



CROMER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council
held on Thursday 29th May 2025 at 7.30pm at the Parish Church**

Members present: Revd Will Warren (Chair), David Anderson, Judith Anderson, Jill Boyle, Anna Coghlan, Anne Cottingham, John Hodgkinson, Christopher Jacquier, David Loades, Hazel Mardlin, Jon Mardlin, Sarah McCandlish, David Orsborne, Simon Purslow, Doug Tuthill, Eileen Woodfield.

P2505-12 Opening prayer and worship, Bible study and prayer

SP led a time of sung worship and prayer. WW led a reflection on Joshua 14 and 15. Joshua and Caleb were the spies who believed that God's promise could be realised and, forty-five years on – at the age of eighty-five, Caleb again has courage in taking on Hebron, the hill country of the Anakites. He literally had a mountain to climb, but he believed that, with the Lord's help, he would succeed. We may have mountains to climb – big projects, daunting challenges, complex processes and spiritual battles – but we can learn from Caleb's story:

- i) His consecration never slipped: Caleb never forgot the task to which God had called him, and he pursued it wholeheartedly;
- ii) His confidence never wavered: he was obedient, and his faith overcame any fear;
- iii) His God never forgot: The Lord fulfilled all his promises.

As with Caleb, God honours our faith and obedience – not as an obligation but in His grace. We may face 'giants and mountains' but in obedience and faith we can go forward. A time of prayer followed.

P2505-13 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Revd Julia Chamberlin, Tracy Johnson and Ivan Kimble.

P2505-14 Declarations of Interest not already recorded in the Register of Interests

There were none.

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P2505-19 **Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 15th May 2025**

Proposed amendments to minute P2505-05 had been received from EW and to minute P2505-09 from HM. These were **AGREED** and, with these amendments, the minutes were **APPROVED** as a correct record of that meeting.

Matters arising:

- a) EW reported that new PCC members would not need a new DBS check if they had already been checked for another role.
- b) WW reported that he had received Andy Bagwell's report (P2505-07). The report contained much that was encouraging but there was a lot to go through. Any work on it will be held until September, after WW returns from sabbatical.

P2505-20 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence had been received:

- a) **BeachFest Quiz and Chips** (29th August) and Sea Baptisms (21st September) were **APPROVED** as church activities for insurance purposes.
- b) WW had received an email from the Archdeacon indicating that our Parish Share would be reduced to £108,822 as a result of JJC finishing her ministry in Cromer at the end of the month. Further adjustments might be necessary depending on whether she subsequently takes up new opportunities for ministry.
ACTION: DT/WW
- c) Phil Broughton had written with a proposal about the 2025 Cromer Church carnival float. PCC members had been given the opportunity to read and discuss this via email prior to the meeting. Those discussions had expressed concern about the theme and its relationship to our vision. In discussion at the meeting, members acknowledged the importance of Cromer Church being represented in the carnival and recognised the significant work put in by Phil and the rest of the Broughton family over the years. Members felt it was important to make the most of the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus, and concerns about the theme remained. Accordingly, it was **AGREED** that WW would talk to Phil about this and seek to find an acceptable way forward.

ACTION: WW

P2505-21 **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting of S&F is on 12th June at 9.30 at the Parish Church.

The next meeting of PCC is on 26th June at St Martin's. WW will be on sabbatical, and David Loades will chair the meeting.

P2505-22 **Review of the meeting**

The focused agenda and the arrangement of chairs in a circle were noted as positives. The meeting was longer than expected, but this was due to the nature of the business and the complexity of some discussions.

The meeting closed with The Grace at 9.55 p.m.