

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

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th September 2012.

Present : Mr A Usborne (Chairman/Churchwarden)
 Mr T Blake (Churchwarden) Mrs P Collier
 Mr R Cornford Mr & Mrs K Exton
 Mrs S Hodson (Treasurer) Mr P Hunt (Secretary)
 Mrs J Riley Mrs G Taylor

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Miss E Usborne.

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting of 12th April 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Roof replacement

Andrew is arranging a meeting at the church with SKDC's conservation officer to ensure that our planning application for a change of roofing material is done in the approved manner. He will circulate details of the meeting to PCC members. Application will be made by October at the latest; the cost will be £170.

5. Finances

The current situation is satisfactory and it is encouraging that payments have been received, without reminders, from those who committed to annual payments under our Funding Programme. The current balances are PCC £11816.17 and Friends of St Andrew's £8617.54. The Organ Fund stands at £2374.80, which includes £240.62 from the last recital and a grant of £650 from the All Churches Trust. Tom was thanked for his continued efforts to raise funds for the project. So far £1000 of the Parish Share has been paid which leave a further £2998 to be paid. After considerable discussion it was agreed that a further £1000 should be paid. The situation would be reviewed, once we have replaced the roof and know the state of our residual finances.

6. Preparation for the new rector

Following the interviews at the end of July an offer was made and accepted for the post of Rector. Whilst no formal announcement has been made it is expected that the rector and his family will take up residence in the rectory in October. The date of his induction by the Bishop of Lincoln has still to be arranged, however, that is not expected to cause any delay in him starting his ministry in North Beltisloe. He will be invited to our next PCC meeting (item 10).

7. Services to Christmas

a) *Harvest Festival, Sunday 30th September at 10.00 with Rev. David Pickett*

In Jenny Hunt's absence **Pam** will coordinate the decoration of the church using the list of regular volunteers. The church will be open at 2pm for decoration on the Friday and Saturday before the service. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served in the village hall after the service. After the service all produce and other gifts will be taken to the Salvation Army, Grantham for use in their work. A flyer, with all details, will go round the village (**Andrew**).

b) *Patronal Group Service, Sunday 2nd December at 10.00 with the Bishop of Grantham*

Juliet will bring her musicians to perform (as in previous years), there will be bells before the service and the piper will play after the service and lead the way to the village hall where refreshments will be provided. **Andrew** will liaise with the Bishop over arrangements for the service.

c) *Carol Service, Wednesday 19th December at 19.00*

Refreshments (as usual) after the service, **Juliet** (Riley Family) on the urn or will make it available for someone else. The hall will be booked for all these services (**Percy**).

d) *Christmas Day (details to be confirmed)*

We are hopeful that John Spriggs will be available as usual. The time will be dependent on his commitments.

e) *3pm Service*

It was agreed that after the current schedule of services (end November) we would not have services at this time. It was suggested that we might coordinate our services with Bassingthorpe and Bitchfield so that apart from Group services there should be a morning service local to us (**Percy** will see whether this would interest our neighbouring parishes).

8. Administrative Issues

a) *Fees*

- Organist – It was agreed that Tom would advise those requesting the service of available organists so that they could negotiate a fee. It was felt that it would be unsatisfactory to set a fee given the range of skills involved.
- Verger – agreed that we would charge £20, plus the retiring collection for weddings and funerals.
- Bells – a charge of £15/rope plus £30 for the tower. If the bells were rung before the service the charge would be £20/rope.
- Churchyard work – a charge consistent with the amount of work and expenses involved. Useful to check the current cost for the services of a gravedigger.

b) *Weddings in 2013*

There are weddings booked for the 13th July and the 20th October

c) *Service schedule*

Tom will get a copy of the schedule which should prevent the recent problem when the wrong time was given in the Legend. It was noted that this was only the second time that this had happened since Richard Ireson had left. The situation was made somewhat worse in that a couple had attended as they believed their banns were going to be read. In future, we should ensure that couples are told by the officiating priest where and when their banns will be read. The Deanery Chapter had agreed that Banns for weddings could be read in any of the Group parishes and did not necessarily have to be read in the church where the wedding was taking place.

9. AOB

a) At an appropriate time John Hodson and Mike Collier will remove the church safe to clean and oil the door so that it can be opened with less difficulty. During this time the contents will be stored securely elsewhere.

b) Notification of events

- Choral Evensong with "Men' Voices" Wednesday 12th September at 19.00, St Michael and All Angels' Church, Uffington, nr Stamford.
- Coach Trip to Ely Tuesday 9th October 10.00am Ropsley contact oldsomerbyclerk@talktalk.net

10. Date of next meeting

We will invite the rector to our next meeting – 2nd or 3rd week in January 2013 as convenient to him (**Percy**). Our AGM is scheduled for 10th April 2013.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

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