

**REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF RUSTINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd March 2021 – via Zoom**

Present: All members bar one were present.

Today was a National Day of Reflection we prayed for those who had died due to Covid-19. This was followed by Romans 8 v 38 – 39.

The main purpose of this meeting was to accept and approve the **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

All present approved the report. The hard copy will be signed off given to the Independent Examiner.

The Treasurer's Financial Statements for the year had been circulated to members prior to the meeting with the opportunity to ask questions.

The finance team were thanked for all the long hours and work they have put into preparing our accounts for us. Next year onwards the workload for producing the accounts should be easier as there would be more confidence in the data in the database. Unfortunately, some of the historic data which is automatically brought forward each year was not up to date. However, this was all being checked and corrected/removed as appropriate. All the new data entered for 2021 was being carefully checked for correct allocation. There would therefore be greater confidence in the output from the database, used to prepare the PCC accounts.

It was proposed and seconded that the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020 be approved. All voted in favour.

All the necessary reports have been received and after being proofread the main Annual Report can be set out and collated. Once the accounts have been independently examined and returned the APCM booklet can be printed in time for the meeting on 18th May.

Matters raised by the Vicar – Members had received a report from Natalie prior to the meeting and she wished to clarify the points she had made.

Charitable giving clarification – as the treasurer mentioned earlier there were some differences in recollection of what was agreed.

However, Natalie had provided the PCC with a paper to clarify the situation in which she said “previously the money was split four ways (to three charities and to an extra Parish Share.) This year we made the decision that we would support two charities and have a third flexible pot. We would pay no more than 100% of our Parish Share.”

Charitable giving is 10% of planned giving i.e. from standing orders, yellow envelopes and PGS and will be split three ways – Jaffa, FSW and a flexible pot,

It was proposed and seconded that the Charitable Giving be split three ways. One member abstained with all others voting in favour.

Natalie had put forward the following before the meeting: 10% of our 2021 budgeted planned income is £5180, meaning the 3 charities should receive c£1725 each, however, given the uncertainty as to how much we will actually receive this year, especially as yellow envelopes are probably still in people's homes, and in order to help the charities plan their budgets, her feeling is that for now it is best to give £1500 each. If at the end of the year we have more we can make an extra payment. CMS have asked that, if possible, we pay monthly for Kevin and Jen.

It was proposed and seconded that Kevin and Jen receive £125 a month, FSW £375 a quarter and the flexible 'pot' £375 a quarter. All voted in favour.

Matters raised by the Churchwardens –

i) A report regarding Henry Ave had been sent out prior to the meeting. (ii) Carrie informed everyone that she had received the faculty regarding the trees in the churchyard so work would commence shortly. (iii) The Lychgate gates have rotted through and Natalie has removed them. Quotes for replacements will be sought.

Correspondence – Members received a letter from the Humphrey Trustees in reply to their letter of 10th December.

The meeting closed at 19.58