

Summary of Chapter Minutes

January 2021

- Chapter was joined by Stephen Moore, Director of Music (SM). Chapter thanked SM for his extraordinary achievements last term, particularly over Christmas, and his significant contribution to our administration. SM explained that the choir was stood down under current guidance, and that he was looking to bring online rehearsals, with a view to restarting choral worship in time for Easter. The Parish Choir and Girls' choir had only met once since last March with inevitable natural wastage since last March. Live streaming equipment had been a real blessing enabling at least some music to be broadcast.
- Chapter paid tribute to the work of the Chancellor and Precentor not only in worship over Christmas, but in all the preparation, arranging bookings etc – a remarkable operation.
- The Cathedral Ministry Area roadshow on 12 January had been an interesting occasion with good attendance from across the Cathedral community. Although the implications are far less than for a group of parishes, it was a prompt to look at Cathedral structures and groups, particularly the PCC. Everywhere else, Ministry Area Council is used to mean the PCC with a lay chair. The Cathedral constitution is not changed by the Ministry Area restructuring; Chapter remain the charity Trustees. The future role of PCC and interaction with Chapter will be considered by both groups in the next meetings.
- Chapter agreed the need for a digital communication officer (DCO) and approved a job description. Currently much of this activity was being undertaken by Chris Preece (CP), to great effect. For the time being at least, not all the activity in the job description is required and we require some virger duties. The current level of activity enables CP to fulfil both sets of duties.
- The schedule of wedding and funeral fees for 2021 was approved. The budget for the first 4 months of 2021 was approved.
- Matthew Williams and Nick Lambert were proposed to join the Fabric Committee and this was agreed.
- Although gutter clearance around Prebendal House was complete, further moss and vegetation needed to be cleared off the roof, and the Chancellor was looking for a quote. Three quotes have been received for the removal of the tree for which the road needs to be closed. Some further clarification was required re the need for road closure.
- £8,436 incl VAT is required for a new camera on the north pillar, and two fixed cameras in the organ loft, to be covered from grant funding depending on other IT items.