

CROMER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 13 May 2021 at 7.30, via Zoom

Those present:

Revd W Warren	Revd J Hodgkinson	Mrs J Austin
Mr I Kimble	Mr D Orsborne	Mrs M Howard
Miss A Cottingham	Mr D Anderson	Dr R Beare
Mr J Hodgkinson	Mr R Hopkins	Mr R Loten
Mr T Morton	Mrs A Orsborne	Mr J Platten
Mr S Purslow	Miss S Wells	

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting was chaired by the Vicar, who welcomed Ivan Kimble to his first meeting and thanked David Loades for serving as warden for the past 4 years.

Apologies were received from Mr P Bennett, Mrs J Boyle, Ms A Coghlan, Mr D Masters and Mrs M Pallister.

2. OPENING WORSHIP

It was Ascension Day and the Vicar began the meeting with prayer and a reflection on Revelation 5:11 – 14:

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honour and glory and praise!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honour and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshipped”.

- a) Jesus was being praised as our Redeemer, who has set us free.
- b) He was being praised as our Ruler.
- c) It was good to be reminded that, despite the pandemic and other situations in the world, He was on the throne.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST NOT PREVIOUSLY RECORDED

None.

4. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2020

- a) No questions had been received in advance.
- b) A sum of £30,478 shown under Other Incoming Resources referred to money received from the Business Support grant and the Covid Job Retention Scheme grant.
- c) It was necessary to decide which fund would cover the deficit. The relevant figures were shown under Statement of Funds, and there were concerns that the church family might find difficulty in finding them. This was due to changes in the accounting system by the Independent Examiner. It was important that the church family should understand what the deficit was as we'd had to make some difficult decisions because of it. The Vicar would speak to Doug Tuthill about providing a brief explanatory report for the APCM.
- d) A deficit sum of £8,694 needed to be funded. The only funds that weren't restricted were the Vision Fund and the Project Fund. The Project Fund had been funded by transfers from revenues, so it would be appropriate to use it.
- e) Thanks were expressed to Brian Wigg and Sharon Lewin for their invaluable work on the Final Accounts.

It was **AGREED** by a show of hands: **to adopt the Final Accounts 2020 for presentation to the APCM**. This decision was subsequently ratified electronically in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

5. STAFFING

a) Church Secretary Job Description

The document was noted. Interviews for the post would be held in the following week.

b) Associate Vicar Job Description

- i. The document had been revised, but still contained a few typos.
- ii. Job titles should be consistent, and it should be made clear that the Associate Vicar would be part of the core team.

6. REOPENING ROAD MAP

- a) All dates were pencilled in and were subject to the Government's timetable.
- b) The first Sunday on which we would be able to meet without restrictions was 27 June. This was the day that the Curate would be ordained at the Cathedral. The Vicar would be attending so Revd Jennie Hodgkinson offered to lead both services in the Parish Church. We would be able to sing and have the Worship Band. It would also be the first Sunday that we could have Sunday Club for the children.
- c) John Hodgkinson suggested that, when provision of refreshments resumed, this should take place between services. It had been increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers for the later service. The Vicar agreed with this approach.
- d) John also suggested that, because of our financial situation, people could be asked for a small voluntary donation towards their refreshments. Jon Platten said that visitors often expected to pay.
- e) St Martin's wouldn't reopen until 04 July. The congregation already had a team in place to prepare for the reopening.

- f) The Parish Church would be open during the week from 05 July.
- g) In response to a question from Ray Loten about the reopening of the Parish Hall and the reinstatement of the 7.00 service, the Vicar said that we were moving forward in small steps. Reopening of the Parish Hall would impact on administration and cleaning and the 7.00 service needed further thought.
- h) Simon Purslow said that, of those who had been involved in the Worship Band at the evening service, some no longer wished to carry on. We would need to think about how music could be provided in the future.
- i) Music at the 8.45 service: this required further discussion.
- j) Once the new PCC was elected, we would look at the Vision consultation, including music.

The Vicar would revise and update the Road Map and circulate it to PCC.

7. VICAR'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Vicar thanked those who had served on PCC for their patience, wisdom and support in a difficult year. He thanked those who were standing down: Richard Beare, Paddy Bennett, John Hodgkinson, David Orsborne, Anna Coghlan, Ray Loten, Tim Morton and Simon Purslow. Anne Cottingham, Sue Wells and Mary Howard were thanked for serving on Deanery Synod.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.22 pm.