**PARISH OF ST HELEN TARPORLEY**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISHIONERS’ MEETING**

 **HELD IN ST HELEN’S CHURCH ON SUNDAY 30th APRIL 2023**

1. **Apologies & Attendance**: Anthony Jenner, Maryan Jenner, Steve Langford, Elaine Meredith, John Meredith, Christine Noblett, Angela Symes and Debbie Terry.

There were approximately 50 members present.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 8th May 2022 were approved and signed.
2. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
3. **Election of Churchwardens**: Phillip Posnett & Elizabeth Neely duly elected.

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1. **Apologies & Attendance**: As for the Meeting of the Parishioners.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting**: 8th May, 2022: Approved and signed.
3. **Election of parochial representatives of the laity**:

**To the Parochial Church Council**:

Nomination forms had been received appropriately signed eight nominees, their proposers and seconders; all being members on the Electoral Roll.

The following were elected unopposed, for a period of three years:

John Burton, Charles Hardern, Sandra Hardy, Angela Hicks, Peter Jones, Mike Kiddle, Christine Noblett and David Smithson,

No election was necessary for the remaining members of the PCC (Walter Gibson, Liz Neely, Phillip Posnett and Mike Scott). Note the following members have stood down in the past year: Paul Bullen, Alistair Findlay, Rosemary Lilley, John Meredith, Diane Ouseley and Marjorie Rathbone.

The meeting noted (Mike Kiddle) that, in addition to the above that there were also two *ex-officio members -*Anita Langford (Treasurer), who is about to stand down from this role and Paul Emerson (Secretary).

The meeting noted that the Deanery Synod representatives would remain the same: Elaine Meredith, Phillip Posnett and Diane Ouseley.

Jim Bridgman (JB) also noted the vacant role of Gift Aid Secretary now that John Meredith had resigned.

1. **Approval of Independent Examiner**

Robert Hall of Mitchell Charlesworth was approved as an independent examiner of the financial accounts.

1. **Annual Report**

**JB** summarized activities within the church during the past year with a return to normality post the pandemic, restrictions and resultant aftereffects (2020-22). **JB** mentioned the recent decision made regarding intinction and cross contamination during communion.

The subject of safeguarding was raised (**JB**) who asked the meeting if there were any questions regarding this important subject and the requirements.

The question of the new heating system in the Done Room was raised by Pat Symms who asked was it necessary to keep heating on during the weekend and could this be controlled better. It was noted that the Done Room was commonly warmer than the Church. Phillip Posnett said that the contractor had remarked that it was probably better (more economic) to keep the heating on at all times rather than switching the system off when not used, given that the room was in full use for a lot of the time. However, it should be possible to turn the heating down at the weekends.

**JB** noted the parish carbon footprint had generally been reduced during the year.

Bill Spiegelberg wished to express thanks for retiring Treasurer Anita Langford, for all her help in financial matters. Thanks were also expressed to Dave Smithson for taking over the role as Treasurer.

**JB** gave thanks for all the work undertaken by the Parish church wardens (Liz Neely & Phillip Posnett) as well as that undertaken by the wardens at St. Thomas’s (Amelia McCourty) and St. John’s (Walter Gibson and Peter Copland), especially Amelia and Walter who have taken up these roles in the last year. Jim expressed thanks for those outgoing wardens - Rosemary Lilley, Michael Scott (St. Thomas) and Bill Spiegelberg (St John).

Thanks were given to Chrissy Gaskill as verger at St. Helens who is standing down from the role. All organists at the three parish churches were thanked. The meeting noted the important role played by Pat Harding who maintains the communion silverware, John Phillips and Bill & Martin Shepherd (Gardens). Thanks were also expressed to the retiring PCC Members (See above) and finally to the bell ringers at St. Helen’s who have had a very busy year.

Charles Hardy wished to put on record his thanks to both Jim and Jenny Bridgman for their sermons throughout the year.

1. **Any Other Business:** There was no further business.

**The next APCM will be held before 31st May 2024.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the sharing of The Grace.

**The next meeting of the PCC was set for the 11th June 2023 at St. Thomas’s** **(5PM)** to ratify appointments.

Signed……………………………………………………

Dated…………………………………………………….