

WOODBIDGE DEANERY SYNOD MINUTES

Thursday 28 June 2018 at 7.30pm
Butley Village Hall, Mill Lane, Butley, Woodbridge, IP12 3PA

Revd David Murdoch and Peter Beaumont led the opening worship.

Speaker: Anna Hughes – Diocesan Secretary – with an opportunity for Q&A

Anna Hughes talked about her role and the work of the Diocesan Office and gave a PowerPoint presentation about her work, which is attached, followed by a Question & Answer session:

Q *What would you want the Diocesan Office to do differently?*

Be more community supportive. There are some funds that the churches should know, so they should go on the E-News weekly.

Q *What are you doing with the café?*

It was an opportunity for outreach to other offices in the area, but we just could not afford it.

Q *Are there any ways we can save?*

The Parish Buying scheme on-line for printer ink, paper, etc.

Q *Could you give us financial advice regarding matters such as church insurance?*

Ecclesiastical is very helpful.

Please get in touch with Anna Hughes if you would like to be on the Bishop's Council.

Refreshment Break

1. Apologies

Please sign visitor book, and if there are any apologies not contacted to our secretary.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting held on 17 November 2017

These were approved and signed as a correct record by Tony Allwood.

4. Matters arising

The meeting on 28 February 2018 was cancelled due to bad weather. Bishop Tim gave a wonderful Lent course.

5. Notices

Diocesan Synod Elections:

The following go through as Diocesan Synod representatives as there were not enough volunteering to take it to a vote: Tony Allwood, Peter Beaumont, Penny Bird, John Dyter, Mary Hare, Jacki Maslin and

Barry Vincent.

Clergy Synod representatives are Clare Sanders and Ruth Hatchett.

Tony Allwood is standing down as Lay Chair. Clare Sanders thanked him for his many years' service as Lay Chair and he was given a gift and card from Synod. Tony Allwood said it had been a real pleasure to serve as Lay Chair.

Mary Hare is the new Lay Chair, nominated by Barry Vincent and seconded by Jacki Maslin.

Sadly Peter Cooper, husband of Linda Cooper, our previous Deanery Secretary has died. Our thoughts are with Linda and family and Synod was asked to remember Linda in their prayers.

6. Report from Diocesan Synod The Diocesan Synod minutes are now on the Diocesan website: <http://www.cofesuffolk.org/synods-committees/diocesan-synod>

7. Finance

Clive Willetts, our Deanery Organiser, said that Anna Hughes had already covered a number of points, but he can announce that that new chair of DBF is Mark Pendleton. Archdeacon Ian held this role before. Bids are being taken prepared for strategic development of churches. Following the Taylor Review, this diocese has been selected to be one of two pilot schemes with up to ½million pounds available for the repair of churches (not church halls etc.). These will be given as a set of grants of up to £10k for a small church. The full details are still being worked out, but anyone interested should contact James Halsall at the Diocesan office.

We have reached the mid year point, with 50% of share due to be paid by this date- currently Woodbridge Deanery stands at 44.75%. Thank you for this great effort.

With church insurance, please seek at least 2 quotations and if appropriate, be prepared to negotiate with Ecclesiastical Insurance; there is a lower rate for 3 year fixed.

8 AOB

Paul Cannard spoke about the East of England Band concert at Bredfield on 14 July 2018 in aid of the Samaritans and St Andrew's Church, and Mary Hare about the Walsingham Pilgrimage from St Mary's Woodbridge on the same day.

Our thanks to Jacqui Maslin for stepping in at short notice to take our Minutes.

9. Date of Next Meeting

18 October 2018 at St Michael's, Martlesham Heath – as part of a Diocesan Growing in God workshop.