

Dedham Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at Dedham Vicarage
at 7.30

Present: Peter Wilson (PW) (Chair), Vee Druitt (VD), John Reed (JR), Paul Brebner (PB), Richard Hopkins (RH), Linda Redlich (LDR), Sharon Sarson (SS), Lynne al-Sad (LAS), Liz Reed (LR)

Apologies received from Helen Sims and Gabbie Watson.

The Meeting held a pause in proceedings at 8.00 for silence and to pray for the people of Ukraine in their present crisis.

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 were approved without amendment and (Item 2) there were no Matters Arising

3. Finance Report

JR reported that the 2021 Final Accounts had been signed off by Philip Strangward, the Examiner, and there were no qualifications in his report.

An abbreviated version of the Accounts had been circulated to PCC members, and the full version would be available before the APCM in April. JR encouraged all members to review the Accounts and raise any questions with him. The overall increase in Church Funds was finalised showing a £57k gain on the end of 2020, £40k made up in Investment performance, and £20k in two £10k donations, which had gone into the Restricted Funds. JR warned that the investment gains were unlikely to achieve the same buoyant level in the current year.

With two months of 2022 gone, there were no increases in monthly standing order income, but one-off receipts had helped to boost the overall total income. Expenses were beginning to feel the inflationary pressure on overheads, and the Finance Committee would be monitoring the impact on 2022.

RH thanked JR and the Finance team for their efforts in 2021.

4. Fabric Report

PW reminded the PCC of the various alternatives to Gas that had been gone into in some detail before taking the Diocesan report findings that largely ruled out any other approach than gas. In the light of the current energy crisis, the Churchwarden's had reviewed the situation and agreed that the PCC should press ahead with the current project. We urgently needed a final quote from the contractor, Thameside Mechanical, and whilst recognising fixed quotes at present were short lived, we could avoid further price increases by buying and storing the materials well in advance of the work being carried out hopefully in late Spring. Cadent Gas would be providing the gas supply and ground works. £5k had been paid to secure this job being carried out. PW was in touch with the Diocese in obtaining the fully signed off Faculty.

5. Organ Update

The Churchwarden's had approached Archdeacon Ruth and Bishop Roger with a plan to progress the project, including the setting up of a fund which could ring fence donations specifically for the ultimate organ replacement. The response was positive. LAS felt that there was a real need to promote a new Organ Committee and start to attract money into the fund.

Because of the long lead times for a full pipe organ, the PCC had been anxious to cover the eventuality of a terminal failure of the existing organ. Consequently, Anthony Watson had followed up with an advertised organ for sale, and this has now been bought and delivered at a cost of £1,000. It appears to be working well and is compatible with the Livestream facility. The Delt had agreed to cover the cost of this purchase, for which we are very grateful.

6. Deanery Synod Update

PW said that the Archdeacon Ruth had sent a template for the Parish profile for Dedham and Ardleigh to be completed in 1600 words. This will be one of many to be summarised by the Deanery and discussed at their March meeting. Slow progression in reaching a point where the Missioner roles can be advertised.

7. Tasks for PCC Members

PW had circulated a list of all the tasks that needed to be owned by PCC members (and others).

The meeting discussed and agreed the following:

PCC Secretary- No appointment, but JR would continue to take Minutes until further notice.

Communications- PB

Parish Magazine-LR

Flowers-HS

Fabric-PW

Rota Controller/Readers and Intercessions-Be Burleigh

Resource Centre-Be with PB support on promoting sales

Fund Raising-Jill Strangward with PB organisational event support.

Friends of Dedham liaison-LDR

Notice Boards-PB

Hospitality- Ruth Higginson

Mission- Ruth and LAS

School-RH

Church Lock/Unlock-Andrew Hodson

Pastoral-VD and Ann Shaw

Altar Hangings-HS and Clifford

Churchyard/Shed etc- Andrew H

Safeguarding-RH

8. Fund Raising

Due to HS absence through Covid, discussion on the Flower Festival was deferred until the 12th April

9. LYCIG

PW reminded members of the review meeting on Tuesday 29th March at 7 o'clock at the Vicarage.

10. Nominations to the PCC for 2022 APCM

PW confirmed that PCC members needed to be re-elected after three years of service at the APCM.

Akshay John had been nominated to stand at the APCM Meeting on 10th April

11. Dates of PCC Meetings

The Agenda contained a list of all the monthly PCC Meetings for the remainder of 2022. **There WILL be a PCC meeting in January 2023 (Changed post meeting)**

12. AOB

a) The Churchwarden's had written to Bishop Roger requesting a view on whether refugees from Ukraine could be able to stay temporarily in the Dedham Vicarage.

b) PB explained the benefits to Church Income that would come from the acquisition of a Goodbox paystation for donations. After discussion on location, model type, costs etc it was proposed by LR and seconded by SS, it was unanimously agreed we proceed with a Podium Model, which would incur a cost approaching £1,000.

c) VD asked the PCC for a view on candles in Church, and it was generally agreed that these should be provided, but at a nominal cost to users.

d) The PCC unanimously approved that Ann Marie Partick, having gone through all the qualifying training, should be considered as an Authorised Lay Preacher.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th April at 7.30 at the Vicarage

