

Dedham Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 March 2021 via Zoom following on from joint meeting

Present: Rev Antony Wilson (AW); Paul Brebner (PB), Lynne Al-Sad (LA-S), Vee Druitt (VSD), Richard Hopkins (RH), Linda Redlich, John Reed (JR), Liz Reed (LR), Gabbie Watson (GW), Peter Wilson (PW), Sharon Sarson (SS)

1. There were no conflicts of interest stated
2. The minutes of meetings of 11 January and 27 January were confirmed as accurate.
3. There were no matters arising
4. Because of the length of the agendas the report from the Friends was postponed until the next meeting.

5. Finance:

Antony announced that John Reed had agreed to take on the role of treasurer. This was formally proposed by PB and seconded by VSD; this was unanimously agreed by all present.

John thanked the committee for their confidence in him. He reported that the accounts had been formally signed off by the auditor and he thanked David Druitt for the overview that had been prepared. Revenues and the general fund had both improved during 2020. AW advised that weddings would be down by approximately 50% from the 2021 budget but JR stated this would have a limited effect on the general finances. AW also reported that the fund raising team were looking at possible events that could take place later in the year. The 2020 accounts were approved: Proposed by PW and seconded by RH and unanimously agreed

6. Fabric:

- Work has begun on the repair and renewal of the gutters, downpipes and fascias and will hopefully be completed by the month end.
- Work continues to investigate the best option for replacing the existing boiler taking into account current and future costs, operational efficiency, environmental considerations and the need to locate equipment on church land. Compatibility with the existing heating system inside the church and its current condition and efficiency will also be looked at. The DAC heating consultant will meet with us on 12 March to give his opinion.
- Organ: Nothing to report.
- Vicarage land: There has been no reply from the CBC tree man re the removal of the hedge: the opinion of David Carmichael had been sought and he in principle has no objection. Without requesting a formal vote, AW asked members to indicate their current thinking regarding the removal of the hedge; there were 7 in favour, 2 against with 1 abstention.

7. People:

- Andrew Hodson has returned to work but still limited mobility
- Pastoral team to meet with AW 11 March

8. Communications:

- Magazine continues to do well and there are 4 pages of advertisers waiting for an opportunity of space. More interesting articles are needed on people or local issues. **Suggestions included fabric work (PW), Fund raising (?), other.**

9. Governance:

Safeguarding:

RH spoke to this and is responsible with AW (and Amanda Watts at Ardleigh) It is vital that we have systems that give security to what we are doing and we need to be prepared for the unexpected. We need re- assurance and greater attention to detail.

The proposed activity for a group of young people at Easter was unanimously approved.

10. AOB:

- There were no suggestions for the two school governor positions, nor for the PCC nominated position on the Dedham Ecclesiastical Lectureship Trust.
- Date of next meeting: APCM and PCC 25 April after 9.30 service and 10 May at 7.30
- AW closed the meeting with a prayer at 9.40