

The Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church, Boothby Pagnell

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday 12th April 2012.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr & Mrs K Exton.

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
Mistress of the Robes -	Mrs G Taylor
Churchyard Representative -	Mrs P Collier
Village Hall Representative -	Mr P Hunt

A vote of thanks was given to Pam and Mike Collier for the excellent state of the churchyard, and to Jenny Hunt for organising the team and arranging the flowers in the church. Pam indicated that for a number of ecological reasons the grass would not be cut so often this year. A number of members indicated their willingness to help with the flowers as required.

3. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting of 15th September 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

a) Speight's School Charity

Our application was accepted and this allowed us to provide six "Hands-on" bibles to young children in the village. It was agreed that these should be offered to the Harte, Netherthorpe, Thomas and Willis families, and two copies to the Great Wood Farm Early Years Centre. It was noted that the Centre is now in its 10th year and the Council offered their congratulations on this achievement.

b) SKDC Planning Permission – change of roofing material

This was discussed earlier at the AGM. The matter is being progressed (**Andrew**).

c) Solar Panels

The secretary had investigated the possibilities. In summary, as we would only benefit from the electricity produced for our own use the amount of effort required was not justified against possible gain. This presupposes that we could obtain planning permission and were able to find an installer – given the change in available subsidy they are very choosy about the work they take on.

5. Financial update

- a) The audited 2011 accounts for the PCC and Friends of St Andrews had been presented at the AGM. In the year to date we have recovered £715.00 of Gift Aid, spent £160 on pest control (covered by a generous donation from Mr & Mrs Blake) and the regular income from planned giving has continued. The current balances are £11248.01 (PCC) and £7210.98 (FSA).
- b) At our meeting in September we had decided not to pay the remaining amount of our annual parish and review the situation at this meeting. The two main points of the discussion were that the financial situation remains uncertain and we still do not have a definite figure with regard to the roof repair/ replacement - thus a reluctance to commit funds that we may need to complete the work. However, there was a desire to be positive and play our part in the group. It was agreed that we would pay £1,000 towards the share for this current year.

6. Diocesan Annual Return

This year's return is simpler than previously and just requires the statistics for mission and current postholders. The return needs to be made by 25th May and can be entered on-line. (**Secretary**)

7. AOB

- a) There are two weddings in September (Julie & Alan) on the 21st and a further wedding on the 7th September. (**Andrew**) to liaise with Father Andy Hawes.
- b) Mary Sleigh (NADFAS) will bring a small team and carry out minor repairs on the vestments as previously agreed.
- c) The log book will now reside in the Church safe. Maintenance work is required on the front pew (wobbly) on the Northn Side of the Nve and the gratings in the main aisle need attention.
- d) **The Group AGM is due to be held on Thursday 24th May at 7.30 at Boothby Pagnell Village Hall.** All members on the electoral roll are encouraged to attend, particularly since the situation concerning the search for a new rector will be discussed.
- e) Andrew is embarking on the diocesan course to train local ministers.
- f) It was felt that the 3pm services planned to be held at St Andrews should either be switched to the morning or cancelled (**Churchwardens**).

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th September at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

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