

Extraordinary General Meeting #1 re Constitution

4pm, 11 April 2021

Zoom meeting

Minutes

In attendance:

A list of attendees can be found below.

1. Welcome and opening prayer

The Rector welcomed everyone to the first of two extraordinary general meetings to consider amendments to the church's constitution.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

2. The Constitution

The Rector explained the reasons for amending the constitution. The aim was to reduce the number of Vestry members from 19 to 12, increase the length of their term of office and clarify roles, while ensuring that the constitution remains flexible enough to work for the church now and in the future.

It was noted that one amendment agreed by the Vestry had not been added to the draft constitution: that the Lay Representative and People's Warden roles would be covered by two people rather than one.

The Rector invited questions and suggestions from the meeting.

Ian Skinner asked whether a role could be added for a Vestry member to speak for the EcoCongregation group. The Rector advised that it may be too prescriptive to add this to the constitution, and the Secretary advised that this matter was on the Vestry agenda for the meeting on 12 April.

The meeting agreed the current draft constitution.

The Rector advised that this would now go back to Vestry, with a second extraordinary general meeting organised before the final draft goes to the Bishop for comment and approval.

The meeting closed with the saying of The Grace.

Attendees

Pip Blackledge, Rector
Jan Howarth, Secretary
John Wood
Mervyn Anthony
Chris Anthony
Caroline Green
Pamela Gordon
Jane McCaul
Liz Lowrie
Margaret Jackson
Michael Howarth
Kate Blackledge
John Williams
Liz Williams
Ian Skinner
Gillian Skinner
Carey Coombs
Sue Coombs
Robert Smyly
Miranda Smyly