

The Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church, Boothby Pagnell

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday 25th June 2009.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr & Mrs K Exton, Mrs J Riley, Mrs A Roberts and Mrs G Taylor.

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting of 23rd April 2009 were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- a) Quinquennial Survey – We have received a reminder from the Diocesan Advisory Committee that we need to complete the survey this year, although they were unable to provide any practical help on our problem with accessing the church roof. It maybe that Stable Hire at Stamford can provide what we need (**Secretary**)?
- b) Hangers for chasubles – in progress (**Andrew**).
- c) 24th May (Bell's dedication) – a lot of positive feed-back had been received and the committee felt that the day had gone as well as it could.
- d) Church Keys – some progress. Richard now has a key and safe key, and other keys are held by Andrew, Pam and Jenny. We need to check whether Lady Netherthorpe has a key (**Tom**). Once that has been resolved we will establish a formal record of key-holders (**Secretary**).
- e) Jean Spence – shrubs have now been established in the churchyard which provide a tribute to Jean and will remind us of her love of plants. An appropriate brass plaque has been sited. With the remaining funds for her collection it was agreed that a round wafer box be bought.
- f) Bell tower – a plaque, that provides details of the newly installed bells is now in situ.

4. Funding Programme update

The Steering Committee had its first meeting on 5th June, the notes of that meeting were reviewed. The main points were,

- a) The Social Evening (the central activity of the programme) will be at Boothby Hall on either the 3rd or 10th October and will be a "hog roast" with a marquee on the terrace. As soon as a date is confirmed we need to establish a group and leader to manage the event.

b) Consequently the Launch Sunday will be on 6th September; that day there is a Group service at Ingoldsby. We need to decide on what we do additionally in the village (**Secretary**).

c) With regard to communication we plan to use the same method as the Social Club where individuals work with a small group of houses.

d) We will arrange a meeting (Steering committee and PCC) with the Diocesan Resource Team as they have considerable experience and expertise to ensure we manage things as well as possible.

5. Annual Review of Church Buildings Insurance

The issue was whether we should insure a portion of the buildings value or continue as currently to cover third party liability. Andrew had spoken with Irnham church and they insure 25% of the value with NFU Insurance that they recommend. When grant money is obtained it is usually a condition of the grant that the church is insured and this we have done in the past. It was agreed that we would meet with the NFU agent and get quotes for the alternatives discussed (**Andrew**).

6. Establishment of Policies for Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection, Disabled Access and Health and Safety

Current legislation is such that we need to have policies in place, however, we need to ensure that they adequately address the risks that we face and the resources available to us, i.e. it needs to be a practical and not a paper exercise. Lenton church have addressed this problem recently and an example was circulated with the agenda. It was agreed that,

a) We would review the available policies and templates and bring proposals back to the PCC (**Andrew/Percy**)

b) In the interim we will follow the guidance provided by the Diocese (see www.lincoln.anglican.org > Diocesan Information).

7. For information

a) Village Service at Old Somerby Sunday 19th July at 11.00am

This is one of the new services that is being organised and led by lay members. Old Somerby are our partners in this venture and we will host the next service in this series. All ages welcome with a particular focus on children. Music and singing will be strengthened by the involvement of Grantham Baptists.

b) A Group website is being established and it would be sensible to have mutual links with the village website (**Secretary**).

c) We have provided a response to the Deanery Plan as requested.

8. AOB

a) A further donation has been received from Miss Bean. The Secretary has sent an acknowledgement expressing the PCC's gratitude.

b) A letter has been received from the Lincoln Churches Trust asking that attention is drawn to their activities. There is an Art Competition, closing date 21st September, and the sponsored "Ride & Stride" takes place on Saturday 12th September. Details will be placed on the church notice board also see

www.lincolnshirechurchestrust.org

c) Christian Aid – the total raised by the parishes in the group was almost £1500 when the money recovered through Gift Aid is included. Thanks to Gill and Pam who did the collection in the village and Jean/Percy joint organisers.

d) Bells

- i) A laminated sheet describing the bells project will be placed on the reception desk in the church.
- ii) Reserve stays will be obtained and kept in the bell tower.

9. Date of next meeting

To be agreed. This will be dependant upon the availability of the Diocesan Resource Team (see item 4).

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