

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

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th April 2014.

Present : Revd. M Doyle (Chairman) Mr M Collier
 Mrs P Collier Mr R Cornford
 Mrs S Hodson (Treasurer) Mr P Hunt (Secretary)
 Mrs J Riley Mrs L Rutherford
 Mr I Rutherford Mrs G Taylor

The meeting opened with a prayer.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs J Blake, Mr T Blake (Churchwarden), Mrs D Collins, Mrs J Hunt and Mr A Usborne (Churchwarden).

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the 10th April 2013 AGM were agreed and signed as a true record.
(Pr: M Collier, S: S Hodson).

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Mr Ken Exton

The recent death of Ken Exton had been a sad occasion. Those present recorded their appreciation of all that Ken had done for the St Andrew's in his many years of service. The Rector read the oration that had been given at Ken's funeral by his son-in-law, Mr Brian Spence (attached).

5. 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. Particular thanks were given to Mrs Exton, Lady Netherthorpe and Mrs Roberts who are retiring from the PCC after many years of service.

a) Churchwardens

Mr T Blake was elected (Pr: P Collier, S: M. Collier)
Mr A Usborne was elected (Pr: P Collier, S: M. Collier)

b) Deanery Synod Representative

Mr T Blake was elected (Pr: M. Collier, S: J. Riley)

c) PCC Members

The chairman proposed that the current members be re-elected en bloc.
Mrs P Collier, Mr R Cornford, Mrs S Hodson, Mr P Hunt, Mrs J Riley, Mrs G Taylor and Mrs E Thomas.

d) Auditor of Accounts

Mrs J Allen indicated that she was willing to remain as auditor and she was re-appointed (Pr: G. Taylor, 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) Bells/Tower Captain (post meeting insert)

The bells continued to be rung on a regular basis for services. As well as for special events:

13th July 2013 wedding of Mark Robinson and Kate Spence

26th July 2013 visiting band

19th October 2013 wedding of Matthew Walters & Rebecca

Andrew Osborne confirmed that he was happy to continue as Tower Captain/ Correspondent and he noted the able support that he had been given by Mike Collier.

6. 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 and the Statement of Accounts are attached.

7. Rector's Report

The church finances are stable and thanks are due to Mrs Hodson for keeping them in good order. Consideration needs to be given to increasing attendance at our regular services, although the purpose should be to achieve an encounter with God rather than increase the collection. That said change is quite difficult due to the service load, however, Bill King will be able to assist after Petertide. Currently the smaller churches in the Group get 1 service/month and the aim is to increase that to 2.

8. Plan for Mission and Maintenance

It was felt that these topics required a separate meeting when the churchwardens would be available. (*Subsequent to the meeting the date agreed was Tuesday 27th May at 7.30pm*)

9. Electoral Roll

The number on the roll is 27. A laminated copy of the roll will be put on the church notice board.

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Date of next AGM

It was agreed that the AGM would be held on **Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Percy Hunt

Hon Sec PCC

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Attachment to minutes: Statement of Accounts, Treasurer's notes and Mr Ken Exton's appreciation.

Distribution

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Revd. M Doyle	Mr T Blake
Mrs J Riley	Mrs S Hodson
Mrs P Collier	Mr P Hunt
Mr A Osborne	Mr & Mrs I Rutherford
Mr R Cornford	Mrs E Thomas

Mr Ken Exton – An appreciation by Brian Spence

It's an honour to be asked to talk about Ken on this very sad occasion. Ken was a wonderful man, he was kind and considerate and very much a family man. He was husband to Margaret, father to Kathryn, Julie and Melanie and Grandpa to eight Grandchildren and Great Grandpa to two Great Grandchildren.

Most important part of Ken's life was his family. Marrying Margaret 56 years ago was a match made in heaven, Margaret was always the busy one rushing around everywhere, whilst Ken had a quiet authority about him, always relaxed and in control. All the time I have known him I never heard him raise his voice to anyone. Ken had a dry sense of humour and often made people laugh. Margaret and Ken had a wonderful marriage, with a strong sense of togetherness and their love for each other was always apparent.

