



# OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS NORTH BUCKS BRANCH

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 21 April 2018 at 18:00

Newport Pagnell

### Chairman's Welcome

The chairman, Graham Bartholomew, welcomed Ruth Groves (the Guild Steward for North Bucks), and 22 members of the branch to the meeting.

### In Memoriam

The chairman wasn't aware of any members who had died since the last AGM, but the meeting stood in silence to remember those who had died in previous years.

### Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

- John Marchbank
- Susan Read (ODG)
- Hilary Reading
- Hilarie Rogers (ODG)
- Liz Sheaf
- Ros Tyrrell

### Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Autumn Meeting held at Emberton on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 had been published on the branch website and were available at today's meeting.

The minutes of the Business Meeting held at Olney on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 had been published on the branch website and were available at today's meeting.

Adoption of both sets of minutes was proposed by Martin Petchey, seconded by Simon Head, and approved by a show of hands.

### Actions from Previous Meetings

There were no actions from previous meetings.

### Officers' Reports

The Officers' Reports had been published on the Branch website and were available for attendees to read. There were no questions on the reports.



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### Branch Accounts

Anne Nightingale proposed that the branch accounts were approved subject to final inspection by Peter Green. This was seconded by Barry Eglesfield and approved by a show of hands.

### Election of New Members

Nominations were received for the following new members:

Name	Tower	Proposer	Seconder
Mr Stephen Dexter	Hanslope	Roy Keeves	Sheila Blenkhorn
Dr Christopher Walton	Hanslope	Roy Keeves	Sheila Blenkhorn
Dr Dominic Keogh	Hanslope	Roy Keeves	Sheila Blenkhorn
Miss Phoebe Dexter	Hanslope	Roy Keeves	Sheila Blenkhorn
Mrs Donna Connew	Great Brickhill	David Middleton	Rosemary Howell
Ms Janet Maybin	Bradwell	Christine Abbott	Gordon Abbott

The nominations were approved by a show of hands.

### Election of Officers

Post	Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	Graham Bartholomew	Terry Page	Phillip Starr
Secretary	Gary Reading	Alan Marchbank	Doug Hird
Minutes Secretary	Vacant		
Treasurer	Anne Nightingale	Sheila Watts	Becky Fawcett
RDL Buckingham	Vacant		
RDL Milton Keynes	Vacant		
RDL Newport	Vacant		
Guild Rep (1)	Patricia Rosewell	Martin Petchey	Phillip Starr
Guild Rep (2)	Vacant		
Newsletter Editor	Phillip Starr	Gordon Abbott	Sheila Blenkhorn
Branch Archivist	Doug Hird	Phillip Starr	Nick Read

All of the nominations above were approved with a show of hands.

The branch secretary noted that he would like to stand down but, in the absence of anyone else who was willing to stand, agreed to stay on for a few more months.

As there were now no RDLs the officers agreed to discuss the future of the RDL role at their meeting tomorrow.

**Action: 20180421/1 Officers: Discuss the future of the RDL role**



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Alan Marchbank noted as he usually attended the three guild general meetings he would be able to provide a report if the sole guild rep could not attend.

The appointment of Peter Green as an independent examiner of the accounts was proposed by Graham Bartholomew, seconded by Alan Marchbank and approved with a show of hands.

Alan Marchbank proposed that the officers be authorised to co-opt new officers to any vacant posts with ratification to be confirmed at the next branch meeting. This was seconded by Gordon Abbott and approved with a show of hands.

### **Bell Fund Grant Applications**

The application for a grant towards new ropes at Emberton was discussed. Emberton was eligible for a grant of £59 based on the agreed branch bell fund rules. Graham Bartholomew proposed that a grant of £100 should be awarded. This was seconded by Sheila Blenkhorn and agreed by a show of hands.

### **Any Other Business**

Martin Petchey noted that he would soon be elected as Mayor of Milton Keynes. He was thinking of ringing a quarter peal in each of the ringable towers in the borough of Milton Keynes to raise funds for The Bus Shelter MK, which would be his nominated charity for the year, as well as making a small donation to the branch bell fund. The members present were very supportive of this idea.

Nick Read asked whether any members (particularly those who had newly retired) would be interested in a midweek ringing group. A significant number out of those members present indicated that they would be interested in taking part.

Graham Bartholomew noted that he was arranging a ringing outing on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> September to Wingrave, Marsworth, and Weston Turville etc.

There was a discussion about how to encourage more people to attend the 6-bell striking competition, and branch practices in general.

The chairman thanked Newport Pagnell, and in particular Doug Hird and Liz Wagstaff for hosting the AGM.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm.

### **Action Summary**

Action No	Actionee	Action
20180421/1	Officers	Discuss the future of the RDL role