Parish of Saffron Walden - Sharing God's love

Minutes of a PCC meeting in St Mary's Church at approximately 12:30 following the APCM on Sunday 7th May 2023

Present: David Birchall, Lisa Brook, Gill Caswell, Bron Ferland, Edward Gildea, Judith Hasler, Steve Hasler, Martin Hugall, Oli King, Patrick Li, Secretary: Anna Martin, Shawn Martin, Simon Potter, Hannah Razzell, Denis Tindley, Chairman: Rev'd Jeremy Trew and Matt Williamson (16)

Apologies: Robin O'Neill.

In attendance: None

23/35. Co-option of members

Oli King and Matt Williamson were co-opted to the PCC by general acclamation. It was suggested that Matt could be formally appointed to one of the longer term vacant posts at the next PCC meeting.

23/36. Welcoming of representatives from daughter churches

The representatives of the Daughter Churches were welcomed [for Little Walden in absentia]. They are Judith Hasler from St James Sewards End and Helen Nash from St John's Little Walden.

23/37. Election of vice-chair

Steve Hasler was elected vice chair by general acclamation.

23/38. Appointment of secretary

Anna Martin was appointed as secretary by general acclamation.

23/39. Appointment of treasurer

David Birchall was appointed treasurer by general acclamation.

23/40. Appointment of electoral roll officer

Clifford Want was appointed electoral roll officer by general acclamation. It was noted that the electoral roll officer does not need to be a member of the PCC.

23/41. Appointment of members to the standing committee

[The Rules (M31) state that this comprises ex-officio the Rector and the two Churchwardens. In addition, at least two other PCC members have to be appointed each year.] Cifford Want and Trevor Carver have left the PCC. The Standing committee now consists of Jeremy Trew, (Chairman) Gill Caswell and Simon Potter (both ex officio), Anna is the Secretary. David Burchell (Treasurer) served for 2023. It would be good to have one more member. This matter will be readdressed at the next PCC meeting

[This post needs to be appointed each year. We will return to this at the next meeting.

23/43. Appointment of two representatives to team council for a two-year term

We are looking as a wider team of parishes into how we can work more efficiently and effectively together. Gill Caswell offered to take one of the places and was accepted by general acclaim. It is very important that lay people from our congregations are part of this. Team council members don't have to be PCC members but it does help communication. Jeremy asked us to think and pray about this matter too. We will return to the appointments again as soon as possible.

23/44. Next PCC meeting

The next meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Wed 7th June 2023 in the Parish Rooms. Jeremy closed in prayer.