The Church of St Mary the Virgin Weldon with Deene and Deenethorpe and Priors Hall

Minutes of the Annual Meeting 7th April 2025

The Meeting was attended by 18 members of the Parish.

Rev Kane opened the meeting with prayers and asked that we all hold Troy Sansom in our prayers as he faces spinal surgery tomorrow.

There were apologies from Nick Sansom, Chris Bream and Adrian Morris.

Rev. Kane welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers.

A The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

A1 ***Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd April 2024***

Prop. S. Skourakis Sec. S. Whitlam voted unanimously (16)

A2. Matters arising from the Minutes.

None. (two more parishioners joined the meeting)

A3. Election of Churchwardens

There were two nominations.

Nick Sansom Proposed Janet Player.

Seconded Keith Underwood.

Chris Bream Proposed Rosemary Binley.

Seconded William Caswell.

There were no more nominations so Nick Sansom and Chris Bream were appointed Churchwardens with the consent of the meeting.

Rev. Kane expressed his thanks for all the work carried out by Nick and Chris and asked that all church members support them as they continue in their roles.

B The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This meeting can only be attended by people on the Church Electoral Roll

B1 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2024

Prop. Sandra Whitlam Sec. Keith Underwood and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

B2. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

None

B3. Annual Reports.

Rev. Kane said all the reports are on the church website and on the notice board and there were hard copies available at this meeting. He also wanted to record his thanks to the church community for the support he receives and in particular the PCC who have voted to pay the Parish Share in full despite our critical financial situation. He thanked Susan Allen for accepting the role of Safeguarding Officer. He also acknowledged other officers and people with specific roles who keep St Mary's running smoothly. He especially wanted to pay tribute to Sue Lawson the organist for her loyalty and commitment to the role.

B4. Finance

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Ann Burns the Treasurer said she had received no queries regarding the published accounts. She also said the figures speak for themselves and we must look forward to this year and consider the situation. During the last year we have lost some people and that has caused a reduction in income from Parish Giving. Ideally the monthly income should equal the Parish Share. Currently there is a shortfall of £1200 per month. Alongside the Parish Share there is the general running and maintenance of the church. A Friends of Weldon Church scheme is being spearheaded by Chris Bream. If every household in Weldon were to give £10 per year this would be a huge help towards maintaining the church building. These funds would not cover running cost of the church.

B5. Election of Deanery Synod Representative

Sandra Whitlam was proposed Christopher Bream seconded Diane Talbot

and unanimously voted for.

B6. Election of PCC Members

Ann Burns prop. Janet Player sec. Sandra Whitlam voted unanimously

James Harrow prop. Sandra Whitlam sec Keith Underwood voted unanimously

Michael Page prop. Louise Taylor sec. Angela Page voted unanimously

B7. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer

Janet Player prop. Sandra Whitlam sec. Susan Allen voted unanimously

B8. Appointment of Auditor

John Hindle prop. Jean Freeman Sec. Susan Allen agreed unanimously. It was reported that John Hindle checks our accounts and makes no charge. A letter of thanks will be sent.

B9. Any Issues raised by Parishioners.

There were no issues raised.

Rev Kane told the meeting that he was having a Sabbatical and going to Australia and New Zealand lasting through September, October and November. He will be back before Christmas. During that time Rev. Newton, who will be ordained priest in July, will be in charge of the parish. Rev. Kane said he has complete confidence in him and asked that we all support Newton and his family while he carries responsibility for the parish. A parishioner asked how Rev. Newton could be contacted while in charge of the parish. Rev. Kane said the contact details would be published. Ie. Address, email, telephone number. A parishioner asked who would carry the Rural Dean role while he was away. This has not yet been published but there is someone in mind. The newly appointed priest at St Peter and St Andrew and St Michael's will also have wider responsibility in the Deanery.

B10. Date of the next Annual Meetings

Monday 27th April 2026. 6.30 pm in the Church.

Rev Kane thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting with prayer.

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