

The Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church, Boothby Pagnell

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th April 2014.

Present : Revd. M Doyle (Chairman) Mr M Collier
 Mrs P Collier Mr R Cornford
 Mrs S Hodson (Treasurer) Mr P Hunt (Secretary)
 Mrs J Riley Mrs L Rutherford
 Mr I Rutherford Mrs G Taylor

The meeting opened with a prayer.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr T Blake (Churchwarden), and Mr A Usborne (Churchwarden).

2. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

Treasurer -	Mrs S Hodson
Secretary -	Mr P Hunt
Group Council Representative -	Mr P Hunt (deputy Mr A Usborne)
Church Flowers -	Mrs J Hunt (coordinator, others to help)
Mistress of the Robes -	Mrs G Taylor
Churchyard Representative -	Mrs P Collier
Village Hall Representative -	Mr P Hunt

Thanks were expressed to the office holders (unchanged from last year) for their work last year, also to Mr Collier for keeping the churchyard in such good condition.

3. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting of 24th September 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

The grave spoil is adequately accommodated in the rear corner of the churchyard. However, the spoil was required to rectify the problem that arose with the digging of the grave for Mr Ken Exton – the grave was dug well but the back filling was inadequate. The rector will raise the matter with Robert Holland (**Act. Mike**)

5. Financial update

The treasurer summarised the situation for the year to date (notes attached). She pointed out that our Parish share in 2014 (£2160) will be based on 2012 – the year that we only paid 50%, due to uncertainty about the cost of restoring the roof. The rector said that some churches in the Group were struggling financially and in the light of our good fortune we might consider providing them with a donation. This was agreed in principle and we will consider this later in the year. At last year's Parish meeting we had successfully requested money to cover the cost of maintaining the churchyard. It was suggested that this year we should again apply for assistance. It was agreed to make a formal application for £125, to the Clerk of the Meeting, towards this year's maintenance costs. (**Act. Secretary**) The treasurer indicated that Mr and Mrs Blake had made numerous donations towards costs related to the organ and it was agreed that a letter of appreciation would be appropriate. (**Act. Secretary**)

6. Mission

Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

7. Church fabric – wooden gates

The small gates to the old rectory and to the boiler house are dilapidated and beyond repair. It was agreed that we should get quotes for new hardwood gates.
(Act. Churchwardens)

8. Development of plans for maintenance and mission

Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

9. Secretary's Correspondence

- a) Annual return – this year they will be done online. **(Act: Secretary)**
- b) Speight's School Charity – we have been invited to make an application. Nothing immediate was identified and it was left to the members to consider.

9. AOB

In the absence of Mr Osborne there were no items.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27th May at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. This will be a special meeting to discuss 8) above.

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Attachment: Treasurer's notes to the accounts

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