

## **Parish of St Mary's Stapleford Tawney with St Michael's Theydon Mount**

### Minutes of the Annual Parish (Vestry) Meeting held on 7th April 2019

#### 1. Present

Rev J Fry

Cindy Pridmore; Anne Padfield; Jack Stewart

There were sixteen others present from the congregation. (See "those present" at the APCM)

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from

Maggie Dennis, Jo Shephard, Heather Brady, Rev Carol Newnham, Anne and Mike Blagden

#### 3. Minutes of the 2018 meeting

It was proposed by Martyn Lockwood and seconded by Edna Flint and carried unanimously that these be approved.

#### 4. Election of Churchwardens

The Chairman warmly thanked Maggie Dennis and Jo Shepard for their service.

It was proposed and carried unanimously, that they be re-elected.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

### Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting held on the 7th April 2019

#### 1. Present

Rev J Fry

Cindy Pridmore Anne Padfield Jack Stewart

Lorna Cearns Peter Doe Howard Ellis Colin Flint

Anne Lockwood Graeme Logan Bernie Pridmore Anne Stewart Janet Doe

Valerie Ellis Edna Flint Canon Martyn Lockwood Anne Padfield Gill

Southall Joan White Jo Shephard

#### Apologies for Absence

Maggie Dennis Heather Brady Carol Logan Mike Blagden

Rev Carol Newnham Anne Blagden

#### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed, by Janet Doe, seconded by Anne Padfield and agreed by

all those present that these be accepted.

### 3. Electoral Roll

Anne Padfield reported that the Electoral Roll had been revised and updated in accordance with standing orders from the Diocese. It was accepted, with thanks by the meeting.

### 4. PCC report

This was accepted by the meeting.

### 5. Vicar's Report

John thanked the many members that contributed in a significant way to the on-going life of the church. In particular, he mentioned the work that was done by the Churchwardens, Treasurer and Joan White, the Sacristan.

He congratulated Martyn Lockwood on his recent appointment as Canon and thanked him also for the contribution he made to our services.

He recalled, with gratitude, the successful efforts that were made by the congregation to welcome Carol at her installation.

It was clear that we were facing much pressure, from rising costs and dwindling income, but he was confident that this would be survived in the long run.

He introduced the paperwork designed by the HMRC, which included an undertaking as to the probity of people who were involved with the operation of charities (eg the PCC). These papers had to be signed and retained by the PCC Secretary.

### 6. Churchwarden's reports

#### St Mary

Maggie's report was accepted.

Fund-raising was an on-going undertaking and additional means whereby this could be achieved, were to be discussed at the PCC.

#### St Michael

Jo's report was accepted.

The major activity in 2018, which still continued, was the refurbishment of the church and the hatchments. Fundraising for this activity was likely to continue during 2019 and, perhaps beyond. Work on the hatchments would proceed in step with the availability of dedicated funds. A separate bank account for this project was being considered. Appeals for funds from charities and the local community were on-going.

### 7. Treasurer's Report

The accounts were accepted. Income was a little down and costs were rising - a familiar tale - but we were meeting our commitments in large measure, in particular, we have covered the cost of the ministers that work

in our churches.

The report, in detail, was accepted by the meeting having been proposed by John and seconded by Gill.

The Treasurer took time to record her appreciation of the help she had received from the "Independent Examiner" Mike Coggins.

#### 8. Deanery Synod Report

Canon Martyn Lockwood reported that there had been three meetings in the year of the Deanery Synod, which increasingly took the form of instructive talks on relevant topics. Social issues were significantly included in the programme.

#### 9 .Election of Lay Members of the PCC

In addition to the two people that obtained membership by virtue of their position on the Synod (Martyn Lockwood and Joan White) the churchwardens (Maggie Dennis and Jo Shephard), existing, members Graeme Logan, Jill Southall, Cindy Pridmore Jack Stewart and Colin Flint) were all elected, without a ballot.

#### 10. Any other business

Anne Stewart asked that the meeting be aware that there were four ladies actively involved in the pastoral care of members of the congregation. This was accepted. John added that he wished to be closely in contact with people that had serious concerns.

J Stewart