merged as a Joint Benefice before Will’s contract expires in September – some interim measures may be required. We are likely to be creating a Joint Council or Joint Benefice Council (which is likely to replace Standing Committee, to avoid administrative overburden).

Thanks to all who have worked with children and families over the lockdown period.

Vicki Neath reported setting up, with Alex Townsend, “Quest” (meeting at St Tims) for Y5-Y8. Has had a good start with 11 young people.

Report accepted.

## **7. Safeguarding**

Siobhan from St Tims is now in charge of this and she has chased down any gaps in training and DBS checks. Gill Wier continues to be our safeguarding officer.

Our safeguarding policy is adequate, but is now a little out of date, so we will be reviewing over the coming year.

Report accepted.

## **8. AOB**

Thanks to Will – specifically thanked for all the technical effort and time to get the livestream up and running, as well as his role as vicar over this time.

## **9. Closing Prayer**

Claire invited to close in prayer.