

# CROMER PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 31 October 2019 at St Martin's.

## Those present:

Revd W Warren	Mr S Fenn	Mrs J Austin
Mr D Loades	Mr D Masters	Mr B Wigg
Miss A Cottingham	Dr R Beare	Dr P Beazley
Mrs J Boyle	Ms A Coghlan	Mr N Dawson
Mr D Anderson	Mr J Hodgkinson	Mr R Hopkins
Mr R Loten	Mrs M Pallister	Mr S Purslow
Miss S Wells		

## 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting was chaired by Revd Will Warren. Apologies were received from Revd J Hodgkinson, Mrs A Orsborne, Mrs M Howard, Mr D Orsborne, Mr P Bennett, Mr M Brown, Mrs S Morter, Mr J Platten and Mr T Morton.

## 2. OPENING WORSHIP

Prayer, worship and a reading and reflection from were led by Revd Will Warren and Simon Purslow.

The reflection from Luke 13 included the following points:

- a) Clarity - Jesus was clear about his mission (v22). We should make every effort (v24), it's easy to be fuzzy about evangelism and to water the gospel down. There will be a time when it is too late. Jesus was realistic about there being times when we share the gospel but people won't respond.
- b) Compassion – Jesus had great compassion for the people of Jerusalem (v34). What motivates us to do mission – is it out of obligation or guilt, or an ambition to build empires or fill our coffers? Jesus motivation was compassion for the least and the lost.

### Discussion

- a) Jesus' mission wasn't in the obvious, popular places (David Masters).
- b) We shouldn't expect people to come to us – we need to be 'out there' (Jackie Austin, Simon Fenn).
- c) When you shine a light you attract people (David Masters).
- d) There is some risk in concentrating too much of our mission towards families, children and youth when there are so many people in our community for whom time is running out (John Hodgkinson).
- e) We can bring hope – whether you're young or old, 5 or 55. The gospel is inclusive. (Simon Fenn).

The time of worship and reflection concluded with a time of prayer.

## **Opening Business**

The Chairman asked members to indicate whether they were willing for Mary Pallister to act as stand-in secretary for Mary Howard who was unavailable. This was approved.

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

Simon Purslow noted that in item 9, Notes and Recommendations from the Fabric Leadership Team where reference was made to the Church Architect, he was the Church Architect.

### **4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 03 OCTOBER 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of 03 October 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **5. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

7) c) ii) Consideration needs to be given to how the excellent talk on Giving Sunday is followed up - Simon Purslow

7) d) Recruiting more staff – Brain Wigg enquired whether this could be put onto the action plan. The Chairman noted that this was something to come back to in the future.

14) Simon Fenn confirmed that he still needed to follow up with TAB2 regarding funding and risk assessment in relation to hire of a bouncy castle.

### **6. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE STANDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 09 OCTOBER 2019**

The minutes of the Standing and Finance Committee of 09 October 2019 were received. There were a number of comments in relation to item 3h):

- a) A number of people had indicated, verbally or in written form, that they would consider increasing their giving to the church *only* if the collection plate was to be passed around in services – Brian Wigg.
- b) A giving scheme in Australia had envelopes with an option to tick a box stating “I give by standing order” which might overcome people’s uneasiness about passing the collection plate without putting in a contribution – Richard Beare.
- c) People suffering financial uncertainty might feel undue pressure if circulating the collection plate during services was reintroduced – Nathanael Dawson.

## **Church Life and Growth (Action Plan, Mission)**

### **7. HOPE 2020, INCLUDING LAUNCH OF BEACH MISSION 2020 AND TALKING JESUS COURSE**

Simon Fenn handed out two leaflets:

#### **a) ‘Hope2020’**

‘Hope2020’ was an initiative of the Church of England together with the Evangelical Alliance. It aimed to get churches across the country involved in doing mission. Cromer Church is already involved in many of the activities Hope2020 is suggesting, including ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ and ‘40Acts’. Hope2020 could provide us with a framework to organise our outreach activities throughout the year and a national banner under which we could operate.

#### **b) ‘Talking Jesus’**

‘Talking Jesus’ is a six session course aiming to help Christians grow in confidence in sharing their own faith. The material was well suited to use with small groups.

