



**ST OSWALD'S LOWER PEOVER  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**This meeting was held in the church and followed on from a service of evening prayer.  
Covid regulations were followed.**

**Meeting 1**

The Vicar Father Murray Aldridge -Collins opened the meeting with prayer. Seventeen parishioners were present; apologies were received from Lynda Boag- Munroe, Colin Gidman Tim Knowles, Dorothy Wood and Ray Wood.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 had been displayed for the statutory period Norman Withenshaw proposed and George Dutton seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

**ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS**

Two nominations had been received for the post of churchwarden. Both Mr Keith Phillips and Mr Rodney Fowler have agreed to stand as churchwardens.

Rodney Fowler was proposed by George Dutton and seconded by Brian Drye. All were in favour.

Mr Keith Phillips was proposed by Felicity Wilshaw and seconded by Jonty Geake. All were in favour.

Thanks on behalf of the parish were offered to the churchwardens for their service and ministry. Father Murray expressed his personal thanks for their dedication to the job since his arrival in the parish.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 8pm in the school Hall.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8.06pm.

## Meeting 2

# **ST OSWALD'S LOWER PEOVER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

The vicar and seventeen parishioners were present; Apologies were received from Lynda Boag- Munroe, Colin Gidman, Tim Knowles, Dorothy Wood and Ray Wood.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday April 24th 2019 had been displayed for the statutory period and were circulated. Norman Withenshaw proposed and George Dutton seconded the minutes be accepted as a true record. All agreed. The meeting notification and agenda had been issued to all members of the Electoral Roll.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL**

Mr Jonty Geake reported that there are presently 169 souls on the electoral roll, of which 64 are resident in the parish and 105 are non-resident as opposed to 144 in 2019. Thanks were expressed to Jonty for all his hard work with overseeing the roll and keeping it in good order

### **PCC REPORTS**

This year due to covid regulations, the reports had been circulated to members of the PCC before the APCM and placed on the church website. Therefore, apart from the safeguarding report, they were not read through at this meeting.

### **Annual Report**

The annual report was written by Mrs Felicity Wilshaw, a copy of which is attached as appendix 1  
The vicar thanked the secretary for her report.

### **Safeguarding Report**

Much work goes on to ensure that St. Oswald's remains a safe environment for all. Safeguarding is raised at each PCC meeting. There have been no safeguarding issues raised during this period apart from issues related to the Covid19 pandemic. Risk assessments concerning possible reopening of the building for worship were carried out as directed by the diocese.

For the main period covered by this report, Mrs Jackie Freeman remained in office as safeguarding lead, Jackie, is however leaving the Parish therefore the church will need to find a new safeguarding officer to fill this role and continue Jackie's hard work safeguarding all at St. Oswald's ASAP.

We do have a volunteer who is willing to take on the role of safeguarding lead at St. Oswald's. This means that a process of checks and PCC ratification will happen in due course. The new safeguarding lead will then undergo training with the diocese. Mrs Louise Corlett, the safeguarding officer at St. Lawrence's, has agreed to compliment and support safeguarding work across the benefice, thus ensuring an additional level of safeguarding expertise until this process is completed.

Thanks to Louise for this added support and thanks also to Jackie for all her hard work and ministry in this area over the past years.

### **Financial statement and report**

The financial statement and report were written by Colin Gidman, copies of which are attached as appendix 2 and 2a.

The accounts had been formally approved by the PCC. Colin was thanked for his diligence and great dedication. Paul Edwards was thanked for auditing the accounts.

### **Fabric, goods and ornaments**

The fabric report was written by Keith Phillips and Rodney Fowler and is attached at appendix 3.  
Father Murray thanked the wardens for all their work in making everything operate so smoothly.

### **Deanery synod report**

Mandy wrote gave a brief report about the Deanery Synod which is attached as appendix 4. Father Murray added that he was looking forward to working with Mandy on the synod and thanked her for her work this year.

### **General Report**

Ann Barlow gave the general report as the parish was in vacancy for the greater part of 2019-2020. Ann added that there has been a lot going on and that everyone worked together well through these strange times of vacancy and Covid19..The general report is attached as appendix 5

### **Constitution of the PCC**

There are presently 20 members on the PCC apart from the vicar. Gerald Coates continues to act as Vice Chair and Pam Adlington continues to act as Hon Assistant warden. Pam was thanked for her wonderful work with the altar linen. Ann Barlow, Keith Phillips, Rodney Fowler and Mandy Spencer are ex officio members, being lay reader, churchwardens and deanery synod rep respectively.

## **ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **Deanery Synod Representatives**

Thanks to Mrs Mandy Spencer for her continued support and representation at synod. Mandy confirmed that she is willing to continue in this role .Felicity Wilshaw proposed and Dave Spencer seconded that Mandy should continue in this role. All agreed, Father Murray as new incumbent will now join Mandy in this role

### **PCC Members**

There were 9 members whose terms of office were up for renewal- Lynda Boag Munroe, Ged Coates, Sylvia Hankinson, Terence Rathbone, Norman Withenshaw, Dorothy Wood, Colin Gidman, Joan Drye and Felicity Wilshaw. All apart from Dorothy Wood wished to stand for re-election. Ray Wood also wished to resign. Felicity will send a note of thanks to both members for all their support to the church as PCC members. It was proposed by An Barlow and seconded by George Dutton that the other members be re-elected en bloc. All were in favour. A list of PCC members is attached as appendix 6. There are now 18 members. Thanks to all the PCC for attending 2019/2020 meetings and for their contributions to the life and mission of St. Oswald's especially during the interregnum and the covid19 pandemic.

### **Sidespersons**

There are currently 19 sidespersons. Harry Kennedy has moved to Little Leigh so is no longer able to act as sidesperson. The list is attached at appendix 7. Thanks to all the sides persons for their continuing work and for the ministry of the team. The sidespersons will be elected at the next PCC meeting.

### **Independent Examiner**

The current Independent Examiner is Mr Paul Edwards. George Dutton proposed and Norman Withenshaw seconded that Paul be re-elected. All agreed.

### **School Governors**

The report was written by Louise Lawton and is attached as appendix 8. Father Murray stated that it is a great joy to have a school on our doorstep and that it is fundamental to nurture families and children. There will be more families in church which will be joyous and we pray for the school, Relationships with the staff of our school are being rebuilt.

The list of school governors is added as appendix 9. Thank you to all the governors for their work at the school but especially to Mrs Janet Gidman for her work as a foundation governor during the incumbency. A new foundation governor is being sought but there is a reshuffle of governors at present.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm .The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th April 2021 @8pm in the school Hall.