

CROMER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 21 March 2024 at 7.30 at St Martin's

Those present:

Revd W Warren	Revd J Chamberlin	Revd J Haywood
Mr I Kimble	Mr D Loades	Mr D Tuthill
Mrs M Howard	Miss A Cottingham	Mr D Orsborne
Mr D Anderson	Mr J Hodgkinson	Mrs J Anderson
Mr D Broughton	Mrs S McCandlish	Mrs A Orsborne
Mrs M Pallister	Mr G Purland	

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting was chaired by the Vicar, Revd W Warren.

Apologies were received from Simon Purslow.

2. OPENING WORSHIP

The meeting began with a reflection by the Vicar on John 11, the raising of Lazarus. These verses show different responses to Jesus::

- a) The dullness of the disciples: they don't understand Jesus but they keep following and trusting him.
- b) The faith of Martha in the authority of Jesus.
- c) The hatred of the religious leaders: there is a very real opposition to the Gospel, but it can't stop God's salvation plan from progressing.

A time of prayer followed.

Opening Business

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST NOT PREVIOUSLY RECORDED

None..

4. MINUTES OF THE PCC MEETING OF 29 FEBRUARY 2024

The minutes of the PCC meeting of 29 February 2024 were agreed as a correct record and the following matter was arising:

The True Freedom Trust will deliver a training session on a Saturday at the beginning of May. Publicity should be available in time for the APCM.

6. NOTES FROM FABRIC LEADERSHIP TEAM (FLT) 12 FEBRUARY 2024

- a) The work in the Parish Church is on schedule. Gratitude was expressed for all the work done by Simon Purslow, Nick Claridge and the team. We are blessed to have such expertise in our church family.
- b) Glass doors: Simon Purslow and the Wardens have met with the contractors, who will give us a budget for the work.

Church Life and Growth

7. FINANCE Final Accounts

- a) The only significant difference between this latest version and the previous one is an adjustment for paying energy bills.
- b) The Treasurer has asked the Diocese to release the funds for the re-lighting scheme.
- c) The cost of DBS checks comes under the heading of Church running expenses. They are likely to increase as the Diocese now requires them more frequently.
- d) Training for children's work: "One Big Day" run by the Diocese caters for this need. We could fund people to attend.
- e) We shouldn't expect our volunteers to fund their own training'

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Final Accounts.

The Treasurer and Independent Examiner were thanked for their work.

11. SAFEGUARDING POLICY

- a) It was **AGREED** that Alison Orsborne should continue as Parish Safeguarding Officer.
- b) Safeguarding Policy: We have adopted the House of Bishops 'policy: it was

AGREED to adapt the revised Safeguarding Policy and the Promoting a Safer Church policy. These documents should be consulted when planning events.

- c) Alison will display the Safeguarding Who's Who in each worship centre.
- d) Responding to allegations and concerns document: we need to look after people.
- e) Safeguarding process for hirers document: this is given out to all hirers.
- f) Social Media document: this isn't in place yet and is related to work being done by CLT. At present, the first port of call should be the Diocese. This also applies to the Recruitment of Sex Offenders document.
- g) It was **AGREED To approve the list of those people with DBS checks.**
- h) The Diocese has changed the period for DBS checks from 5 years to 3 years.
- i) PCC members must tell Alison what training they have done and when they did it.

12. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

- a) The policy has to be revised every year. A list of amendments can be found on page 5.
- b) John Hodgkinson has reviewed the policy as Catering Manager and David Anderson also needs to review it.
- c) The review was useful because it showed that we are due for an electrical inspection.
- d) We have had training on the emergency lighting and Nick Claridge would like to do an extra session.
- e) Evacuation diagram for the Parish Hall: David Orsborne will supply a graphic to the Wardens. There is an evacuation map for the Parish Church.
- f) It is important that there should be people trained to manage an evacuation.
- g) There is a fire and risk assessment in place for the bellringers.
- h) It was **AGREED to adopt the Health and Safety Policy subject to amendments.**

13. ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE

The roll has risen to 297..

14. CORRESPONDENCE AND DATES

- a) Vicar's response to Jon Platten's Small Group
- b) Resignation of Brenda Stibbons from PCC
- c) Letter from Lighthouse Community Church

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 25 April 2024 (APCM) at 7.30, at St Martin's.**

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.50 pm.