### **c) Beach Mission 2020**

Simon Fenn presented initial plans for a relaunch of Beach Mission in 2020, under the name 'Cromer Beach Fest' with the strapline 'Exploring Life with Jesus'. He emphasised that 'Exploring Life with Jesus' meant that those who don't yet know Jesus can explore the issue and those who already know Jesus can go deeper in their relationship with him. There was intentionally no Cromer Church branding because we want to build partnerships with other people/organisations. Initial conversations had taken place and there was an enthusiasm for involvement, particularly from the outset so that plans are formed in conjunction with the community not imposed on them. In doing so we can form relationships with key people in the community. One hard to reach group were youth and Simon Fenn noted that he was planning to hold a focus group in order to ask them for their ideas.

He noted that the dates for Cromer Beach Fest were deliberately after Cromer Carnival and that Cromer Town Council are keen to support the plans as it helps them in their own goal of offering events throughout the summer. North Lodge Park would be the base for the main events and he had also secured 4 locations close by that could be used for 'Going Deeper' groups in the morning.

The core Beach Fest team would comprise Simon Fenn, Jackie Austin, Ray Loten and Jill Boyle (leading on prayer).

The costs were estimated to be between £3k-£5k, not including start-up costs.

#### **Discussion**

- i) It was important to note that this is a relaunch not a reinvention of Beach Mission, we greatly value all that has gone before and are building on its foundations – Jackie Austin.
- ii) This relaunch goes back to the roots of Beach Mission – Jill Boyle.
- iii) Might there be scope for involving the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses, as had been so successful with the Peregrine Project? – David Masters.
- iv) When the children are busy at 'Going Deeper' groups in the mornings there might be an opportunity to run some kind of discussion group with adults too – Simon Fenn.
- v) Up until now we haven't financed Beach Mission. We gave Scripture Union £2k as one of our Mission Partners and it had always been earmarked by SU for Cromer Beach Mission. Whilst SU continue to be our Mission Partner there was no guarantee that this arrangement would continue. It might be possible that the Project Fund could underwrite the enterprise – Brian Wigg
- vi) There are other grant-making bodies who we might be able to apply to for funding – Simon Fenn.

**PCC AGREED to adopt Hope 2020 as our Mission framework.**

**PCC AGREED to proposals for a relaunch of Beach Mission 2020 under a new name 'Cromer Beach Fest' and AGREED with plans as they are progressing in relation to this.**

## **Finance (Action Plan, All)**

### **8. FINANCE REPORT**

- a) There was little change to the situation reported at the last PCC earlier in October. It had been very nice to receive a cheque for £2000 from the Peregrine Project.
- b) All properties have had problems with their heating leading to extra expenditure. Other areas of expenditure are under control.
- c) A Benefice Support Meeting was scheduled for the following Saturday, Brian Wigg, Will Warren and David Loades would attend.

## **Reports (Action Plan, All)**

### **9. NOTES FROM FABRIC LEADERSHIP TEAM 22 JULY AND 07 OCTOBER 2019 AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The notes from the Fabric Leadership Team meetings of 22 July and 07 October 2019 were received. Two corrections were noted to the 07 October notes: the title should be 07 October (not 22 July); item 17) add the words 'and meeting' between 'staff' and 'room'.

A further comment had been received from Alison Orsborne in relation to the notes of the 22 July meeting: "I wasn't on the Health and Safety as administration assistant. I was there to contribute in terms of people and processes, like safeguarding and first aid. We all shared admin and I did the diagrams needed".

#### **a) Entrance gates / Glass doors**

**PCC AGREED to ask the Church Architect to prepare sketch proposals for glass doors and to review the steel gates at the south entrance to the Parish Church.**

#### **b) Wheelchair friendly spaces within Parish Church**

FLT had considered a request to remove at least one pew on the south side of the Nave to make a wheelchair friendly space. Simon Purslow noted that any area created needed to be at the same floor height as the pews so as to ensure a wheelchair-user was not disadvantaged.

#### **Discussion**

PCC were minded to go further than the initial proposal and to give consideration to removal of all pews.

Simon Purslow advised that the best way to progress this was for Will Warren to speak with the Archdeacon in the first instance, share a vision of what is planned and then take a formal application to DAC forward.

