

The Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church, Boothby Pagnell

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

Present:	Rev. R Ireson (Chairman)	Mr T Blake (Churchwarden)
	Mrs P Collier	Mr R Cornford
	Mrs S Hodson (Treasurer)	Mr P Hunt (Secretary)
	Mrs J Riley	Mr A Usborne (Churchwarden)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr & Mrs K Exton, Lady B Netherthorpe, Mrs A Roberts, Mrs G Taylor and Miss H Usborne.

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting of 23rd September 2010 were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- a) Quinquennial Survey – report is still awaited. On receipt, it will be circulated to the PCC. (**Percy**).
- b) The church cleaning on the weekend of 30th October was a success.
- c) The secretary will write to Peter Dobney, and his son Owen, to thank them for loan and erection of scaffolding tower that aided the cleaning.

4. Financial matters

- a) Current account balances were PCC a/c £6799.45 and Friends of St Andrew's a/c £2029.41. A further £100 donation has been received as a result of the Funding Programme.
- b) The harvest festival collection was £77 and it has been forwarded to the Bishop's appeal.
- c) The cost of cleaning materials was £51.

5. Organ Issues

A successful meeting concerning the organ had been held in the church with staff from Henry Grove. It had been agreed, and endorsed by the meeting, that electrification of the organ was the preferable option. **Tom** to chase Grove's for the outstanding quotations for restoration for both options. **Tom** would explore possible grants through Charlie Leggatt at Irnham and David Millichap at Lenton. It was suggested that **Tom** should involve Paul Fairchild who has knowledge and possible contacts.

6. Future events

A) Sunday 28th November at 10.00 am Patronal festival

Juliet will site her music group in the Lady Chapel for greater visibility. Traditional refreshments will be provided in the village hall after the service. Tom has arranged for Paul Fairchild to play the organ and Andrew will produce a service sheet

B) Sunday 5th December

a) 10.00 am Patronal festival – St Nicolas Sapperton

Bishop John is coming to preach and there will be a presentation of gifts for needy children in Grantham.

b) 4.30pm at St Andrew Haconby

Youth workshop (music/drama/art etc.) until 5.30. To be followed by an Advent service at 6.00pm

C) Wednesday 22nd December at 7pm – Carol Service

The usual format of carols and lessons, although additional readings with a Christmas theme would be welcomed. **Tom** to arrange an organist

D) Christmas Day at 9am

Andrew is going to contact John Spriggs to see if it will be possible to have the service at a later time. **Tom** to arrange an organist

E) Sunday 2nd January 2011 at 10.00am – Group Service St Peter Ropsley

This will be Richard's final service before his retirement.

F) Service Pattern during the Interregnum

A detailed list of services for the next three months, and an outline of the pattern of services for the next nine months had been distributed prior to the meeting. These were discussed.

G) Sunday 17th July 2011 – Dog Show and Fete

A dog show has been organised for the above date and the PCC have been invited to organise a church fete. This was agreed and planning would start early in 2011 – all offers of help will be gratefully received.

7. A.O.B.

a) Local Ministry Foundation Courses

A further course starts with a taster day at Edenham on 12th January 2011.

b) Church gratings – Main Aisle

Andrew proposed that in the summer 2011 the gratings be removed and the void underneath filled. The work would also involve removing the existing angle brackets which are corroding and causing a problem. The carpet would then be relaid. In time it may be possible to obtain quarry tiles to complete the floor tiling to match or to complement the existing patterns. The price of replacing the gratings, which were no longer needed, was in excess of £2,000 so the meeting agreed that making them level with shingle and topped with a weak sand/cement mixture to provide a level surface was the best option.

c) Lady Chapel Altar

The covering on to the rear of the altar has become quite tatty. The meeting agreed that **Andrew** could remove the cover. If the wood was presentable it will be left, otherwise he will arrange to replace the cover.

11. Date of next meeting

It was felt that there was no need for a further meeting until immediately after the AGM which is due to be held on **Wednesday 6th April at 7pm** in the Village Hall. Should the need arise for an earlier meeting the secretary will notify the members.

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