

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Held at St Andrew's Church/Hall, Chesterton, 11.30 am, Sunday 27th April 2008

[The meeting began at 12.00 noon]

Meeting open to residents in the parish

Election of 2 Churchwardens for the following year (2008/9)

The following people had been proposed and seconded prior to the meeting in accordance with regulations: **Patricia Abrey** and **Geoff Peel**

Both stood unopposed and were duly appointed. Thanks were given to Patricia for being prepared to continue into a second year, and to Geoff for taking on this new role. Their appointments will be formally confirmed by the Archdeacon in due course.

Gratitude was also expressed to John Reynolds, outgoing Churchwarden, for his long and faithful service in this role. Further appreciation will be delayed until after the formal handover has been completed.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held at St Andrew's Church/Hall, Chesterton, 11.30 am, Sunday 27th April 2008

[The meeting began at 12.05pm]

Meeting open to all those on the Electoral Roll

Approximately 52 adults attended. Apologies were received from: Linda and David Stollwerck-Boulton; Margaret Hiley; Jeanne Henderson, Sue Richards

1. Minutes of the last meeting

A copy of the minutes of the 2007 annual meeting was circulated. Simon Peyton Jones recommended they be approved and accepted, seconded by John Reynolds.

The motion was carried, with 4 abstentions.

2. Report on numbers on new Electoral Roll

Margaret Partridge reported the following:

Number of new roll at 27 April 2007	156
Number left	4
Number died	2
Number joined	5
Total on roll at 27 April 2008	155

Compilation of a new Parish Directory is in progress.

3. Annual report on PCC and parish generally

This was covered largely in the vicar's sermon and the slideshow during the morning service, so was not repeated in the meeting. A limited number of printed copes were available for anyone interested and the report will be posted on the St Andrew's website.

4. Financial Statements for year ended 31st December 2007

Simon Peyton Jones (Treasurer) presented and explained the annual church accounts for 2007, with the assistance of a 5-page report. In addition to a breakdown

of income and expenditure, he provided a breakdown of capital items purchased in 2007 (eg microphones) and of the distribution of weekly giving (ie how much is routinely given by how many people). He also explained the list of Assets and Funds.

The 2007 accounts show a small shortfall between current annual income and expenditure of £1815, which it is believed will be resolved by an increase in giving this year. There had been a good response to the recent Stewardship Campaign and reminder letters are due to go out this week. Simon reminded us all of the importance and privilege of sharing the financial burden of the church's life and ministry.

The 2007 accounts have been examined and approved by Jim Griffiths, our Independent Examiner, to whom thanks were recorded. Derek Dazeley proposed acceptance of the 2007 accounts, Ellen Nisbet seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

5. Report on fabric, goods and ornaments

John Reynolds reported on repairs needed following the 2006 lightning strike. Most work had been completed. Repairs are still needed to the tower; these have been somewhat delayed by the insurance procedures but the go-ahead has been received and once faculty permission has been granted the work will go ahead.

The north aisle floor has had some remedial work, though more remains to be done.

The church architect has commissioned a survey of the windows.

There were 3 attempted break-ins last year – all unsuccessful but resulting on some damage to the vestry door and a gravestone. A small amount of lead was also stolen. A visit from the Crime Prevention Officer led to some recommendations which have been implemented where possible.

The heating system has received some attention.

6. North Cambridge Deanery/Area Synod Report

Ruth Jones gave a report on the year's activities in 2007 (see separate report)

7. Elections to Deanery Synod and Parochial Church Council

Deanery Synod

Ruth Jones and Bridget Trump were proposed to continue (proposer - Patricia Abrey, seconder – John Reynolds)

Both were unopposed and were declared appointed to serve.

Lay members of the PCC

There were 3 vacancies and 2 candidates: John Reynolds (proposer - Patricia Abrey, seconder – John Lees); Mary Allwood (proposer - Patricia Abrey, seconder – John Reynolds)

Both were unopposed and were declared appointed to serve.

8. Appointment of sidespersons

John Reynolds read out the full list of current sidespersons and requested authority to co-opt as needed. The motion was proposed by Jean Sanderson, seconded by Ellen Nisbet and carried unanimously.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner or Auditor to the PCC for 2008

Simon Peyton Jones proposed the appointment of Jim Griffiths once again, seconded by David Bick. The motion was passed unanimously.

10. Report on St Andrews' Hall

Eleanor Whalley reported on 2007 at the Hall, with the help of a display showing the Hall/Church outline and the name-labels of all the groups who had used the Hall month by month during the year. These were colour-coded according to: church users; Chesterton community users; wider community users; commercial users; open (interest) groups; Hall events. While there had been steady growth in the use of the Hall between 2006 (its first year of operation) and 2007, it was encouraging to note that the overall balance of user types remained even and constant.

Eleanor noted the importance of user perceptions about the Hall/Church connection or relationship. All users appreciate the threefold focus on 'hospitality', 'concern' and 'care'. An increase in Hall use by 'excluded', marginalized groups is a healthy sign, reflecting a connection in people's minds with the person and work of Christ. The Hall birthday in November epitomised the whole year and its ministry. Eleanor acknowledged the investment of finance, time and encouragement made by all involved, and especially the contribution of Geoff, and of Dorothy and later Nick.

Geoff Peel reported on the Hall accounts for 2007 (see separate blue sheet). He drew attention to the unexpectedly large and healthy income (approx £20,000) generated by the commercial block booking of the Hall early in 2007. This will not be repeated in 2008 and will impact on the Hall's income/expenditure balance. However, a combined Hall/church strategy is in place to address any shortfall.

11. Any other business

There was no other business so the meeting concluded with the Grace at 12.55pm and was followed by lunch together.