

The Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church, Boothby Pagnell Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th April 2013.

Present : Revd. M Doyle (Chairman) Mrs J Blake
 Mr T Blake (Churchwarden) Mr M Collier
 Mrs P Collier Mr R Cornford
 Mrs S Hodson (Treasurer) Mrs J Hunt
 Mr P Hunt (Secretary) Mrs G Taylor

The meeting opened with a prayer.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs D Collins, Mr & Mrs K Exton, Mrs J Riley and Mr A Osborne (Churchwarden)

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the 12th April 2012 AGM were agreed and signed as a true record. (Pr: P Collier, S: S Hodson).

3. Matters Arising

The planning application for change of roof material would proceed at the end of April. (**Act: A Osborne**)

4. Elections

Prior to the elections the chairman thanked all of last year's office holders and members of the PCC for the work they had done.

a) Churchwardens

Mr T Blake was elected (Pr: P Collier, S: S Hodson)
Mr A Osborne was elected (Pr: P Collier, S: S Hodson)

b) Deanery Synod Representative

Mr T Blake was elected (Pr: G Taylor, S: P Collier)

c) PCC Members

The chairman proposed that the current members be re-elected en bloc. Mrs P Collier, Mr R Cornford, Mr K Exton, Mrs M Exton, Mrs S Hodson, Mr P Hunt, Lady B Netherthorpe, Mrs J Riley, Mrs A Roberts, Mrs G Taylor.

d) Auditor of Accounts

Mrs J Allen indicated that she was willing to remain as auditor and she was re-appointed (Pr: T Blake, S: P Hunt). A token of appreciation had been given to the auditor and the secretary was asked to write and thank her on behalf of the meeting (**Act: Secretary**).

e) Tower Captain

Miss E Usborne was elected (Pr : T Blake, S : M Collier) on the basis that she will be supported and take advice from Mr M Collier and Mr A Usborne in carrying out her duties.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mrs Hodson presented the Financial Statements for the PCC and the Friends of St Andrews Fabric Fund (FStA) for the year ending 31st December 2012. Her comments on the funds were as follows.

a) PCC Account

Church fees were slightly higher as we had two weddings and a memorial service. These functions also helped to boost our collections and gift aid claim. Gift aid has increased, however, this figure also includes £273.75 claimed from the organ recitals and was transferred to FStA. Planned giving is slightly less as two people have cancelled. We paid £2000.00 of our Parish Share as agreed with £1998 outstanding. The payment to North Beltisloe shows as £255. This is made up of £150 as our contribution and £105 being the gift aid claimed on their behalf. The church repair was for the grating. The organ repairs and pest control were paid by the PCC. Tom & Jo Blake kindly donated the same amount which enabled us to claim gift aid. The profit during 2012 is £2601.96. The bank balance is looking healthy at £12,227.58

b) Friends of St Andrews Fabric Fund

The organ recital shows an income of £1461 .07. This figure includes gift aid of £273.75 but excludes expenses and an outstanding invoice still to be received. The donations show as £540, however £420 of this is transferred to North Beltisloe group (we claim gift aid on their behalf). The final balance is £9289.82

The chairman thanked Mrs Hodson on behalf of the PCC for her work as Treasurer over the past year. Copies of the accounts were circulated at the meeting and a copy is attached(#).

There was a brief discussion concerning the fund balances. They are artificially high as there will be a substantial expenditure to restore the roof. It was reaffirmed that we need to proceed with the roof as quickly as possible, part of which will be to get quotes for the work and associated costs. At this point we will have better assessment of our overall financial position.

6. North Beltisloe Group Council

The rector and secretary commented on recent developments in the Group council. The planning and scheduling of services is again the responsibility of the rector rather than the ministry team. He will concentrate his efforts on Ingoldsby and Ropsley being the largest parishes and the only two with schools. Accordingly there will be a service each week in both these villages although not necessarily led by the rector. The other parishes will have a service at least once a month and where possible this will be a communion service. Currently only the rector, and occasionally John Spriggs, can take communions as sadly all the other retired ministers have died or moved away. This is a constraint but hopefully some improvement will be possible in the future. In this initial period

of his incumbency he has not been able to visit parishioners and he would have liked but he expects this to improve soon.

7. Organ – Funding and Development

Mr Blake reported that progress in fundraising had been slow (see treasurer's report) although the recitals had continued. There is a small core of support within the village but the remainder come from outside the village but not on a consistent basis. The next event is 14th June (The Kilburns) which hopefully will have a wider appeal. He has now had contact with Tim Williams, organist at St Wulfram's, which will allow a beneficial "educational" element be included in grant applications. He will apply to the Lottery Fund and he has learnt that The Lord Mayor of London operates a fund.

8. Electoral Roll

The new electoral roll has been drawn up and whilst there are some changes from the previous roll the total is unchanged at 27. A laminated copy of the roll will be put on the church notice board.

9. Any Other Business

Organists We are dependent upon volunteers and it was agreed that Mr Blake should show our appreciation to those that have played at the church in a tangible way.

10. Date of next AGM

It was agreed that the AGM would be held week commencing **Monday 7th April 2014 at 7.00pm.**

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(#) Attachments were distributed at the meeting. Copies are on the Village Hall Notice Board, the web site (www.boothby.org.uk) and are available from the Secretary.

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