



**Parish of St Paul, Bedford**  
**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
**held on Sunday 14 May 2023 at 11.50 am**

The Vicar took the chair. 31 (thirty-one) people were present.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Rachel Clover, Kevan Morrison, Jeanette & Brian Taylor and Heather & Neville Posnett.

**2. Minutes of the 2022 APCM**

The minutes of the previous APCM held on Sunday 22 May 2022 were received and it was agreed **nem con** that these be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**3. Matters Arising**

James Stephenson raised the delay in producing the examined accounts for 2021 and 2022 as an issue. The Treasurer explained that there have been problems with the QuickBooks software used by St Paul's. However, we are now using Garner Associates to produce the accounts and the 2022 draft accounts are available in church for inspection. The accountants will be sending them to the Independent Examiner shortly.

**4. Appointment of Deanery Synod Representatives**

There were three vacancies for a three-year term, and three nominations were received as follows:

Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
Wendy Jones	David Price	Rachel Brown
Claire Price	Florence Bignell	Tom Otley
Malcolm Smith	Ann Whittome	Florene Bignell

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies and there were no further nominations, it was **agreed nem con** that Wendy Jones, Claire Price and Malcolm Smith should be elected as Deanery Synod representatives.

**5. Appointment of Lay members to the PCC**

There were nine vacancies for a full three-year term and six nominations were received as follows:

Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
Rachel Brown	Wendy Jones	Florence Bignell
Stephen Buckle	Florence Bignell	Peter Hyde
Rachel Clover	Sue Gray	Claire Price
Ann Collett-White	Claire Price	David Price
Kaye M <sup>c</sup> Lelland	Claire Price	Ann Whittome
Ann Whittome	Malcolm Smith	Sue Gray

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies and there were no further nominations, it was **agreed nem con** that all should be elected to the PCC. This left three vacancies to be filled.

**6. Appointment of Independent Examiner**

The treasurer explained that the previous Independent Examiner has retired.

Alison Phillipson **proposed** that George Hay Chartered Accountants be appointed as Independent Examiner for the coming year. This was **seconded** by Valerie Lane and **approved** unanimously.

**7. Electoral Roll**

Malcolm Smith (Electoral Roll Officer) reported that at the 2022 APCM, there were 108 on the roll. The current figure is 116, 22 are resident in the parish, 94 are non-resident. The Vicar thanked the Electoral Roll Officer for his efforts in maintaining the roll.

**8. Annual Report and Reports on PCC Activities**

The Annual Report had been publicly displayed in church and on the web site, with the link distributed in the weekly emails in advance of the meeting. The Vicar thanked all those who contributed to the production of the report. The report was received.

**9. Accounts for the Year Ending 31 December 2022**

The signed accounts for 2022 were not ready for ratification at this meeting, but the draft accounts were publicly displayed in church in advance of the meeting. A Special APCM will be held to ratify the accounts once they are signed by the Independent Examiner.

**10. Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church of the parish**

The Report was included in the Annual Report which had been publicly displayed in church and on the web site, with the link distributed in the weekly emails in advance of the meeting.

**11. Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod**

Details of meetings were included in the appendix to the Annual Report, and no questions were raised.

**12. Annual Report by the Vicar**

The Vicar gave his report looking back on the past year and looking forward to the future, (Annual Report Appendix B). Alison Phillipson responded on behalf of the Wardens (Annual Report Appendix C). The Vicar thanked Alison for all her hard work as she stepped down from her role as Churchwarden.

**13. Further Business**

There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer at 12.35pm

APW 22/05/2023

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Date.....

The Reverend Canon Kevin Goss (Vicar)