

Minutes of the Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (2009)
Wednesday, 21st April 2010, The Conker Room, St Mary's Church, Barcombe
7.30pm – Vestry Meeting

Vestry Meeting

The Rector opened the meeting with a Bible reading (1 Peter 2 4-10) and a prayer, followed by hymn no. 42, "Be thou my vision"

The Rector explained that it is Andrew Lamont's sixth year as Churchwarden so he is standing down. The Rector asked that we thank Andrew Lamont for all the work that he has done. There was a round of applause and a card was presented. Olaf Petersen was proposed by the Rector, Andrew Lamont seconded and the APCM agreed unanimously. Mrs H Shephard continues as Churchwarden.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Present: Rev'd James Hollingsworth, Mrs A Fry (minutes), Mr A Lamont (Churchwarden), Mrs H Shephard (Churchwarden), Mr I Pounce (Treasurer) and 30 others.

1. Notice Convening the meeting – this has been up for two Sundays

2. Apologies for absence: Eb & Pam Cottingham, Robin and Pam Moore, Peter Frost, Jill Macadam, John & Madeline Simpson, Alison Akehurst, Sarah Lear, Walter Hope, Mike and Sue Richards, Clive & Rowena Williams

3. Adoption of minutes from 2009 meeting: The Rector read out the minutes and they were agreed. Proposed by Mrs M Duncan, seconded by Mrs H Shephard and the APCM were unanimous.

4. Annual Report: The report is attached to the accounts and the Rector explained that he had been through this with the PCC.

5. Presentation and adoption of accounts for the year ended 31.12.2009: The accounts have been seen and approved by the PCC and have been sent to the Independent Examiners. Mr I Pounce assured us that all was well and apologised that the accounts weren't available for the meeting. The Rector explained that once they are back 2 Sundays need to pass before an EGM can be held so that everyone can have a chance to go through them and the 23rd May is the most likely date for this to happen. The Rector asked if anyone had any questions that they wanted to ask either the Accountant, Steve Brentnall or Mr I Pounce. Mr N Lear asked if we had paid the full quota. Mr S Brentnall said we had paid £49,980 and we would pay 2% more than we had been asked to pay. Mr S Brentnall then explained in detail exactly how the costs were calculated and added that he had Management accounts available which the PCC had seen. Mr I Pounce thanked Mr S Brentnall, Mr N Hill, Mr A Lamont and the Rector for all their help and support.

6. Appointment of independent examiner: Mr I Pounce proposed that we use Independent Examiners to examine our accounts next year, Mr A Cannings seconded and the APCM were unanimous

7. Electoral roll report: There are 112 names on the electoral role which is as of today

8. Election of members to PCC: The Rector wanted to thank Mr A Rice and Mrs M Sherman for all their work as members of the PCC. Mr A Smith and Mr A Lamont were proposed, the Rector seconded and they were duly elected to serve on the PCC

9. Election of 2 members to Deanery Synod: This won't be necessary until 2011

10. Appointment of Sidesmen: The Rector thanked all those who do Sidesmen roles and read the list of nominees which were proposed by Mrs M Duncan, seconded by Mr A Lamont and having given their consent were duly appointed for the coming year:

John Brown, Sue & Michael Richards, Walter Hope, Di East, Geoff Trower, Charlotte Mitchell, Pippa Clark, Gillian Warren, Rowena & Clive Williams, John Simpson, Chris Lear, Lucy Hollingsworth, Eb Cottingham, Mark Skinner, Joan Turnbull, Nigel & Amanda Hill, Harry Lear, Andrew Lamont, Caroline Culme-Seymour, Robert & Catherine Anscombe, Peggy Clarkson.

11. Churchwarden's report: This has been available for perusal for the last 2 weeks and was on the Rector's handout sheet. The Rector wanted to thank his Churchwardens for being fabulous.

12. Questions and comments on other reports:

Caring and Sharing- Joyce Potter explained why this charity was different. There is a leaflet about it at the back of the church.

Deanery Synod report – We're hosting Deanery Synod in November 2010

Success – Mr R Moore is getting further ahead with a meeting on 'Air source'. There was some discussion about the pro's and con's of other alternative renewable sources of energy.

Missionary Giving – Mr I Pounce read this out and went through everyone who had contributed and what the money was collected for. We had some surplus to spend at the end of the year which was given to the Bible society and to 'Mission House'.

The Mothers Union – The Rector read out the report written by Beryl Jackson.

Homelink – The Rector thanked Catherine Anscombe for putting this report together

St Mary's Bellringers – Open ringing room on May 9th

Youth Work – The Rector gave an up-date on the different youth clubs. There is a Confirmation on 19th September.

Family support - Mrs M Duncan talked everyone through her report

There were no questions or comments on PCC Proceedings, Sunday Groups or Thursday Morning

Mr G Tomsett would like to do a musicians report for next year

13. Future meetings of PCC

PCC meeting 24th May 2010

APCM 13th April 2011 7.30pm

14. Any other business:

- (i) Mr G Tomsett explained that as the church is becoming more technical it now involves a lot more of his time with set up and take down so he would like some more help. The Rector said he would put that on his notice sheet.
- (ii) The Rector's Sabbatical will be June, July and August and he explained what he would be doing during those 3 months

15. Notices and forthcoming events:

- (i) There will be a Mothers Union closure service on 5th May
- (ii) Confirmation 19th September
- (iii) Holiday Club 23rd -27th August in the Conker room.
- (iv) Ascension Day 13th May
- (v) The Rector thanked the musicians and Mr A Cannings for all their hard work. Mr A Cannings was given extra thanks for all that he has done at St Francis and St Mary's. The Rector also wanted to thank Mr J Simpson for the astonishing amount of work that he has done and there was much agreement amongst the APCM.

16. Closing prayers – Hymn 127 Glorious things of thee are spoken

**Minutes of the EGM, Sunday 16th May 2010,
11.15am in St Mary's Church, Barcombe**

Present: The Rector, Alice Fry (minutes), Heather Shephard (Churchwarden), the congregation.

The Rector opened the meeting by explaining that the accounts had been pinned up for at least two weeks prior to the EGM.

The Rector then welcomed Alasdair Smith as the new Treasurer and thanked Ian Pounce for all his hard work, he also thanked Robin Newell who has been covenant secretary and welcomed Ben Williams Thomas who is taking over.

The Rector then asked the congregation if there were any questions relating to the finances of the church. There were no questions so John Brown proposed that the church receive the accounts and Heather Shephard seconded, the congregation were unanimous.

The Rector thanked Steve Brentnall for his help in managing our accounts.