

CROMER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 24 March 2022 at 7.30 at St Martin's

Those present:

Revd W Warren	Revd B Rogers	Mrs J Austin
Mr I Kimble	Mrs M Howard	Miss A Cottingham
Mr D Orsborne	Mr D Anderson	Dr R Beare
Mr P Bennett	Mrs J Boyle	Mrs A Orsborne
Mrs M Pallister	Mr S Purslow	Miss S Wells

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

Apologies were received from Revd J Hodgkinson, Mr J Hodgkinson, Mrs B Stibbons and Mr D Tuthill.

2. OPENING WORSHIP

The meeting began with sung worship led by Simon Purslow and a reflection by the Vicar on Hebrews 6.

In this chapter, Paul identified 3 dangers to the Christian life: immaturity, apostasy and apathy. Our greatest danger was probably apathy. In verses 11 – 12 Paul says: "We want each of you to show this same diligence (as when you first became Christians) to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised"

We have to be patient and to persevere, with the certain promise that Christ will return.

A time of prayer followed.

Opening Business

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST NOT PREVIOUSLY RECORDED

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 24 FEBRUARY 2022

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

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 25 FEBRUARY 2022

The minutes of the meeting of 25 February 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

- a) The Wardens had met with the Vicar and started working on the easier action points.
- b) The Christopher Ash books had been distributed to the Small Group leaders.

6. MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF STANDING AND FINANCE 9 MARCH 2022

- a) Open the Book currently had no budget. It was **AGREED** that **Open the Book should have a budget of £500 for topping up resources and buying books for Easter/Christmas related to their work.**
- b) Vestments for the Communion table: expert advice from the Cathedral Broderers was likely to cost in the region of £200, but it would be money well spent. The expenditure was **AGREED**. The necessary repair work would be carried out by a member of the church family who was skilled in ecclesiastical embroidery.

7. NOTES FROM MISSION LEADERSHIP TEAM 4 MARCH 2022

- a) A BeachFest Extra activity for Good Friday morning had been added to the programme. It was a good opportunity to engage with the many families who would be in the town on a bank holiday.
- b) In response to a question, it was explained that the reason for having a BeachFest activity on Carnival Day was to include Christian input in a community event and to link with something that was already happening.

8. REPORT ON DEANERY SYNOD 10 MARCH 2022

- a) Bishop Graham had asked us to pray for the senior team: Bishops Alan and Jane, Archdeacon Steven, and particularly for Archdeacon Ian Bentley, currently receiving chemotherapy treatment. He also asked us to pray for Keith James, interim Archdeacon of Norwich and for Sally Theakston and Christopher Davies, acting Archdeacons of Lynn.
- b) Eco Church was a Diocesan initiative and comprised a questionnaire which pinpointed changes that could be made. This might be something that the wider church family might want to take up. Young people, in particular, felt very strongly about environmental issues.

Church Life and Growth

9. FINANCE

Accounts

- a) It was very encouraging to see we were in the black, including repairs to the buildings. As a PCC, we'd worked hard to achieve this, and it should be

communicated to the church family. The Treasurer was thanked for his hard work, as well as the budget holders and members of the church family who had increased their giving. The Treasurer was commended for going above and beyond the call of duty and for simplifying the accounts.

- b) Interest on the NS&I and CCLA accounts was very low. Consideration should be given to moving them to a higher paying account.
- c) CCLA (Restricted fund for the Lighting Scheme): James South at the Diocese was investigating if it should be restricted or designated.
- d) NatWest had started to apply bank charges without advance warning. The Treasurer had made a complaint.
- e) PCC needed more information before the 2021 final accounts were adopted. An extraordinary meeting would be called before the APCM.

Fuel costs

- a) Compared to other churches, we were on the lower scale of hiring charges. It was **AGREED to review the charges for heating in all our buildings in the light of actual costs and that from next season, the charges be increased.**
- b) FLT was considering installation of disruptor fans to circulate the hot air at the top of the church and increase the efficiency of the heating. This would require faculty and would have to be done in conjunction with the high level lighting scheme because scaffolding would be required.

10. APCM ARRANGEMENTS

- a) The APCM should be a celebration. PCC was asked to pray that it would be a positive occasion.
- b) The following people were due to stand down: Jill Boyle (not eligible to stand again), Roger Hopkins (resigned December 2021), Mary Howard (not eligible to stand again, but ex officio Deanery Synod until 2023), Alison Orsborne (eligible to stand again) and Mary Pallister (eligible to stand again).
- c) In total there were 5 places and people, especially from St Martin's, should be encouraged to stand. Personal invitation was best.
- d) It was proposed to hold the meeting at St Martin's and provide coffee and cake. The meeting would begin with worship and the Wardens would sit at the front to show our support of the Vicar.

11. MISSION PARTNERS

Four nominations had been received and the church family had made their choice by ballot over a 2 week period. Open Doors, championed by Judith Anderson, and Mission Without Borders, championed by Anne Attfield, were the clear favourites.

It was **AGREED to adopt Open Doors and Mission Without Borders as Mission Partners to be supported for the next 3 years.**

12. REQUEST FROM ST MARTIN'S

- a) Currently St Martin's uses a sound mixer-desk which was received second hand from the Parish church when the sound system (not livestreaming) was overhauled a number of years ago. Whilst a significant number of channels do not work there are enough functioning channels at present. It requires all the microphones and musical instruments to be connected by wires which require setting up and taking down every Sunday. Also, the wires keep breaking and requiring replacement. The many wires are also tripping hazards.
- b) To avoid the tripping hazard and set up requirements it is proposed to utilise a new wireless system with a new mixer desk. The estimate includes to make 5 microphones and guitar wireless. More than this apparently would need frequencies that require annual licences. The sound mixer desk recommended would provide all the needs with a little capacity to future proof and includes a Bluetooth facility. The estimate also includes for an appropriate cabinet and installation of test and commissioning of all the equipment. The total cost is likely to be £4,300 + VAT.
- c) We would need to get 3 quotations.
- d) Ivan Kimble had checked with Phil Broughton regarding the equipment proposed and the frequencies suggested, and he was happy with it.
- e) This could be an appropriate project for a legacy that was specific to St Martin's. The Vicar would speak to the family.

It was AGREED to purchase the equipment, subject to discussion with the family of the benefactor and 3 quotes being received.

13. SAFEGUARDING

- a) It was **AGREED to adopt the Safeguarding Policy.**
- b) It was **AGREED to approve the list of those with DBS checks for working with children and adults at risk.** (attached at Appendix A)

14. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- a) There had been no major changes to the Health and Safety Policy, but a contents page had been added for ease of navigation.
- b) David Anderson was thanked for his work as PCC's Health and Safety link.
- c) The Policy would be published on the website.

It was AGREED to adopt the Health and Safety Policy.

15. ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE

- a) The roll stood at 289
- b) Jackie Austin would stand down from the role of Electoral Roll Officer at the APCM.

16. CORRESPONDENCE AND DATES

- a) It was **AGREED to approve the BeachFest Good Friday family event on 15th April as a church event for insurance purposes. It will be held outside Cromer Parish Church in the churchyard, or inside the church if wet.**
- b) Correspondence from Brian Wigg: the correspondence had gone to Standing and Finance on 9 March, when the PCC Secretary had been tasked to ask Brian to specify the 4 "errors" he referred to. This information had not been received. The correspondence was noted.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 26 May at 7.30, at St Martin's.**

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.50 pm.