

## Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2009

Minutes of the **VESTRY MEETING** and **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**  
of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin with Gussage St Andrew

**Date:** 26th April 2009  
**Venue:** St Mary's Church

**Started:** 10:45am  
**Chaired by:** The Rev Mel Durrant

The Vicar, the Rev. Mel Durrant opened the meeting with prayers.

### **Apologies for absence**

Mr Alec Hunt, Mr and Mrs John Davis, Mrs Jo Scott, Mr George Marskell,  
Mrs Bobby Carter

### **VESTRY MEETING**

A sheet was circulated for attendees to sign.

**1) Minutes** of the Vestry meeting held on 20th April 2008 had been previously circulated, taken as read and agreed

Proposed by: Mr David Lockyer. Seconded by: Mrs Meg Cox

Signed by Rev MD

**2) Churchwardens Measure 2001:** It was resolved at a previous meeting that the rule of disqualification of churchwardens when, having served for six continuous periods of office given in Section 3 of the above Measure, shall not apply to this Parish.

Proposed by: Mr Graham Smith. Seconded by: Mr David Salmons

**3) Election of Churchwardens:** The Rev Mel Durrant said that Mr David Salmons and Mr Graham Smith were standing down from their positions as churchwardens after a long period of dedication to the jobs, including seeing the church through a long interregnum. He thanked them for their hard and demanding work done with great commitment. Mr and Mrs Haydn and Wendie Everall, who moved from the village recently, had sent a letter expressing their appreciation of all that Graham and David had done for the Parish, which the Chairman read out.

There had been two people nominated to become the new churchwardens: Miss Carole Wyatt and Mrs Sheila Bradley. These two people were appointed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)**

**1) Minutes** of the PCC Annual Meeting held on 20th April 2008 were previously circulated. It was: Proposed by: Rev Mel Durrant. Seconded by: Graham Smith to accept these minutes as a true record. All in favour.

**2) Matters Arising** – there were none.

**3) Elections:**

(i) To the Deanery Synod: Mr David Salmons and Mr Paul Skinner had confirmed their willingness to stand for a further term of office, and were duly appointed.

(ii) To the PCC: There were 3 vacancies and 3 nominees, namely, Mrs Christine Warner, Mr John Davis and Mrs Bobby Carter. They were duly appointed.

**4) Appointment of sidespersons:** David Salmons read out the existing list of sidespersons. He thanked them for their valuable work and hoped that some additional people would come forward to be added to the list.

**5) Electoral Roll Report:** Mrs Linda Downton, the electoral roll officer, reported that there were 111 members on the roll. She thanked David Salmons for his help to her in compiling the list.

**6) St Mary's and St Andrew's Inventories Report:** DS said that the check on the inventories was conducted on 22nd April 2009. There were no additions and no deletions to be made. He did comment that a new ladder was needed in St Mary's and there were some heaters to be disposed of in St Andrew's.

**7) Annual Accounts and Financial Summary:** Copies of the financial report were circulated and Mr David Lockyer, Treasurer spoke in detail about the content. He thanked Mrs Gillian Wadge for her wise advice and also DS and GS for their continuing assistance, and James Reed for his work in auditing the accounts. A vote was taken to adopt the accounts:

Proposed by: Ann Reed. Seconded by: Margaret Durrant – All in favour.

**8) Appointment of Independent Examiner:** It was suggested that James Reed be asked to audit the report next year. A vote to agree to his re-appointment was taken:

Proposed by: Mrs Sally Clarke. Seconded by: Mr Mike Dyer – All in favour.

**9) Secretary's Report:** Mrs Sheila Bradley gave a short report saying that the PCC had met on 8 occasions during the year and that attendance had been very good.

**10) Gussage St Andrew's Chapel Report:** Mr John Davis gave his report, mentioning average attendance, at the 25 services held, was 10.5. He warmly thanked everyone who contributed to the upkeep of St Andrew's, including the 'flower ladies', the brass cleaners and the Vicar, who switched on the heaters in good time for the services.

**11) The Vicar's Report:** The Rev. Mel Durrant read out his report and copies made available. He stressed the need for all of us to serve the community. He was pleased to announce that Mr Paul Skinner was about to become the Rev Paul Skinner.

A presentation was made to the two outgoing Churchwardens of some gifts and thanks for their long service to the community and to the church were expressed.

**12) Any Other Business:** Mrs Gillian Wadge thanked Rev Mel and his wife Margaret for all the good things they did for the Parish. Anne Reed was to continue with the Children's Society boxes.

Signed:

Date: