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The Parish of Ludlow St Laurence

Annual Parish Meeting 11.30am Sunday 11 May 2025 St Laurence's Church

MINUTES

Present: Dick Franks (PCC Lay Chair), Liz Gardner (Churchwarden), Lesley Harling (Churchwarden), 8 (eight) members of the PCC, 24 (twenty four) members of the electoral roll, 1 (one) member of clergy

1. **Opening Prayers**

The Lay Chair of the PCC welcomed those present and opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from: Eric Griffiths, Wendy Griffiths, Val Hardwick, Angela Herrick, Hazel Noble, Jacqueline Turner, Mark Turner

3. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2024 (18 May 2024)**

The minutes were scrutinised and agreed to be a true record of proceedings.

Resolution: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 18 May 2024 be adopted; proposed – Jean Ferguson-Davie; seconded – Michael Davies; agreed unanimously by a show of hands. The Lay Chair signed the minutes.

4. **Vote of thanks for Churchwardens from previous year**

The Lay Chair proposed a vote of thanks to the churchwardens, who were applauded.

5. **Election of Churchwardens**

There were two nominations for churchwarden:

Elizabeth Gardner: proposed – Richard Franks; seconded – Michael Davies

Lesley Harling: proposed – Ann Stocker; seconded – Richard Franks

Elizabeth Gardner and Lesley Harling were duly appointed without the need for an election.

6. **Term of office of Churchwardens**

The Lay Chair informed the meeting that this would be the sixth consecutive year for which Lesley Harling had been Churchwarden. As a result, she would not be eligible for nomination at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2026. In light of the current vacancy and uncertainty about how long it might last, the PCC wished to ensure continuity and had decided to invite the APM to consider the resolution:

That this APM proposes that in certain extraordinary circumstances (such as a continuing interregnum), an existing Churchwarden may have their maximum term of office of six consecutive years extended by one further year; proposed - Caroline Culley; seconded - Ewart Carson.

In response to questions the Lay Chair confirmed that this provision would be activated only in this specific circumstance, would be for one year only and could be rescinded at the 2026 APM.

The meeting voted unanimously by show of hands to adopt the resolution.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.43am