

**PARISH OF WORPLESDON**  
**Minutes of Vestry Meeting and**  
**Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting**  
**held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at St Mary's, Worplesdon**

**Welcome:** Revd Andrew Bryant opened the meeting.

**Opening Prayers:** Led by Revd Andrew Bryant

**Present:** There were 43 present

**Apologies for Absence** were received from Revd Mandy Welch, Shireen Reeds, Coral Colclough, Brian Smith, Helen Baker, Mike Baker, John Darbey

**Vestry Meeting**

**1. Minutes of last Vestry meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

Correct with no matters arising.

**2. Election of Church Wardens (2)**

Nominations were received for Dan Shaw and Chris Sturdee to stand as Church Wardens for the parish. Dan and Chris were both willing to stand and as there were no other nominations they are elected to serve for one year.

Andrew expressed his thanks and gratitude for all the Church Wardens have done over the last twelve months. A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes particularly in supporting the Rector and the Ministry Team. Andrew assured the meeting that as the parish moved into vacancy it was in extremely safe hands.

**3. Any Other Business**

Dan Shaw laid out the timetable for the appointment of a new Rector including the drawing up of a Parish Profile and Statement of Needs as well as meeting with the Arch Deacon and Rural Dean.

He advised the meeting that the Section 11 Meeting to formally agree the statement of needs would be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

A Prayer for use in the Vacancy was introduced and Andrew reminded the meeting that it was vital for the process of appointing a new Rector be surrounded by prayer as a parish that prays its way through vacancy emerges as a stronger parish at the end.

The meeting closed at 8:18pm

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009 were duly signed as a correct record.

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising that were not covered in the rest of the agenda. However, Andrew drew the meetings attention to the fact that Malcolm Doig died earlier this year which was a great loss to the church as he had always been a loyal and faithful member of St Alban's.

**3. Electoral Roll Officers Report**

Brian Williams gave the report.

The total number on the roll in 2009 stands at 305 with 165 resident and 140 non resident. In 2008 the total was 301.

Andrew added that in 1999 the roll stood at 219 and now stands at 305, it is pleasing to see the Church continuing to grow. Andrew went on to express his thanks to Brian for all his hard work in maintaining the roll

**4. Presentation of Annual Report & Accounts.**

Andrew advised the meeting that it is a legal requirement that the Annual Report and Accounts are adopted by the PCC and then put on display for 14 days prior to the meeting. The PCC has not had the opportunity to adopt them. Andrew stressed that this was solely due to the prodigious amount of work involved in a full Audit, a Limited Company is given a 9 month time span in which to produce audited accounts – a church 4 months. The Auditors have still not finished but Andrew stressed that there was nothing sinister in this it was purely a reflection of the amount of work involved.

Therefore there would be a EPCM at 10:15am on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at St Mary's where the sole item on the agenda would be the Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts.

Andrew thanked Peter for all the hard work he continues to put in both managing and producing the accounts.

**5. Parish Reports**

Alongside the Annual Report the annual Chronicles help highlight the wide range of activities undertaken over the last year. Andrew asked that people take these away with them to read and give thanks for all that is going on in Parish life and for all those who give so generously of their time to make them happen.

Child Protection Report

Michaela Kelly (Child Protection Representative) delivered her report a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Andrew expressed his thanks for all the hard work carried out by Michaela in this role as the administration work alone is extremely onerous.

No questions were raised as a result of the Child Protection Report.

**6. Elections to Deanery Synod**

Deanery Synod representatives are elected for a period of three years and as such the parish representatives are not due for re-election.

**7. Elections to PCC**

David Hypher has other commitments and therefore is unable to stand for re-election. Nigel Thornback was willing to stand for election. There being no other nominations he was duly elected for a three year term

**8. Election of Sidespersons**

Sally Gregory is stepping up to join the Sidesperson team. Sally and the remaining team of sidespersons were duly elected for both churches.

**9. Appointment of Auditor/Independent Examiner**

Andrew asked the meeting to delegate the authority to appoint an independent examiner to PCC. The meeting agreed unanimously to delegate authority.

**10. Rector's Reflections**

Andrew expressed his sincere thanks to a number of individuals who give so much to the life of the church. Some things go on so quietly which sustain the life of the parish. It is much appreciated and we are all so grateful.

Andrew further thanked the Church Wardens, Ministry Team and Pastoral Assistants for all that they do – their work is vital. He also expressed his gratitude that Nicky Parsons agreed to take on the role of Children's Work Coordinator.

Andrew particularly thanked Michaela Kelly for all she does and advised the meeting we are so lucky to have her in the Parish Office.

Andrew went on to express his deep gratitude to all the members of the Ministry Team personally and finally expressed how much the parish is missing Revd Mary Kirby, the impact and influence of her ministry is still with us.

Andrew also thanked Wendy for all the love and support she provides without whom he would be unable to do what he does.

Andrew closed by advising the meeting that this is a wonderful parish and that we should hold out for the right person that will help us remain and grow in being an inclusive, welcoming, Christ shaped community seeking to reflect the unconditional love of God.

**11. Any Other Business**

Dan Shaw reminded the meeting that 17<sup>th</sup> May was Andrew's last Sunday service and proposed that the parish records a vote of deep thanks and gratitude for the ministry of Andrew together with Wendy and Anna.

There being no other business, the meeting ended.