

**MINUTES OF GREAT BRICKHILL ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING,**  
**HELD IN THE CHURCH ON TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2009 AT 7.30pm.**

**The Reverend John Waller took the chair.**

He opened the meeting with a prayer, and welcomed all those attending.

**PART I: THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

**ELECTION OF THE CHURCH WARDENS:**

The Rector explained that with the New Church Wardens' Measure in 2001, the maximum term of office for a Church Warden is 6 years without a break – an exemption is possible for this Rule if a motion is passed before the meeting commences. This rule is not relevant for either of the current Wardens (Mrs Turner has served 5 years and Dr. Agambar 4 years).

The two current Wardens had been nominated prior to the Meeting:

- Dr. Christine Agambar proposed by Lady Duncombe and seconded by Mrs. Marion Ralph.
- Mrs. Julia Turner proposed by Miss Kay Seaman and seconded by Mrs. Phillipa Cook.

Mrs. Turner and Dr. Agambar were duly elected.

The Rector said that he was delighted that the Wardens were serving for another year and thanked them for all that they had done over the past twelve months.

**PART II: THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**APOLOGIES** were received from Mrs. Clare Amies, Mr. Robin Dawson, Sir Philip Duncombe, Lady Rachel Duncombe, Mrs. Helle Hopkinson, Mr. Frank Kinsey and Mrs. Pauline Waller.

An Attendance Sheet was circulated. A total of 20 parishioners were in attendance.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup>. APRIL 2008**

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, had been distributed in advance. The Minutes were then approved and signed by the Rector as a true record (proposed by Mr. Alan Poynter and seconded by Mr. Jeremy Hopkinson).

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

None.

**ELECTIONS:**

**a). Nine Members of the P.C.C.**

The Rector informed the Meeting that in addition to himself, the Wardens and the Deanery Synod representatives, the number of P.C.C. members allowed for the size of our Electoral Roll is 9. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2004 provision was made for the annual appointment of representatives on the P.C.C. There is also facility for two people to be co-opted on to the P.C.C. At the first PCC Meeting after the Annual Meeting it has been the custom to co-opt Mr. Neil Cook, the Treasurer.

The Rector reported that Mrs. Carol Clements had resigned from the P.C.C. in September when she and Michael had moved away. Thanks were noted for all Carol's contributions with Crusaders and as a P.C.C. member. Mrs Valerie Vestergaard had chosen not to stand for re-election and the Rector thanked her for her contribution on the P.C.C. and looked forward to her continuing to contribute in other ways.

Nominations had been received prior to the meeting for the following:

<u>Name of Nominee:</u>	<u>Proposed By:</u>	<u>Seconded By:</u>
Phillipa Cook	Julia Turner	Betty Kinsey
Julian Dawson	Betty Kinsey	Marion Ralph
Rosie Dawson	Phillipa Cook	Christine Agambar
David Duncombe	Kay Seaman	Anne Humphreys
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The above five people were duly elected to serve on the PCC.

The Rector explained that the Deanery Synod Representatives (Mrs. Clare Amies and Mr. Jeremy Hopkinson) were elected in 2008 for a period of three years.

**b). Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2008.**

The Treasurer said that Mr. Alex Woodfield (Treasurer, Little Brickhill PCC) was prepared to continue as Independent Examiner for the coming year. He was proposed by Mr. Jeremy Hopkinson and seconded by Mr. Rosie Dawson, and duly elected by the meeting.

**c). Sidesmen.**

The Rector said that while this was a simple task, it was an important one, to offer a warm welcome to the congregation, and the Sidesmen were much appreciated by the Wardens. Following a proposal by Miss Anne Humphreys, seconded by Dr. Christine Agambar, all the Sidesmen on the current list were elected for the forthcoming year.

**REPORTS:**

All the reports are contained in the Appendix to the Minutes. (They are available for parishioners to read in a ring binder placed on the bookcase by the main door).

**(a). Wardens including Fabric.**

Mrs. Julia Turner presented the report on behalf of the Wardens – see Pages 1 & 2 of the Appendix.

The Wardens thanked the Rector and the P.C.C. for their support. The Rector thanked everyone who had helped to get the Church ready for Easter and the wedding – from the Wednesday morning to the weekend there had been an amazing transformation in the church.

**(b). Treasurer Including Adoption of Accounts.**

Copies of the Annual Report had been distributed in advance of the Meeting. The Treasurer, Mr. Neil Cook, presented the Accounts and referred to the "Review of the Accounts" section in the Annual Report.

The Treasurer thanked Mr. Alex Woodfield for his role of Independent Examiner of the Accounts. Miss Anne Humphreys raised concern over the £6K deficit and the high level of the Parish Share. Mr. Jeremy Hopkinson gave a summary of the factors that affect the calculation for the Share,

including the number on the Electoral Roll. Miss Humphreys asked if consideration could be given to increasing the number of P.C.C. members, having someone from the School on the P.C.C. The Rector said that he encourages every parish in the Benefice to pay the Share in full but this will have to be reviewed each year.

Adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts was proposed by Mr Jeremy Hopkinson and seconded by Miss Kay Seaman. The report was unanimously accepted. The Rector thanked the Treasurer for his hard work with the accounts and regular reports to the P.C.C.

**(c). Deanery Synod.**

Mr. Jeremy Hopkinson presented a report on the Synod meetings held during the year – see Page 3 of the Appendix.

The Rector thanked the two Synod Reps., Mr. Jeremy Hopkinson and Mrs. Clare Amies, and said that there has been active involvement in the Deanery over the years by our Synod Reps.

**(d). Electoral Roll.**

Mr. Jeremy Hopkinson referred to the Electoral Roll section in the Annual Report. Since the start of 2009 there had been one addition to the Roll and so the current number on the Electoral Roll is 56.

**(e). High Ash School.**

Dr. Christine Agambar, a Foundation Governor, presented the report on High Ash School – see Page 4 of the Appendix.

The Rector added that the whole school comes to the church four times in the year and smaller groups make occasional visits.

**(f). St. Mary's 2000.**

Mrs. Rosie Dawson presented the St. Mary's 2000 Report - see Page 6 of the Appendix.

The Rector thanked Mrs. Dawson for the hard work that she had put in over the last twelve months.

**(g). Bells.**

Mr. David Middleton gave a report on the Ringing Activities and the Bell Re-hanging Project – see Page 6 of the Appendix.

Miss Kay Seaman enquired about the inscription on one of the new bells. Mr Middleton said that it was in memory of those interred at the Baptist Chapel site in Cuff Lane - there is limited space on the bells and he had submitted the wording for approval by the foundry.

The Rector thanked Mr. Middleton for his work on the Bells project.

**h). Music and Choir.**

Mr. Robin Dawson had sent a report, which the Secretary presented – see Page 4 of the Appendix.

**(i). Youth Café & Crusaders.**

The Youth Cafe report was presented by Mrs. Clare Amies – see Page 7 of the Appendix. The Rector said that he had changed his day off to a Monday and so he would be able to attend more often.

Crusaders had not been held since September. The Secretary read a summary of the reports that had been submitted to the P.C.C. meetings.

**(j). Drop-In, Thursday Group and Romanian Shoe Box Appeal etc.**

Miss Anne Humphreys gave the report on these various activities – see Page 8 of the Appendix. Mrs Janet Pritchard said thank you on behalf of Nuevo Reto, the orphanage really appreciates the support.

**(k). The Rector.**

The Rector gave his report – see Page 9 of the Appendix.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**The Reverend John Waller** thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting with prayer and then the Grace, at 8.55pm.