

The Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church, Boothby Pagnell

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 24th September 2013.

Present :	Revd. M Doyle (Chairman)	Mrs P Collier
	Mr R Cornford	Mrs S Hodson (Treasurer)
	Mr P Hunt (Secretary)	Mrs J Riley
	Mr A Osborne (Churchwarden)	

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr T Blake (Churchwarden).

The Rector started the meeting with a prayer.

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting of 25th June 2013 were agreed (Pr. Andrew, Sec. Pam) and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

a) Chancel Repair Liability

Mrs Collier had a long conversation with Gavin Dix-White at Lincoln Church Archives in February 2013. They reached the conclusion that to the best of their knowledge there is no other interested party accountable for the Chancel Repair than the PCC. In 1936 a form was filled in by the then Rector Daniel Maddison stating that the PCC is responsible for the upkeep of the chancel etc. (see Appendix). No records have come to light of other bodies having liability in living memory - bearing in mind there was a complete refurbishment in 1897.

On the basis of this evidence it was agreed by the members that there is no outstanding chancel liability.

b) Children resources in church

The resources have been collected from Lyn Harte and they will be placed in a box in the church. (**Andrew**).

c) Social Events

Juliet will make an application for the church to host "Music in Quiet Places" at the next bidding round.

d) Reserved Grave Spaces

Since the last PCC meeting a request had been received from Mr & Mrs K Exton. This was considered to be urgent and PCC members were contacted and gave their agreement to the necessary resolution to action the request. All other documentation was the same as had been agreed for a similar request at our last meeting. (Note Since the meeting faculties have been received for both requests - the originals have gone to the petitioners and copies have been filed.)

e) Cleaning Rota

No progress to report

f) Electoral Roll

A confirmatory note has been sent to diocesan office as required.

4. Progress with roof replacement

Andrew is continuing to work with the planners, who have requested that he produces a drawing that clarifies the proposed work.

5. Financial update

The current balances are PCC £14,024.36 and Friends of St Andrew £10,308.75, the latter includes the Organ Fund at £3,409.98.

The following payments have been made,

i) £100: Organ tuning and maintenance – a donation for this amount had been received from Mr & Mrs T Blake, for which the members expressed their appreciation.

ii) £150: Third levy paid to the North Beltisloe Group

iii) £152: Insurance

There is a further £1000 of our Quota to be paid. This will be done at the due time and will complete our payment for the year.

Susan commented that changes in Gift Aid operation had been very beneficial. We can claim on all money in the collection plate; only offerings in excess of £20 need to be in the Gift Aid envelope. She also commented that the level of giving, under our Stewardship Programme, had been maintained.

The porch notice concerning bell ringing fees needed to be updated. (**Andrew**)

6. Mission

The main involvement has been through social events. As discussed later it was agreed that we would take a collection at our services of canned food and other appropriate items to support "The Passage" work in Grantham. The aim is to have a display board in each Group church indicating our mission activities.

There was some discussion concerning holding (winter) services in locations other than the church (e.g. the village hall). Mike's advice was that such initiatives should be well planned and that whilst there were benefits in being in a warmer environment this should not be the sole reason for the change.

7. The Rector noted that other churches within the Group had commenced a "can giving" scheme at the Group Services for the Grantham Foodbank and Passage. The PCC whole heartedly agreed with this agreed to commence it at the Patronal service.

7. Services up to Christmas

a) Harvest Festival Sunday 13th October 10am

We will need to organise this service as Mike, who has a service elsewhere, will join us at the end and for the refreshments in the village hall. It was suggested that the church decoration be more limited this year as there is a wedding on the following Saturday. Those doing flower decorations should where possible make them portable so they could be removed after the service. We need to make arrangements to set the hall up and provide refreshments (**Percy + Gill/Jenny/Susan** cakes).

b) Patronal Group Service 1st December 10am

Juliet will organise her young musicians to participate in the service and will also see whether the piper will be able to play. We need to make arrangements to set the hall up and provide refreshments (**Percy**).

c) Carol Service Wednesday 18th December 7pm

The organisation, fliers and refreshments will be as last year.

d) Christmas Day Service

The overall view was that it was preferable to have a service at 10/10.30 am rather than the 9 am Communion that we have had in recent years. However, it was left to check whether John Spriggs might be able to take a service at the later time. If not, we would need to organise the later service ourselves.

(Post meeting it was confirmed that John could only take an early service. There followed some discussion on the possibility of having two services but eventually it was agreed that there would be one service at 10.30 am.)

8. AOB

a) Churchyard Management

There was a discussion concerning two of the yews trees adjacent to the wall boundary, that are very poor specimens, also a third yew that is opposite a crab apple that was planted "in memoriam". The meeting noted the situation and agreed to think about it before the next meeting.

Also, there is currently no area for grave spoil within the churchyard. The meeting noted the situation and agreed to think about it before the next meeting. (**Pam/Andrew**).

b) Five year anniversary of the bells restoration

On 18th December there will be a quarter peals of bells to mark the restoration of the bells.

10. Date of next meeting

A PCC meeting will be arranged if necessary otherwise our next meeting is the AGM which will be held in the week commencing **Monday 7th April 2014 at 7.00pm.**

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