

**THE PARISHES OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GREAT GRANSDEN,  
AND ST PETER AND ST PAUL, LITTLE GRANSDEN**

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meetings  
21 April 2015 7.30 – 9.00 pm  
Barnabus Oley School Hall**

The Reverend Catharine Furlong, Priest-in-Charge, took the chair, welcomed everybody, especially those who had not previously attended an annual meeting, and opened the meeting with Prayer.

(1) **a) APOLOGIES** were received from Avril and Tony Bevens, Dan and Margaret Cuming, Sarah Dutton, Mark Gostick, Andy Greaves, Claire Hall, Julie Hancock, Sue Lawrence, Jane Middleton, Nadine and Craig Santus, Alison Wareham.

**b) IN ATTENDANCE** were Rev Catharine Furlong (Chairman), Betty Bates, Janice Brown, Celia and Rob Chignell, Jennifer and George Craze, Margaret Dearing, Rachel and Andrew Fogg, Jan Foster, Sheila and Phillip George, Tamsyn Hadden, Donald Lester, Ian Ramsay, Iain Strath (Secretary), Sylvia and Stephen Sullivan, Nick Wareham and Jenny Wilkinson.

**ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

**(2) Minutes**

The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 8 April 2014 were read and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Rachel Fogg seconded by Jenny Wilkinson, and agreed unanimously.

**(3) Election of Churchwardens**

Sheila George and Nick Wareham were re-elected unanimously as Churchwardens of Little Gransden. Proposed by Betty Bates and Sylvia Sullivan and seconded by Sue Lawrence and Ian Ramsey respectively.

Rachel Fogg was re-elected as Churchwarden of Great Gransden. She was proposed by Hazel Pettit seconded by Claire Hall, and elected unanimously.

Grateful thanks were extended to all the Churchwardens for all their hard work.

Catharine Furlong drew attention to the need for a second Churchwarden for Great Gransden. The duties need ideally to be shared between two people, and it is urgently hoped that a second candidate will appear for the parish.

Signed.....

Date.....

## **JOINT ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.**

### **(1) Minutes**

The Minutes of the Joint Annual Meeting of 8 April 2014 were read and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Andrew Fogg, seconded by Jenny Wilkinson and agreed unanimously.

### **Matters Arising:**

It was agreed that the names of sidesmen should appear in the APCM minutes.

### **(3) Electoral Roll Reports.**

Rev Catharine Furlong confirmed that the new Electoral Rolls had been approved by the standing committees of Great and Little Gransden PCCs (as appropriate).

There are 30 names on the Electoral Roll for Little Gransden; 12 are resident and 18 are non-resident.

There are 101 names on the Electoral Roll for Great Gransden; 93 are resident and 8 are non-resident. Grateful thanks were offered to Ian Ramsay (LG) and Mark Doggett (GG) for their work on the Rolls.

The meeting accepted both Electoral Rolls together.

### **(4 i) Treasurer's Report: Little Gransden**

Donald Lester observed that the deficit was lower than forecasted last year and that a balanced budget has been set for 2015.

The report (copy on file) was proposed by Nick Wareham seconded by Janice Brown and accepted unanimously.

### **(ii) Treasurer's Report: Great Gransden**

Andrew Fogg pointed out that the 2013 rental income had not been received until 2015; that heating oil costs should decrease along with the insurance premium; and that work on the chancel was at a cost of £20,000.

The report (copy on file) was proposed by George Craze, seconded by Rob Chignell and accepted unanimously.

### **(5 i) Budget: Little Gransden**

The budget was proposed by Nick Wareham and seconded by Ian Ramsay and accepted unanimously. The meeting extended to Donald Lester in his last year as treasurer their appreciation and grateful thanks for the excellent work and years of service he had given to Little Gransden church and Rev Catharine Furlong presented him with a token of the church's thanks.

### **(ii) Budget: Great Gransden**

The Great Gransden budget was proposed by Rob Chignell, seconded by Iain Strath, and agreed unanimously. Grateful thanks were extended to Andrew Fogg.

### **(6) Other Reports**

The Bellringers' Report, Church Choir Report, Safeguarding Report, All-Age Worship Report, Sunday School Report, Mothers' Union Report, Outward Giving Report, Deanery Synod Report and Barnabus Oley School Report were printed in the booklet made available prior to the meeting.