Together they brought up three lovely daughters, which I know he was proud of them all. Kathryn and Julie live in the village, which he saw regularly and Melanie lives up in Scotland who he often visited and was something he looked forward to doing. He enjoyed spending time with his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren and seeing them grow up. It meant the world to him meeting the latest addition to the family, Jack, his Great Grandchild, a couple of weeks ago. I will never forget the photograph we have of the smile on his face whilst he was holding Jack.

Ken was born in Bolsover on the 20th June 1929. His family soon moved back to Boothby to take over Glebe Farm. He lived in Boothby for the rest of his life. Ken went to school in Boothby, which was closed during the war, so he moved to Bitchfield School. He then went to Corby Glen School and finished his schooling at Central Secondary School in Grantham. Most of his school life was during World War Two and Ken told many stories about life during the war. Ken was always close to his Grandmother and regularly biked over to Ingoldsby to see her. During his childhood Ken's mother, had the postoffice in the farm house and Ken regularly delivered telegrams on his bike to the local villages. After leaving school at 14, Ken went to work on his dad's farm. After his dad died, Ken took on the tenancy until Mr Dunsmore bought it off him. Ken then went on to work for Mr Dunsmore. He later worked for the council at a waste disposal site near Buckminster, until his retirement. He then helped me on the farm cutting all my hedges and carted all my corn. After Ken no longer felt he could do it, he always remarked that my hedges were not cut as well as he did them. I could not have had a better father in law.

After Ken's farm was sold in 60's, he built the bungalow where he lived until he died, which is next door to the farmhouse. In the bungalow Margaret ran a post office and grocery shop for 19 years. As children we regularly used to go and buy treats from the shop there. Village life was important to Ken and he was Parish Chairman and Churchwarden for many years. He used to regularly mow the grass in the churchyard and help with maintenance. He witnessed many changes in the village, especially in the farming community; farms became bigger and have less employees on each farm; in his childhood the majority of householders were connected with farming. Ken thought these changes have had a big impact of village community spirit. Ken was the longest living resident of the village.

Sport always played a big part of Ken's life. In his younger years it was mostly cricket, he played for his own village, Boothby, where he was a bowler. During this period Boothby won a lot of trophies. We often talked about which era had the best cricket team. He also played football for Corby. Later on in life, he tried his hand at umpiring at cricket, but was always a little bit biased towards Boothby. He enjoyed playing darts for Boothby Social Club for many years. He always enjoyed the social aspect of being part of a team. Ken regularly went to see Nottingham Forest play during his life and when I became his son-in-law we decided to get season tickets together for around ten years. This period coincided with Forest's good days and we often went to see them at Wembley. Ken also bought Sky as soon as it was available to see the first overseas Cricket World Cup which was in Australia and could often be found watching Sky Sports ever since. I wonder what he would have made of the latest shambles in the Ashes. Another interest Ken had was his garden. He used to have large vegetable patches and liked pottering around in his greenhouse.

Ken had a wonderful and fulfilling 84 years of life and will be sadly missed by all that knew him.

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Treasurer's notes

FSA

£450 of the donations collected has been forwarded to North Beltisloe.

The organ recital made £638.91 and the gift aid claimed was £105.00.

The £75 organ expense relates to the recital on Dec 2012 and was to Rosemary Field.

The balance of FSA = £ 6,677.29

Organ Fund = £ 3,459.97

Total = £10,137.27

PCC

Receipts

The Church collections, Church fees and the Gift Aid claim have all increased. This is because we have had 2 weddings and a funeral during 2013.

The Gift aid claim is also increased now we can claim under the Gift Aid Small Donation scheme.

Everything else is quite self-explanatory.

Payments

The Parish Share was paid in full last year.

The organ servicing was covered by a donation from Tom and Jo Blake.

The £105 Gift Aid transfer to FSA relates to the organ recital.

£69.90 was the Xmas Day collection which was donated to Cancer Research in memory of Ken Exton

The profit for 2013 is £ 1342.53

Total Bank balances £ 13,570.11