

The Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church, Boothby Pagnell

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday 15th September 2011

Present: Mr A Usborne (Chairman) Mr T Blake (Churchwarden)
 Mrs P Collier Mrs S Hodson (Treasurer)
 Mr P Hunt (Secretary) Mrs G Taylor

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with a prayer.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr R Cornford, Mr & Mrs K Exton, Lady B Netherthorpe, Mrs A Roberts, Mrs J Riley and Miss E Usborne.

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting of 11th April 2011 were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- a) Percy has replaced Andrew as the PCC representative on the North Beltisloe Group Council, where he is the secretary.
- b) The Diocesan Annual Return was completed and returned in due time.
- c) Speight's Charity – we have identified the bibles that we plan to present to the children (under 12s) of the village. The secretary will progress the application and would be grateful for estimates of the number of children involved (**Secretary**).

4. Financial matters

- a) Current account balances were PCC a/c £8464.95 and Friends of St Andrew's a/c £6648.85. The Organ Fund has a balance of £385. The Planned Giving is going well and all promises have been kept.
- b) The Dog Show and Fete raised £321.
- c) A further £447 was recovered through Gift Aid.
- d) The cost of £300 for organ repair was covered by a donation from Jo and Tom Blake, for which the members expressed their appreciation.
- e) To date £1807 of the Parish Share has been paid, a further £2000 is due this year.
- f) Given the cost and the uncertainty with regard to the Lady Chapel Roof it was agreed to delay payment of the remainder of the Parish Share until our next meeting in April 2012, when it will be reconsidered. A motion (Proposer: P Collier; Seconder T Blake) to this effect was agreed unanimously with the caveat that a further £200 of the share should be paid so that overall we will have paid more than half.

5. Quinquennial update and outstanding maintenance

a) Lady Chapel roof

A considerable discussion took place concerning the restoration of the roof, the cost and the consequences. The main points were,

- The motion to replace the lead roof with Terne Coated steel was passed unanimously (proposed T Blake, Seconded: P Collier).
- The meeting instructed (**Andrew**) to apply for Planning Permission from SKDC and to submit a faculty to the Diocese for the change of material.
- It was estimated that the likely cost of replacement, architect fees and the planning application (£170) would be approximately £10,000.
- The earliest that the work could take place was likely to be March/May 2012. This allows for the likely time to complete and gain approval for all the documentation

and is the first available period when work can be done without disturbing the bats.

- Even though the roof is close boarded and covered in felt it was agreed that a felt cover will be placed over the areas of missing lead to provide additional protection until the remedial work is done.

b) The Nave

Bradley Smith has done repairs to the lead roof to fix the leaks. This took longer than anticipated and the less important repairs to the tower roof will be left until the Lady Chapel roof is done. The identified work on the gratings remains to be done.

c) Chancel & Vestry Roofs

There has been weather damage to the roof around the ridge tiles. The meeting agreed to monitor the situation as remedial action is not required at present and any works would affect the collyweston slate roof.

6. Progress in appointing a new rector

A comprehensive statement has been received from the Chairman of the North Beltisloe Council and this attached to the minutes. We are now in a position to advertise the vacancy and with good fortune it is hoped to make an appointment by the end of the year. However, successful candidate would need to give their notice and it is likely to be at least Easter 2012 before they are installed.

7. Organ Issues

The next recital to raise funds is on Monday 28th November. Full details are given in the Legend. Tom is in the process of applying for funds. He circulated an example of an application and requested agreement from the members that he proceeds to make applications as appropriate. This was agreed with the proviso that no matched funding from the PCC was involved.

8. Future events/arrangements

- a) Sunday 25th September at 10.00am Harvest Festival
 - A successful and enjoyable occasion with a congregation of 40.
- b) Sunday 2nd October at 9.30am Holy Communion
- c) Sunday 20th November at 11.00am Morning Prayer
- d) Sunday 27th November at 10.00am Patronal Festival (Group service)
 - If possible junior music and a piper (**Juliet**)
 - Refreshments as usual (**All**)
- e) Sunday 4th December at 10.00am St Nicolas Sapperton (Group service)
Celebrant and Preacher Bishop Christopher, new Bishop of Lincoln
- f) Wednesday 21st December at 7pm, Carol Service
 - Usual festive refreshments of mulled wine and mincepies (**Juliet**)
- g) Sunday 25th December, Christmas Day at 9.00am Holy Communion

9. A.O.B.

- a) The four electricity meters were successfully replaced free of charge with a modern meter on 22nd September. The Secretary was trained in its use.
- b) Solar panels – will explore the possibility of installing some on the tower (**Secretary**).
- c) Liability Insurance – renewal agreed.
- d) Church Fabrics – NADFAS have not forgotten and will be here in the New Year.
- e) Youth Events
- 8th October, visit to Walsingham
 - 6th November, Deanery Youth Quiz
 - 4th December, Youth Workshop followed by advent service 16.00 – 19.00
- f) Faith in Training Day – 24th September
- g) Christmas Cards and Calendars
These have been ordered (60) and Andrew and Tom will need to sign the cards.
- h) Harvest Festival collection will go to church funds in light of the decisions made above.
- j) Bishop Christopher's Enthronement – Saturday 12th November
The secretary has application forms for tickets (first come, first served) which need to be submitted by 12th October.
- k) The Bishop of Grantham has been invited to officiate at our Patronal Service 2012

10. 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 **Thursday 12th April at 7pm** in the Village Hall. Should the need arise for an earlier meeting the secretary will notify the members.

The meeting closed with the Grace

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