

CROMER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 27 January 2022 at 7.30 at St Martin's

Those present:

Revd W Warren	Revd B Rogers	Revd J Hodgkinson
Mrs J Austin	Mr I Kimble	Mr D Tuthill
Mrs M Howard	Miss A Cottingham	Mr D Orsborne
Mr D Anderson	Mrs J Boyle	Mr J Hodgkinson
Mrs A Orsborne	Mr S Purslow	Mrs B Stibbons
Miss S Wells		

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting was chaired by the Vicar, who welcomed members to the meeting.
Apologies were received from Dr R Beare, Mr P Bennett and Mrs M Pallister.

2. OPENING WORSHIP

The meeting began with sung worship led by Simon Purslow and a reflection by the Vicar on Psalm 33.

The psalm gave 3 reasons to praise the Lord:

1. God's Word is powerful.
2. God's protective care.
3. God's promised deliverance.

This was followed by a time of prayer.

Opening Business

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST NOT PREVIOUSLY RECORDED

- a) The PCC Secretary expressed an interest in the item concerning the minute from 24 June 2021. She had written the minute.
- b) Revd W Warren, Revd J Hodgkinson and Revd B Rogers declared an interest in item 9, The Clergy Wellbeing Covenant.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 25 NOVEMBER 2021

The minutes of the meeting of 25 November 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Laptop for CC Kids: the HP laptop had been rigorously tested but was too slow and not

fit for purpose. A Mac laptop had subsequently been purchased.

6. MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF STANDING AND FINANCE 13 JANUARY 2022

- a) Organ recitals: Tim Moon had indicated that he would like to be part of a small group to consider how to take organ recitals forward
- b) David Anderson had agreed to continue as Health and Safety lead.

7. NOTES FROM MISSION LEADERSHIP TEAM (MLT) 07 JANUARY 2022

Concert

- a) Because of Covid and other reasons, the Bean Baker concert hadn't happened. Bean Baker was happy to do a concert on 3 September. The cost would be in the region of £500, plus £300 for a sound engineer.
- b) If the concert was to go ahead, it needed funding. It would not be ticketed, but donations of £5 would be requested. This should offset the cost.
- c) Bean Baker came with good recommendations.
- d) The concert would be a good way to end BeachFest and would reach out to people on the fringe. It would be easy to invite people to come, especially as the material was aimed at younger people.
- e) John Hodgkinson reminded PCC that, at an earlier meeting, it had been agreed that profits from Cornerstone go into Mission.
- f) The Treasurer advised that the concert could be funded from the Project Fund. It was **AGREED that an outreach concert should be staged on 3 September 2022 and that it should be funded from the Project Fund.**

8. GENERAL SYNOD, NOVEMBER 2021

Use of individual cups for Holy Communion: the House of Bishops had accepted that some churches would feel that this was the best option at the moment, while there was no end in sight for the pandemic.

Church Life and Growth

8. FINANCE

Budget

- a) A few adjustments would be made because of accruals.
- b) The CCLA fund should be moved to Restricted.
- c) The charges for heating and lighting in the Parish Hall appeared to be high, although the building was currently used less. This should be monitored.
- d) It was encouraging to see that our finances were in the black.
- e) It was important to communicate financial information to the church family. The Vicar had done this before Christmas in one of his letters in the Update. However, no response had been received from the church family.

Minute of PCC 24 June 2021

- a) The following minute had been contested by a previous Treasurer: *Doug Tuthill reported that the records he had inherited were incomplete and that he would have to seek the help of Larking Gowan to clarify some transactions.” (Minute 13a)
- b) The minute was a correct record of what was said and had been signed off by PCC on 21 July 2021

It was **AGREED** that a post-meeting note be appended to the minutes of 24 June 2021: “PCC now accepts that the files had existed but, at the time, could not be found on the computer, perhaps having been saved in a different location. Larking Gowen was subsequently able to provide the necessary information to enable the completion of the accounts.”

The PCC Secretary had declared an interest and abstained from voting.

