

Hingham Parochial Church Council Meeting held at St Andrew's Church on 5 September 2022

Present: Richard Till (Lay Chair), Revd Peter Trett, Jean Batchelor, Gill Else, Nicola Trett, Caroline Money Steph Murfitt, Preb Sue Strutt, Robert Culyer, Colin Tomlin

| Agenda Item | Key points from discussion | Action |
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| 1. Opening Prayer | Jean Batchelor opened the meeting with prayer | |
| 2. Apologies for Absence | Elaine Skelly, Sheila Day, James Hampton-Till, Chris Turner, Sarah Jane Osborn gave apologies. It was noted that Sarah Jane has tendered her resignation. The PCC thanked Sarah for her contribution. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline to write to Sarah |
| 3. Generous Giving Scheme | Robert Culyer and Colin Tomlin gave a presentation on the Diocese's Generous Giving Scheme. The PCC agreed to the resolution, subject to Sheila agreeing, to join the Parish Giving Scheme recognising its role in enabling giving within the parish and it reduces the workload of the Treasurer. Proposed by Nicola Trett seconded by Steph Murfitt. Peter abstained. It was noted that Bishop Graham is having a service on 22 Jan 2023 in the Cathedral to thank those taking part in the PGS. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline to talk to Sheila and register Hingham in the PGS |
| 4. Minutes of the last meeting | These were agreed . | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| 5. Action Log | The actions were noted on the Action Log. James Hampton-Till has completed the safeguarding course and the Safeguarding Policy, job description, referral process was updated. The PCC agreed the updated policy. Reminder that all need to do their safeguarding training. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline to display policy and promote new contact arrangements. • All to undertake safeguarding training |
| 6. Standing Committee | Richard noted that the Data Privacy Notice and Social Media Policy had been circulated via email to the PCC and support had been given for these policies. The PCC agreed both policies. The Standing Committee are proposing to set up a dog friendly café 'Paws for Coffee, initially on a monthly basis at St Andrews. The PCC agreed to set up the café. It is also proposed to raise funds for an Unknown Tommy Statue, made by veterans, costing £175. The PCC agreed to raise funds for this statue and to seek approval from Town Council. Richard outlined a proposal to offer pastoral care scheme, called SOS. The PCC agreed to pilot the pastoral care scheme for St Andrews, Hingham for 3 months. Richard discussed the paper seeking PCC approval to link the mains sewer to the church. The PCC agreed to this work taking place, but will need a re-quote before works start and keep checks on the work costs. Proposed by Richard Till and seconded by Steph Murfitt. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline to set up Paws for Coffee café • Caroline to promote 'Unknown Tommy Statue' fundraising and seek approval from Town Council. • Richard to set up SOS Pastoral Care Scheme and identify a co-ordinator • Caroline tell Architect that we can proceed with main sewer work. |
| 7. Finance | Sheila Day sent an update on the finances. M&G value £36103, as at June 2022 Blackrock value £26,227 as at June 2022 Please note; these values have reduced recently. Total including savings, current account and restricted funds is £118,331. The PCC noted that the Parish Share contribution is now £12,000; 23% of the total due. The PCC discussed the Parish Share and the differing views. Agreed to review our contribution for this year and last year, at next PCC meeting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add Parish Share to the Nov PCC meeting (Caroline) |
| 8. Project Update | Caroline reported that the costs of the project have risen to £198,162, including the £33,000 VAT. This is an increase of £29,041; mainly due to increase of costs of main sewer connection and bat survey costs. We have had a donation from Bacons for £1001. We have submitted bids to larger funders, but will not know the outcome until November. We will still be short of funds. Ringers Floor – Caroline reported that the Inspection of the floor has taken place and she has asked the Architect for an update, on several occasions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline to contact architect for update on Ringers Floor • |

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| 9. Deanery Synod Report | There has not been a meeting. | • |
| 10. Interregnum update | Preb Sue Strutt updated the PCC on the progress to join the two Benefices. The Parish Profile was on track to be completed by mid September to send to the Bishop. Progress was being made to work together, including a new format for the Benefice email update, which will become monthly. One issue yet to be decided is which Deanery the new benefice will located in. | • |
| 11. Services and Events | Harvest Festival will take place on 2 nd October. It was agreed to have a Harvest Supper on Saturday 1 st October; Peter, Nicola and Caroline to plan. December events; There will be a Christmas Craft Fair at Sports Hall on 11 Dec, with choir and stall, plus event with J John, and our Christmas Services. Agreed to set up a separate group to organise December events and ensure they are advertised widely; Richard, Peter and Caroline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up Dec Sub Group • Advertise Harvest Supper |
| 12. Any other business | Wall of Kindness; The PCC agreed to set up a Wall of Kindness to offer coats during winter months to those in need. All Souls Day; Wednesday 2 nd November. Agreed to do evening service of remembrance Wymondham Choristers; Caroline to contact choir to see if they would like to do an Advent evening service. A number of jobs; Caroline will email a range of jobs that we need help with, if anyone would like to help, it would be gratefully appreciated. Floodlights; noted one bulb needs to be replaced | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline contact Wymondham choristers • Caroline to email about areas of help needed • Peter to look at floodlight bulb replacement |
| 13. Closing Prayer | Peter closed the meeting at 8.50pm with a prayer | |
| 14. Date of next meeting | Wednesday 2 November September, 7pm in St Andrew's Church | |