- (i) Questions were asked about the average number of attendees at services and the fact that there were no weddings shown in the statistics.
- (ii) It was suggested that surnames along with forenames should be used in the reports.
- (iii) Grateful thanks were offered to those who wrote them and to Phillip George and Rachel Fogg who collated them. These reports were accepted *en bloc*.  
Proposed by Jenny Wilkinson, seconded by Andrew Fogg.

## **(7) ELECTION OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILLORS**

### **Little Gransden PCC.**

Nominations with proposers and seconders (forms on file) were received from:

Janice Brown  
Donald Lester  
Stephen Sullivan  
Sue Lawrence  
Ian Ramsay

The following are members ex officio:

Betty Bates (Deanery Synod Representative)  
Sheila George (Churchwarden)  
Nick Wareham (Churchwarden)

Those nominated were elected *en bloc*. Proposed by Rachel Fogg, Seconded by Sylvia Sullivan.

### **Great Gransden PCC**

Nominations with proposers and seconders (forms on file) were received from:

Rob Chignell    Andrew Fogg    Mark Gostick  
Andy Greaves    Iain Strath    Jennifer Wilkinson

The following are members ex officio:

Tony Bevens (LLM)  
Helen Catmur (Deanery Synod Representative)  
Rachel Fogg (Deanery Synod Representative)  
Donald Lester (Diocesan Synod Representative)

Those nominated were elected *en bloc*. Proposed by George Craze, Seconded by Tamsyn Hadden.

## **(8) Sidesmen.**

Rachel Fogg now kept one list of sidesmen as shown below. It was proposed that all current sidesmen should remain in post. This was proposed for Little Gransden by Betty Bates and seconded by Janice Brown; for Great Gransden by Janice Brown seconded by Jennifer Craze.

Betty Bates, Avril Bevens, Janice Brown, Jenny Capps, Mike Capps, Celia Chignell, Rob Chignell, Anne Constantine, Dan Cuming, Margaret Dearing, George Donovan, Jean Donovan, Gill Elwood Rachel Fogg, Sheila George, Jeff Gorton, Tom Hipwell, Sue Lawrence Donald Lester, Jane Middleton, Julian Miller, Teresa Miller, Neil Parker, Craig Santus, Nadine Santus, Iain Strath, Mick Ward, Alison Wareham, Nick Wareham, Jenny Wilkinson.

**(9) Election of Independent Examiners**

For Great Gransden, Mrs Hazel Pettit was re-appointed as independent examiner. Proposed by Andrew Fogg, seconded by Rob Chignell.

For Little Gransden, Mrs Shirley Gillett was re-appointed as independent examiner. Proposed by Betty Bates, seconded by Janice Brown.

**(10) Matters of Parochial or General Interest.**

- (i) It was suggested that consideration should be given to holding early morning communion at Great Gransden as well as Little Gransden.
- (ii) The view was expressed that because the school used the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer, the children were sometimes confused when in church the modern version was used.
- (iii) Rachel Fogg, on behalf of all the church membership, gave a warm vote of thanks and a bouquet of flowers to Rev Catharine Furlong and highlighted in particular the way in which she brought the wider world into the church through external guest speakers and preachers and also provided opportunities for members to participate in varied activities outside the church.

**(11) The Meeting closed with the Grace at 8.30 pm.**

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**MEETINGS OF NEWLY-ELECTED PCCs**

**(1) ELECTIONS**

Vice-Chair GG: Rachel Fogg (proposed Iain Strath, seconded Jenny Wilkinson)

Vice-Chair LG: Nick Wareham (proposed Sheila George, seconded Stephen Sullivan )

Treasurer LG: Ian Ramsay (proposed Nick Wareham, seconded Betty Bates)

Treasurer GG: Andrew Fogg (proposed Donald Lester, seconded Rob Chignell)

Secretary LG: Stephen Sullivan (proposed Ian Ramsay, seconded Betty Bates)

Secretary GG: Iain Strath (proposed Rachel Fogg, seconded Rob Chignell)

Electoral Roll Officer LG: Sue Lawrence (proposed Janice Brown, seconded Ian Ramsay)

Electoral Roll Officer GG: Mark Doggett (proposed Rob Chignell, seconded Jenny Wilkinson)

**(2) DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

30 June 2015: Little Gransden PCC, 7.30 at Nick Wareham's house.

7.30 8 July 2015: Great Gransden PCC, 7.30 in the Computer Suite at Barnabas Oley School.

29 September 2015: Joint PCC, 7.30 at Barnabas Oley School Hall.

(3) The meeting closed at 8.45pm. with Prayer.

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