Independent Examiner

We had been experiencing difficulties with our current Examiner. The Treasurer proposed to change to Hignett's, subject to them agreeing to take on the work, as they were based in Cromer and provided us with good service in other financial areas.

It was **AGREED** that PCC change to Hignett's, subject to them being willing to take on the work.

9. CLERGY WELLBEING COVENANT

This merited a special meeting of PCC, which was scheduled for Friday 25 February 2022 at 7.30 in St Martin's Church.

10. MISSION PARTNERS

Process for supporting Mission Partners

- a) The 3 year period of support had now ended for Scripture Union and London City Mission.
- b) PCC needed to decide whether to keep the remaining 7 Mission Partners or increase to 9 again.
- c) The system of having 9 Mission Partners was developed in 2018 and was a good system.
- d) Reducing to 7 would give the wrong signal to the church family.
- e) 8 Mission Partners plus CPAS felt right as it gave each Mission Partner a focus month during the year.
- f) It would be good to invite nominations from the church family and to re-inform them about Mission Partners.

It was **AGREED** that the number of Mission Partners should remain at 9 (8 Mission Partners plus CPAS) and that nominations should be invited from the church family, using the system employed in 2018, to replace LCM and SU, whose term had come to an end.

Andrew Leake

- a) Andrew Leake no longer relied on contributions from supporting churches. However, he encouraged us to continue supporting his original organisation, Land for Life, for the remaining two years of the term.
- b) When we had first decided to support Andrew, it had been in connection with Land for Life. To continue would be to honour our decision.
- c) Cromer Church's history of sending out was inspirational.

It was **AGREED to continue to support Land for Life for the remaining 2 years of the term.**

11. VISION DOCUMENTS

- a) Following a meeting of CLT, "mock up" documents had been produced by David Orsborne. The aim was to give PCC an idea of what might be produced and the documents were not "drafts".
- b) David Orsborne and Mary Pallister had met, via Zoom, with the designer we were working with. He aimed to produce some initial ideas by 31 January.
- c) The new logo would be discussed by PCC but it couldn't be "designed by a committee". It would be adaptable for different uses.
- d) The documents were a good starting point, setting out everything very clearly.
- e) It was good to have the bookmark, which could be put in a Bible.
- f) The simplicity of having 6 points was appreciated. The use of Bible verses was also helpful.
- g) We would also need a powerpoint, or something similar.
- h) A Vision Sunday was not the way forward. The Vision Forums had worked better.
- i) We should also consider how to communicate the Vision to people who hadn't come back to church yet.
- j) It would be good to progress this project before Easter.

12. SAFEGUARDING

The report was received.

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13. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The report was received.

14. ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE

- a) The roll stood at 279.
- b) The ChurchSuite database was being revised.
- c) The Pastoral co-ordinators were doing a great job in following people up.
- d) Sue Wells suggested a bigger team of welcomers so that more time could be spent talking to people.

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND DATES

- a) A letter of resignation, because of ill health had been received from Roger Hopkins. A card had been sent from PCC.
- b) A letter of acknowledgement for their Mission Partner payment had been received from Canaan.
- c) It was **AGREED to approve Margaret Smith as a Home Communion Assistant.**
- d) It was **AGREED to approve the Women's Wellbeing Walk on 31 January as a church event for insurance purposes.**
- e) It was **AGREED to approve BeachFest as a church event for insurance purposes on the following days:**
 - BeachFest Extra: February Half Term - Monday 14th February 2022 - 10.30 to 12.30 @ St Martin's
 - BeachFest Extra: May Half Term - Wednesday 1st June 2022 - 10.30 to 12.30 @ St Martin's
 - BeachFest - summer holidays
 - Wednesday 27th July 2022
 - Wednesday 3rd August 2022
 - Wednesday 10th August 2022
 - Wednesday 17th August 2022
 - Wednesday 24th August 2022
 - BeachFest Extra: October Half term - Monday 31st October 2022 - Light Party - 4pm - 6pm @ St Martin's

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 24 February at 7.30, at St Martin's.**

Clergy Wellbeing Covenant meeting **Friday 25 February at 7.30, at St Martin's.**

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.00 pm.