

**Extraordinary Parish General Meeting
Tuesday 22 November, 7pm, Hyndman Centre**

Present: Malcolm Rogers (chair), Jackie Post (minutes secretary), Nick Alexander, Julia Alexander, Olivia Arthur, Trevor Ashton, David Ayrton, Dave Bennett, Peter Boyt, David Chandler, Edward Coningsby, Elizabeth Coningsby, David Crofts, Colin Firth, Robin Goodchild, Trish Goodchild, Syd Holder, Eric Humphreys, Hazel Humphreys, Phil Hymers, Duncan MacInnes, Suzi Metcalfe, Carol Nurcombe, Ian Nurcombe, Clive Paine, John Sullivan, Mary Sullivan, Barbara Unwin, Peter Unwin, Graham Woolhouse.

Apologies: Hazel Bidewell, Lance Bidewell, Janice Hymers, Heather Lowe, Stuart Lowe.

Details of the scheme for the formation of a District Church Council for each church have been displayed on the website and copies have been available on request. Malcolm thanked Nick Alexander for all of his work on this. This process will enshrine the way that we are already operating, and will give each of the churches freedom to grow, whilst retaining our unity as 2 churches within one parish.

Four people asked to vote by proxy. This is not permitted but Malcolm passed on the views of Heather and Stuart and Lance and Hazel, all of whom are in favour of the scheme.

RG asked where the boundaries lie between the 2 parts of the parish. Malcolm's view was to make Parkway the dividing line.

Edward Coningsby asked whether the St Mary's representative on St Peter's committee should be someone other than the treasurer. It was felt that it is up to each committee as to who should be the representative on the other church committee.

Edward also put forward a suggestion that representation on the PCC should not be equal (as suggested in clause 6) but should be in proportion to the Electoral Roll, in the same way that representation at deanery synod is determined (clause 3.4.6). Colin Firth said that he doesn't think that clause 6 and clause 3.4.6 need to be the same. Nick Alexander feels that each church should have an equal right to have a say about its future, and he doesn't feel that the electoral roll is the best determining factor for representation. Malcolm thinks that it is important for the parish vicar to be able to say that he is treating his 2 churches as equal in their own right. Some discussion followed. Edward Coningsby sees it as a structural matter. Malcolm asked if others supported this view. Three others supported proportional representation. Malcolm proposed, therefore, that we adopt the scheme as presented for the adoption of 2 DCCs, one for each of the 2 churches, according to the document. This was seconded by Clive Paine. A vote was taken, and 25 were in favour, none were against, and there were 3 abstentions.

The meeting closed at 7:25pm.