

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST BARTHOLOMEW GREAT GRANSDEN (GREAT GRANSDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parish Church of St Bartholomew is situated in Great Gransden. It is part of the Deanery of St Neots and the Diocese of Ely. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 4 Webbs Meadow, Great Gransden, Sandy, Beds SG19 3BL.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Great Gransden Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in Charge, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelic, social and ecumenical.

The parish is part of the united benefice of Great Gransden, Abbotsley, Little Gransden and Waresley. This united benefice came into being on 1 August 1999 and on 31 January 2019, the Reverend Rachel Blanchflower was licensed as half-time Priest in Charge.

LEGISLATION

The conduct of a Parochial Church Council is governed by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, as modified by the Synodical Government Measure, 1969.

COMPOSITION.

The Priest in Charge of the Parish and the two Churchwardens are ex officio members of the Parochial Church Council. The Priest in Charge is the Chair of the Council and one of the Churchwardens is customarily chosen as vice-Chair. The Churchwardens are elected annually at a meeting of parishioners. All those on the (civil) Register of Electors are entitled to attend and vote.

The number of elected members of the Parochial Church Council depends upon the size of the (church) Electoral Roll. There can at the moment be up to nine such members. Members are elected annually; those on the (church) Electoral Roll are able to vote.

The Parochial Church Council shall appoint a member to act as Treasurer and another as Secretary. The Priest, Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary shall form a Standing Committee which is able to conduct business between formal meetings of the Parochial Church Council, provided that the decisions of the Standing Committee are reported to and approved by the Parochial Church Council at the next appropriate moment.

Four members of the Standing Committee shall constitute a quorum.

The Parochial Church Council shall elect two representatives to the Deanery Synod and appoint an Electoral Roll Officer (who need not be a member of the Parochial Church Council). The Parochial Church Council shall have the power to co-opt up to two other members, and may ask those who are not members to represent it on various sub-committees.

POLICIES

The following Policies are in place and are subject to regular review:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy

MEETINGS

Meetings are announced in advance and the Agenda is made public.

Meetings of the Parochial Church Council are held at least four times a year, jointly with the Parochial Church Council of SS Peter and Paul, Little Gransden.

There is also an Annual Joint Meeting of both parishes, at which Churchwardens are elected and the Annual Report and Accounts are considered. Elections of Parochial Church Council Members are made at this meeting.

In addition, there are several committees, which meet between full meetings of the Parochial Church Councils. The number, purpose and composition of these Committees may vary from time to time. Some of these committees represent Great and Little Gransden; others include representatives from all parishes within the united benefice. These may also include members of the congregation(s) who are not members of a Parochial Church Council.

MINUTES

All full meetings of the Parochial Church Council are minuted, and the Minutes are subject to approval and signing at the next appropriate meeting. Once approved, the Minutes are made available on the church website. Minutes may also be consulted by arrangement with the Secretary.

Approved by the PCC 5 May 2019

Rachel Fogg, Secretary to Great Gransden PCC