

The Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church, Boothby Pagnell

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday 23rd September 2010

Present:	Rev. R Ireson (Chairman)	Mr T Blake (Churchwarden)
	Mrs P Collier	Mr R Cornford
	Mrs S Hodson (Treasurer)	Mr P Hunt (Secretary) (Part)
	Mrs G Taylor	Mr A Osborne (Churchwarden)
	Mr K Exton	Mrs M Exton

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lady B Netherthorpe, Mrs A Roberts, Mrs J Riley and Miss H Osborne.

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting of 9th June 2010 were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- a) Quinquennial Survey – undertaken, gutters cleaned, 1 days work for a plumber required report outstanding and will need to be circulated to the PCC. (**Percy**).
- b) Vetting and Barring Course was cancelled.
- c) PAT testing has been undertaken.
- d) Grave space has been marked. Awaiting delivery of the stone from the Burrows.
- e) Annual maintenance of bells was undertaken at a cost of £115 + VAT.
- f) Speight School Charity funding application was successful (£85)
- g) **Andrew** to chase church key at Fulbeck.

4. Financial matters

- a) Current account balances were PCC a/c £4,913 and Friends of St Andrew's a/c £5,831.41.
- b) The funding programme was deemed a success.
- c) The meeting noted the amount raised from Gift Aid and congratulated Sue on pursuing this.

5. Organ Issues

- a) Andrew Walker has been booked for the Harvest Festival and for the 3rd Sunday of the month to play for Evensong.
- b) Paul Fairchild has been booked to play for the Patronal service.
- c) Tom Blake generously offered to pay for an annual service by Chris Hind to the organ, which was graciously accepted by the PCC.
- d) It was agreed that a sub Group would be set up to review the organ led by **Tom**. Paul Fairchild to be invited to be on it.
- e) Andrew had spoken with Paul Hale (Diocesan Organ Advisor) and discussed whether to retain the pneumatic controls or change to the original electric controls. Paul Hale was happy either way but changing to electric control may reduce the grants available.
- f) It was also discussed whether it could be a two phase restoration, of work on the console and then at a later date work to the sound boxes.

6. ALPHA

An ALPHA Course will start in the village hall on the 30th September all were encouraged to attend.

7. Future events

Harvest Festival 26th September 2010.

Bishop John has requested that collections this year should go to our allied Diocese in Tamil Nadu and to a farming project in Burkino Faso.

Sunday 28th November at 10.00 am Patronal festival

Rev. Peter Harte (retired priest from Stamford) has agreed to preach at this service. A music interlude (**Juliet**) and the piper (**Percy**) need to be confirmed.

Sunday 5th December at 10.00 am Patronal festival - Sapperton

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

8. Church Cleaning

A considerable discussion took place on the issue of ongoing cleanliness. It was agreed that **Tom** would look into finding a paid cleaner and report back to the next meeting. A general clean would be undertaken in time for the Patronal service (**Pam & Sue**).

9. Lawn Mower

The existing mower will not survive the winter. It was agreed that a new self propelled mower could be purchased (Max Price £500). The meeting passed a unanimous vote of thanks for the work Mike Collier does in mowing the churchyard and keeping it tidy.

10. A.O.B.

a) Richard Ireson will be leaving on the 6th January 2010.

A farewell do is being organised for the 4th January 2010 in Ropsley Village Hall. Details to follow. The meeting were unanimous in their appreciation of the work Richard had undertaken and wished him well for his retirement. Richard made a request for no gifts as he is trying to down-size rather than acquire more items.

b) Angels at Lenton

This is quite outstanding and should be visited but times need to be checked before going.

c) Deanery Synod & Group Council

A new Deanery Plan has been written and **Tom** has a copy for those who would like to read it. Mission is the key aim. Parish share will rise by 5% a year. This will ensure that as a Group we can show that we can pay for our Rector. Tom noted the marked improvement in the finances of the North Beltisloe Group which had occurred during Richard's tenure. Richard pointed out that in the past our Group had been supported by other parishes in the deanery, who were now struggling themselves, and it was important for the Deanery to act as a whole. He noted that this deanery was one of the most effective and cohesive he had worked with in his 40 years of ministry.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th November at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Thanks to Andrew who produced the minutes

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