

The Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church, Boothby Pagnell

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th February 2010.

Present : Rev. R Ireson (Chairman) Mrs P Collier
 Mr R Cornford (Churchwarden) Mr & Mrs K Exton
 Mr P Hunt (Secretary) Mrs G Taylor
 Mr A Usborne (Churchwarden)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr T Blake, Mrs S Hodson (Treasurer), Miss H Usborne, Lady Netherthorpe, Mrs J Riley, Mrs A Roberts.

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting of 19th November 2009 were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- a) Quinquennial Survey – Hopefully now we have located a scaffolding tower (**Andrew/ Percy**).
- b) Hangers for chasubles – completed.
- c) Church Keys – registered signed and will be held by the secretary.
- d) Building Insurance – extended cover beyond the Public Liability Insurance that we already hold would cost a further £2,000 per annum. The PCC considered this to be realistic at this time but are aware that if anything happened to the church that they would be liable for the costs of repair. This will need to be reconsidered on an annual basis.
- e) The review of policies and templates for Health and Safety, Child and Vulnerable Adults. We have received a further letter from the diocese suggesting that we should consider appointing a "Parish Safeguarding Adviser". In the light of the increasing requirement it was felt that these issues should be resolved at group level, particularly as there is great interchange between the parishes within the group. It was also suggested that other H&S aspects, e.g. PAT testing, annual extinguisher inspection could be organised at this level as well. To be raised at the next group meeting (**Andrew**)
- f) Websites – all actions completed.
- g) Crib set – those advertised were considered unsuitable. Beau Linley will be contacted to see whether he would be willing to refurbish the characters in our current crib set and possibly make a set of 3 kings which we do not currently have. (**Percy**)
- h) Donation from Jean Spence's estate – the possibility of new chairs was investigated but it was not possible to find any suitable. Instead 30 new hymn books will be bought, plus a further 2 that have the music. It was suggested that, if possible, a number of large print books should also be bought.
- i) Contract to service the bells has been agreed with John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

4. Financial update

The unaudited 2009 accounts for the PCC and Friends of St Andrews were distributed for information.

5. Funding Programme

The target for the funding programme was discussed in the light of the accounts that showed a further deterioration in our financial position. The budget for the next five years will need to have an allocation for maintenance (the Quinquennial survey will almost certainly identify repair works to keep the building wind and water proof). In setting a budget we cannot assume that the open plate giving will continue at the current level. It was concluded that a target of £6000 for the programme was reasonable.

6. Secretarial Correspondence

- a) Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Lincoln on 6th March. He will give a talk entitled, "Faith, Hope and Charity in Tomorrow's World" in the morning and preside over a Eucharist, to mark the centenary of the death of Bishop Edward King, in the afternoon. The secretary will attend on behalf of the parish.
- b) Details from the diocese of an initiative, "Giving for Life 2010". Something we are currently engaged in with the funding programme.
- c) Has received a copy of the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education Report 2008-9. Contact the secretary if you wish to read it.
- d) Details of the community Wildlife Fund and a request to carry out a baseline wildlife survey for the churchyard.
- e) Certificate from the bishop to congratulate us on paying the parish share (£3453)

7. AOB

- a) Lent courses of 4 sessions are being organised. One will be on Thursday evenings, starting on 25th February at 7-8.30pm at Leaswood. There will another set of sessions starting at 7.30pm on another night. Details will be distributed by email and on the website - please pass on to those not on email.
- b) Robert Cornford indicated that he will be standing down as Church Warden at the AGM
- c) Future Services and Events
 - Sunday 28th February at 3pm, baptism of Jacob Harte
 - Sunday 7th March at 6pm at Ropsley, Deanery Evensong
 - Friday 23rd April at 3.30pm visit by Melton U3A to Manor House and St Andrews
 - Sunday 9th May at 9.30am Rogation Sunday, followed by walk (and picnic) to Bassingthorpe (Noon, brief service) and Bitchfield (3pm Evensong). Also Launch of the Funding Programme
 - Saturday 15th May at 11.00am, Marriage Blessing - Blake family
 - Saturday 19th June at 1.30pm, Wedding - Fraser family
 - Saturday 31st July at 3.30pm, Wedding - Blake family
 - Sunday 1st August - possible display in St Andrews?
 - Sunday 26th September at 3pm Harvest Festival
 - Wednesday 22nd December at 7pm, Carol Service

8. Date of next meeting

The PCC AGM will be held on Wednesday 14th April at 7pm in the Village Hall and will be immediately followed by a PCC meeting.

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