

PARISH OF OLD FELIXSTOWE

St Peter & St Paul with St Andrews & St Nicholas

Old Felixstowe Parish Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th October 2020 in the St Andrews Church at 7:15pm

1. Chairman's welcome - this was done at start of the Annual Vestry meeting, (See minutes)
2. Apologies for Absence were received from Alan & Joan Reeve, Becky & Ed Copestake and Anne & Trevor Ravenscroft.
3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting Monday 1st April 2018.- Jean Macpherson proposed the minutes were a true and accurate record and this was seconded by Judy Jones and passed unanimously.

4.The annual report of the PCC 2019.

During the period of 2019/2020 two new ventures had been started "Come and" and "The pop-up shop" as well as continuing with Ladybirds, Monday Fellowship, Women's hour and Women's fellowship. Rev Chris thanked Becky Copestake (Come and) and Rochee Green & Judy Jones (Pop up shop) for all their hard work in setting up, organising and running these new projects, "Come and" had meant Rev. Chris was now recognised by children and teachers when attending school lessons and events , and the Pop up shop was providing a much needed service to our community, Rev Chris also thanked the organisers of all the other groups, as well as Jo, Nigel & Janette for the work they had done in the Churchyard at St P&P ,Derek ,Vivien & Ashley the garden of remembrance and Colin at St Nicholas as well as all others who had helped look after the Churches and grounds.

All details of these Church activities can be found in the Annual Reports 2019.

5. Report on the new Electoral Roll - Neil Shipley: - 4 member of the church family had sadly passed away but 3 people had applied to go onto the roll making the total 143 - 1 down on last year.

6. Fabric reports for last year

- a) St Andrew's Church (see 2019 Report Booklet) -Mike Dean
- b) St Peter & Paul Church (see 2019 Report Booklet) - Judy Jones
- c) St Nicholas (see 2019 Report Booklet)- Jean Macpherson
- d) St Andrew's Hall (see 2019 Report Booklet) - Mike Dean

The authors of all the above were present but had nothing to add to the information contained in the booklets.

Rev, Chris heartily thanked the Church Wardens and the fabric officer Mike Dean for preparing the booklets and for giving their time in tireless service to the Parish.

7. Financial Report: - Rev Chris firstly asked for a moment quiet so all present to remember Shelagh Dangerfield and all the family after the sad passing of John who had worked during the most difficult of circumstances to prepare the accounts so meticulously as he had always done during his many years of service to the Parish.

- a) The accounts for 2019 had been accepted and approved by the PCC.
- b) The Budget for 2019 had been accepted and approved by the PCC.
- c) The appointment of an examiner had been deferred.

Alan Peats along with Judy Jones had worked to transfer the accounts from a manual ledger to a computer-based system which would mean they would only need to be examined not audited. Rev. Chris thanked Alan & Judy for stepping in at very short notice, completing the task without any kind of handover.

Vivian Peters asked if we had a replacement treasurer? This was not the case at this time and advertising was not easy during the Pandemic when many of our congregations were not attending the in-building Church services. With the on-line accounting system, the person would not need to be qualified.

At this time the Diocese and the Parish were feeling the effect of reduced income due to a reduction in giving through the plate, receipts from funerals and in particular cancelled weddings. We did however have enough at this time to pay our way thanks to those who had set up regular standing orders, which John had overseen.

8. Election of PCC & Deanery Synod members.

Peggy Seeley & Alan Peats had been co-opted to the PCC and the Rev. Chris thanked them for doing this again at very short notice, Alan would continue for the time being. Mike Dean had also been co-opted as Fabric officer many years ago and had decided to step down from the PCC but would continue as Fabric officer this would mean we had one vacancy on the PCC and also unfilled vacancies for the Deanery Synod.

Richard Copestake had come to the end of a 3-year period and had agreed to re-stand, this was proposed by Judy Jones and seconded by Gillian Hadwen and agreed unanimously by the PCC.

9. Election of Sides people (Welcome Teams)

The PCC would perform this task.

10. Any other matter of Parochial or General Church interest.

No questions had been raised prior to the meeting so the Rev. Chris asked the congregation if they had anything they would like to discuss? No questions were forthcoming.

11. Date of next PCC meeting: Tuesday 3rd November 2020 - 7pm - would be held using "Zoom"

12. Closing prayer - Rev Chris Hood.

The meeting was concluded at 8pm.

