

# **CROMER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 28 April 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	Mr D Orsborne	Mr D Anderson
Dr R Beare	Mrs J Boyle	Mr J Hodgkinson
Mrs A Orsborne	Mrs M Pallister	Mrs B Stibbons

## **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The meeting was chaired by the Vicar, who welcomed members to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr P Bennett, Miss A Cottingham, Mr S Purslow and Miss S Wells.

## **2. OPENING WORSHIP**

The meeting began with a reflection by the Vicar on Colossians, Chapter 1, which he described as "Paul's Vicar's Report to the APCM".

Paul rejoiced in the Colossians' faithfulness and love for fellow Christians...

At Cromer, there are lots of things we can celebrate, but our work is to no avail if we don't have faith and love for each other.

Paul prays that the Colossians would grow in knowledge, to understand better the life God wants for them and that they would be strengthened and keep growing.

A time of prayer followed.

## **Opening Business**

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST NOT PREVIOUSLY RECORDED**

None.

## **4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 24 MARCH 2022**

The minutes of the meeting of 24 March 2022 were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

## **5. NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF FABRIC LEADERSHIP TEAM (FLT) 21 MARCH 2022**

- a) Ivan Kimble reported that it cost £41.20, plus standing charge, to heat the Parish Church for an hour. As it was necessary to run the heating for 6 hours on a Sunday, this was a significant expense. That was the reason why disruptor fans were being investigated.

- b) Fuel prices had implications for our hiring fees. A review was needed. It would be carried out by the Wardens, the Church Secretary and several others, then brought to PCC.
- c) Ivan would calculate the cost of heating the Parish Hall and St Martin's and report back to the next meeting of Standing and Finance.

## **6. REPORT ON GENERAL SYNOD FEBRUARY 2022**

The report was noted. We were grateful to Caroline Herbert for providing it.

### **Church Life and Growth**

## **7. FINANCE**

### **Final Accounts 2021**

The Treasurer was thanked for all his work.

- a) PCC had seen a draft version of the accounts on 24 March. The latest version included a few adjustments and the Examiner's notes.
- b) Fixed assets were included in the accounts, as rules have changed. Simon Purslow would be consulted about the ownership status of 17 Meadow Close.

It was proposed by Jill Boyle, seconded by Revd Jennie Hodgkinson and **RESOLVED to adopt the Final Accounts 2021.**

The accounts would now be presented to the APCM. The PCC Secretary reminded members that they were now our accounts. We should own them and support the Treasurer in any discussion.

### **Other financial matters**

- a) NatWest have imposed bank charges of £121 per month but have waived charges for February and March after the Treasurer complained that no advance notice had been received. To avoid charges, some payments were being made monthly rather than weekly and debit cards were not being used for small amounts.
- b) Robert Culyer, from the Diocese, was coming to June PCC to talk about the Parish Giving Scheme. Currently, a significant number of people were not giving by Direct Debit.

## **8. REFLECTIONS ON EASTER SERVICES**

PCC members gave their reflections on the Easter services.

- a) The Maundy Thursday service could have been advertised more
- b) The Maundy Meal could be done now and again.

- c) Good Friday: despite the windy weather, the BeachFest activities in the churchyard had been well received and allowed us to have a Christian presence in the town centre. The music provided by John and Chrissie had been appreciated by people in the town. In future years, tea and coffee would be provided if the Café wasn't open. The Devotional hour had been excellent and it was good to have the choir. However, we needed to be careful how we advertised this service in future years to make it clear that it was a structured service.
- d) Easter Sunday was very positive and very well attended. It had been the biggest attendance since lockdown. There was a high proportion of visitors in the congregation, but there were also some church members returning after a long absence. There was also good attendance at St Martin's and at Felbrigg.
- e) It would be good to get the Easter Services card out sooner, with all the services including St Martin's listed on it..

## **9. UPDATE ON ASSOCIATE VICAR VACANCY**

- a) Interviews were likely to be held on 4 July. Candidates would have a tour of the church buildings including Roughton Rectory and meet PCC over lunch.
- b) Merchants Place would be booked for the interviews.
- c) Because of cost, deadlines and other reasons, the post would not be advertised in the Church Times. It would be advertised through Pathways, the Diocesan website and the evangelical network.
- d) Members were asked to pray for the right person to apply.
- e) The Vicar would circulate the updated Profile to PCC members. It could possibly also be published in the Update.

## **10. ORGAN RECITAL PROGRAMME**

- a) The Vicar, Tim Moon and others had been meeting to explore the way forward with organ recitals. It had been decided to focus on local musicians and up and coming young musicians, who would be well supported by family and friends.
- b) Tim had suggested a sliding scale of fees depending on experience: £50 + travel for A Level students, £70 + travel for university students and £100 + travel for professional musicians.
- c) PCC agreed that this was a viable way forward.
- d) Sunday afternoon recitals were being considered as more likely to attract attendance than the previous pattern of Tuesday evenings. However, this would add to the Sunday workload of the sound operators.
- e) Twelve recitals might be possible, depending on getting the musicians and the necessary volunteer support team, but 6 might be more workable. The Vicar had written to potential soloists (some were already in place) and the need for volunteers could be advertised in the Update. The programme couldn't start until we had a co-ordinator and volunteer team.
- f) During lockdown we had agreed not to take on more than we could do, but we were slipping back and a small amount of people were volunteering for a lot of things. If something can't be staffed, the church family needed to know.

- g) It might be an appropriate time for another SOS appeal.
- h) The Vicar wanted to do a Welcome event. Part of this would be encouraging people to use their gifts in the life of the church.
- i) The Wardens were working on a card to go in the pews by the end of May. This would be a first port of call for new people but there was need for back-up information or a leaflet.

## **11. SAFEGUARDING**

- a) Along with the Diocese, we were investigating a Safeguarding issue.
- b) Some people still needed to do the training.

## **12. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

There were no updates.

## **13. ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE**

The roll stood at 289

## **14. CORRESPONDENCE AND DATES**

- a) A letter had been sent to PCCs by Bishop Graham, advising that Archdeacon Ian Bentley would be retiring on 31 July. There was an opportunity to make a leaving gift and the PCC Secretary would inform the church family via the Update.
- b) Dates of next meetings: **APCM Thursday 26 May at 7.30, at St Martin's; PCC Thursday 23 June at 7.30, at St Martin's.**
- c) The Vicar thanked PCC for all their hard work and contributions over the past year. We had worked well together. He also thanked those who were stepping down.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.55 pm.