DAC authorities are possibly more forward looking than ten years ago. Many people don't realise that the pews weren't part of the church when it was built! – Sue Wells.

Simon Purslow confirmed that the pews are a Victorian addition.

Richard Beare noted that Mundesley are removing their pews.

**PCC AGREED to ask Will Warren to explore the idea of removing the pews with the Archdeacon in the first instance.**

**c) Bicycle Stands**

FLT had considered a request for cycle stands close to the main entrance door, adjacent to the east elevation of the South Porch.

**PCC AGREED to ask FLT to take forward proposals to install bicycle stands with Simon Purslow to contact NNDC informally in the first instance.**

**d) Tower Scaffold / Working at Height**

Confirmation had been received from the church insurers that provided Gavin Fitt had undertaken the relevant 'Tower Scaffold' and 'Working at Height' courses then we would be covered for work of this type.

**PCC AGREED that Gavin Fitt and one other person from St Martin's should be asked to undertake 'Tower Scaffold' and 'Working at Height' courses.**

**10. NOTES FROM MISSION LEADERSHIP TEAM 02 OCTOBER 2019:** the notes were received.

**11. OUTCOME OF MISSION PARTNER REVIEWS**

The Mission Partner Review process had been put in place a year ago. Jill Boyle and Jackie Austin had met with every Mission Partner champion. Jackie Austin is in the process of distilling the information gathered and will make recommendations to MLT on 06 November that Mission Partners should come under their remit.

Jackie Austin has agreed to meet with Mission Partner champions as a group every quarter.

Brian Wigg requested that the relationship between Incredible Kids Club / Canaan / Cromer Church be clarified.

**12. HOMELESSNESS DISCUSSION DOCUMENT**

Jess Stubenbord had been asked to prepare this discussion document in response to a noticeable increase in need in Cromer.

**PCC AGREED to establish a small Welfare Team to think through these issues further.**

**13. DAC APPLICATION BY CROMER TOWN COUNCIL**

Cromer Town Council were planning to submit an application to DAC to erect poppy display panels behind the War Memorial, they needed a formal note from PCC agreeing to this proposal.

Simon Purslow explained that as well as a Faculty application Cromer Town Council would need confirmation from NNDC as to whether building consent and planning permission were also needed.

**PCC RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY to support Cromer Town Council's DAC application subject to confirmation of whether building consent and planning permission are needed from NNDC.**

#### **14. SAFEGUARDING**

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team had confirmed it would deliver C2 training in Cromer on Saturday 21 March, 2020. Venue TBC but likely St Martin's. This would be open to others in the Deanery but would be publicised to Cromer Church family initially.

#### **15. ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE**

The roll stood at 296.

#### **Closing Business**

#### **16. CORRESPONDENCE AND DATES**

- a) **PCC RESOLVED to authorise Dr Richard Beare and approve the renewal of Judith Anderson and Jill Boyle's permissions to help with the administration of communion.**
- b) The following correspondence was noted:
  - i. Acknowledgement from Foodbank re Harvest collection
  - ii. A letter has been sent to Sue Wells thanking her for work on Loose Ends.
  - iii. Correspondence from Philip Sapwell.
  - iv. Email from Diocese regarding transfer of funds.
- c) The following had been received from Alison Orsborne:

#### **DBS received since the last PCC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**

Mary Pallister – Small Group Leader

Alison Orsborne – PCC Member

Frances Britton – Small Group Leader

Margaret Smith - Small Group Leader

Keith Hutchinson – Incredibles Club

Jenny Bromley – Visiting Team

Elaine Lockett – Visiting Team

Ann Redfern – Visiting

Frankie Bond – Sunday Club Team

Mike Barker - Small Group Leader

Ann Graveling – Small Group Leader

Val Marr – Visiting Team

Anne Attfield – Small Group Leader

John Attfield – Small Group Leader

Val Fiddy – Visiting Team

Margaret Barker - Small Group Leader

Paul Rosier – Small Group Leader

Janet Rosier – Small Group Leader

**DBS for Small Group Leaders**

Since the recent updated guidance from the Diocese, I have been helping group leaders apply for the relevant DBS clearance. The present situation is that 29 people have now engaged with the process for obtaining the relevant check.

**DBS for Home Visiting Team**

Six people from the team have now got DBS clearance.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.50pm.