

**The Parochial Church Council of
St Andrews Church, Boothby Pagnell**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday 23rd April 2009,
immediately following the AGM.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs B Cornford, Mr & Mrs K Exton, Lady B Netherthorpe, Mrs J Riley, Mrs A Roberts and Mrs G Taylor

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2. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected, proposer/seconded in brackets:

Treasurer -	Mrs S Hodson	(Pam / Andrew)
Secretary -	Mr P Hunt	(Andrew / Tom)
Group Council Representative -	Mr A Usborne	(Robert / Pam)
Church Flowers -	Mrs J Hunt	(Pam / Andrew)
Mistress of the Robes -	Mrs G Taylor	(Pam / Robert)
Churchyard Representative -	Mrs P Collier	(Andrew / Robert)
Village Hall Representative -	Mr P Hunt	(Andrew / Tom)

The chairman thanked a) the Treasurer and Secretary for keeping operational matters moving, b) Jenny Hunt for her work with the flowers and taking over from Jean and c) Pam and Mike for maintaining the churchyard to a high standard, which also applied to their work with the flags.

3. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting of 13th December 2008 were signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

We are now members of the Church Repair Society(CRS) (annual fee £30). They will contribute up to £250 towards the cost of the quinquennial survey. Should the survey indicate that maintenance expenditure was necessary, it is possible to get the work done through CRS and pay them the cost of repair spread over five years.

With regard to the quinquennial survey we are still having problems with gaining access to inspect the church roof. We need to establish a method that is safe and financially viable – the search goes on.

5. Residual issues on last year's projects

The work on the bells and bell tower is now complete. The tolling bell has been installed, however, due to the style of operation and its position in the tower it is relatively quiet and cannot be heard throughout the village. Unfortunately this was not made clear when the project was planned; it will be investigated to see if the situation can be improved.

All lighting has been completed and as agreed the chancel lights were not altered – this will be a task for the future.

The improved storage (conditions) to house the vestments is complete, although hangers are required for the chasubles. (**Andrew**)

Replacement of the gratings in the main aisle is not a simple or quick matter as the housing for the grating also needs repair. We could transfer gratings from the north aisle, however, we need to consider whether there are better options.

The restoration of the organ would be a major project that we are not currently in a position to undertake. For present needs the digital piano is fully satisfactory.

The marble on the dais supporting the altar in the Lady Chapel is in very poor condition. It probably needs more than a minor repair.

The roof occasionally leaks depending upon wind direction. It is not a trivial matter to locate the source of the leak and correct it.

Both matters will need to be addressed in the quinquennial survey.

6. Dedication of the Bells (24th May) and other special services

a) Dedication of Bells 24th May at 10.00am – Group Service

The bells will be rung from 9.30 a.m. by our own ringers, Irnham ringers and John Greenhough. There will be chance for others to try their hand after the service. Andrew is liaising with the Bishop over details of the dedication (**Andrew**).

Tea/coffee and cakes will be available after the service at the Village Hall (**Pam/Susan**)

We will get a flyer around the village (**Percy**)

b) Harvest Festival Sunday 4th October at 3pm

An organist will be required (**Percy**).

c) St Andrew/Advent Sunday 29th November at 10.00am – Group Service

Village Hall to be booked and refreshments organised (**Percy**).

Additional music to be provided by the children and hopefully the piper will be available this year. (**Act: Juliet Riley**).

d) *Carol Service Thursday 17th December at 7pm*
Need to arrange organist, readers (**Percy**) and post service refreshments (**Juliet/Pam**).

e) *Christmas Day Friday 25th December at 9.30 a.m.*
Need to arrange organist (**Percy**).

7. Funding

The treasurer presented figures to show that the funds within the Friends of St Andrews account had largely been used in the completion of the projects previously discussed. Earlier she had presented accounts at the AGM for the year to December 2008 that showed assets of almost £16,000. She said that it was a matter of considerable urgency that we now initiate and complete our Funding Programme.

We have completed the "ready" phase of this programme and established a Steering Group – Jamie Netherthorpe and Peter Williams, representing village interests, and Andrew, Tom and Percy from the PCC. The Group expect to have their first meeting within the next 4 weeks, to agree the timetable, details of the programme and key participants. These should be available at the next PCC meeting (**Percy**).

8. Any Other Business

a) *Items of information*

- Christian Aid week is 10th – 16th May. This year all of the parishes within the group are participating. It is being jointly organised by Jean Burns-Thompson and Percy Hunt.

b) *Church/Churchyard matters*

- Discussion took place on the path leading from the West door to the Vestry door. It is in a poor state and either the stones need to be reinstated or the path should be left to grass over. Please let Pam and Mike have your views.
- The availability of church keys continues to be a problem. Keys will be recovered that we feel are not in use (**Andrew/Tom**). Thereafter a proper record will be kept of key-holders (**Percy**).

9. Date of next meeting

It will be held on **Thursday 25th June 2009 at 7pm.**

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