The Parochial Church Council of St Andrews Church, Boothby Pagnell Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday 3rd April 2008.

Present: Rev. R Ireson (Chairman)

Mrs P Collier Mrs D Collins

Mr R Cornford (Churchwarden) Mrs S Hodson (Treasurer)
Mrs J Hunt Mr P Hunt (Secretary)

Mrs J Riley Mrs A Roberts
Mrs J Spence Mrs G Taylor

Mr A Usborne (Churchwarden)

The meeting opened with a prayer.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs B Cornford, Lady B Netherthorpe and Mr T Blake.

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the 28th March 2007 AGM were signed as a true record. (Pr: A Usborne, S: P Collier).

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Elections

a) Churchwardens

Mr R Cornford was elected (Pr: P Collier, S: J Spence) Mr A Usborne was elected (Pr: G Taylor, S: S Hodson)

b) Deanery Synod Representative

Mr A Usborne was elected (Pr: S Hodson, S: J Riley)

c) PCC Members

Mr T Blake was elected (Pr: D Collins, S: A Usborne)

The current members were re-elected en bloc

(Pr: R Cornford, S: A Usborne) -

Rev. R Ireson, Mrs P Collier, Mrs B Cornford, Mr K Exton, Mrs M Exton,

Mrs S Hodson, Mr P Hunt, Lady B Netherthorpe, Mrs J Riley,

Mrs A Roberts, Mrs J Spence, Mrs G Taylor.

d) Auditor of Accounts

Mrs J Allen indicated that she was willing to remain as auditor and she was reappointed (Pr: J Riley, S: S Hodson). A token of appreciation had been given to the auditor and the secretary was asked to write and thank her on behalf of the meeting (**Act**: P Hunt)

5. Treasurer's Report

Mrs Hodson presented the Financial Statements for the PCC and the Friends of St Andrews Fabric Fund for the year ending 31st December 2007. Following a discussion the accounts were formally adopted (Pr: A Usborne, S: P Collier). The chairman thanked Mrs Hodson on behalf of the PCC for her work as Treasurer over the past year. Copies of the accounts were circulated at the meeting and a copy is attached(#).

A letter had been received from the Bishop of Lincoln (see church notice board) thanking the Parish of Boothby Pagnell on achieving the parish contribution of £3132.

6. Electoral Roll

A new roll was completed in 2007 and contained 25 names, two more than on the previous roll. There is a laminated copy on the church notice board.

7. Any Other Business

a) Reviewing the Pattern of Services across the North Beltisloe Group

A discussion paper had been received from the Group Council. The purpose was to ensure a sustainable pattern of services that can be managed by a single, hard-working priest with lay support. The response of the meeting is given below and these will be considered, along with the responses from the other parishes at the Group AGM. A possible service pattern for January – April 2009 was distributed and a copy is attached(#).

i) Regular worship in each church Considered to be two services a month

ii) Helping with services

We currently help with setting up services, reading the lessons and refreshments afterwards. No further items were identified although any additional offers should be made to the rector.

iii) Co-ordinating Services

Plans are in hand for some of the parishes, e. g. Bitchfield/Burton Coggles/Bassingthorpe, Braceby/Sapperton, Ingoldsby/Lenton to co-ordinate their activities. Currently Boothby Pagnell have no plans and it may be a topic for further PCC discussion.

iv) Group Services

These are considered to have been very successful and this feeling was endorsed by the meeting. The meeting supported the suggestion that

from 2009 there should be a Group Service at 10am on the first Sunday of each month, as well as on special days. One of these would be the Patronal festival at Boothby Pagnell.

v) *Evensongs*

It seemed sensible that these should be co-ordinated, especially as in general afternoon/evening services attract fewer worshippers. Coordination is taking place in some parishes as indicated above.

vi) Special Services

The rector indicated that there had been a growing attendance at these weekday services (e.g. Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, All Souls) and that it was sensible to continue with them. This assessment was supported by the meeting.

b) Rogation Sunday 27th April at 3pm (Lenton)

Details of this service were circulated. It will start at Lenton and then proceed around the parishes of Osgoodby (3.30), Keisby (3.55) and Handby (4.30) where brief open-air services will be held. (Contact Peter Dobney 01476 585766 for info. or to offer help with transport)

c) Letter from Sheila Holland (of Robert Holland, Funeral Director)

The secretary read a letter from Sheila Holland indicating that she will be retiring from listing names at funerals. She wanted to thank all members of the church community for kindness and fellowship over the years.

8. Date of next and AGM

It was agreed that the AGM would be held on Thursday 23rd April 2009 at 7pm.

The grace was said at the conclusion of the meeting.

Percy Hunt Hon Sec PCC (586131/pfhunt@bigfoot.com)

(#) Attachments were distributed at the meeting. Copies are on the Village Hall Notice Board, the web site (www.boothby.org.uk) and are available from the Secretary.

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