

## All Saints' Church, Brandeston

### Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Present: The Revd Robin Alderson  
Mr Baker  
Mrs Baker  
Lady Cunliffe  
Mrs Demetriadi  
Mr Garratt  
Miss Leach  
Mr McArthur  
Mrs Molyneux  
Mrs Moore  
Mrs Woodland

#### We are here...

- To worship God
- To nurture believers
- To serve the community

The meeting opened with a prayer.

**1 Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs Jeffery

**2 Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November.**

**The minutes were approved.**

One additional item not included in the list of charitable giving for the year was the £250 given to the Japanese Tsunami appeal.

**3 Matters arising from the minutes.**

Mr McArthur will buy a new St George's flag in time for the Jubilee and will check whether we need a new Union flag. Proposed by Mrs Demetriadi, seconded by Mrs Moore; all were in favour.

**4 Financial Report**

Mr Baker updated the meeting on the bank accounts and on payments to builders and the architect.

He will keep us informed of how much we receive from the listed places of worship scheme; we hope to receive £4700. Mr McArthur informed the meeting that £6500 from grants should be with us in February.

**5 Maintenance / Quinquennial Inspection.**

The builders have completed the current phase of their work, slightly later than anticipated owing to some extra items. There will be a meeting tomorrow to discuss costs. If necessary, some of the interior work will be delayed until we can afford it. Contractually, we are obliged to do the work ultimately.

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The path has been completed.

Lady Cunliffe has kindly offered to pay half the cost of repairing the bench from the porch.

The PCC thanked Lady Cunliffe.

Mr McArthur has changed the light bulbs and cleaned the shades in an effort to improve the lighting. He was thanked for doing this.

Mr Alderson has shown the building work to the Archdeacon and explained about our inability to pay all the parish share last year, assuring her that we will pay when we can.

The church is now looking much better than it did. The workmanship is excellent and we have done very well to reach this point, thanks to the generosity of the grant making bodies and all those people who have responded so generously to our appeal.

The standing committee will meet again to look at the figures.

Mr McArthur will write to Mr Paine at Framlingham College to thank him.

Lady Cunliffe explained the process for reducing the height of the yews in the churchyard and the adjacent part of the school grounds. It would be best to do this work before the end of March. There may be wildlife issues and we need the agreement of the College.

Mr Risk would like to apply for grants to restore the war memorial, including replacing the lettering. It was agreed that Mr McArthur should reply to this request.

Mr McArthur was thanked for all his work.

## **6 Deanery Synod**

Mr Alistair Gourlay has been elected as chairman.

The Deanery Plan has been met with varying degrees of enthusiasm and concern about how it should be kept up to date. Mrs Woodland talked about this and suggested that the plan should be displayed on the church noticeboard.

Following the meeting held in September, there will be a collection of items for the Umbrella Trust. Mr Evans will coordinate the collection in Brandeston. The next meeting will be in March.

The meeting also discussed the on-going links with the diocese of Kagera in North Tanzania.

## **7 Mortuary Chapel**

The Candlelit Supper raised £352 and the funds now stand at £2545. The heaters have been replaced and there has been some minor electrical work. Internal decoration will be carried out soon.

## **8 Fundraising**

The Christmas Fair was a great success, raising £1500, new record. All those who contributed to this success were thanked.

The fête is planned for June 16<sup>th</sup> but Kettleburgh have arranged to have their fête on that day. Mrs Baker will negotiate.

Mrs Molyneux will talk to Alistair Chapman about a concert in the church.

Miss Leech will check on progress with a table top sale in the Easter holidays.(14<sup>th</sup> April?)

Mr McArthur is looking for a speaker to come to the church for a fund-raising event.

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## **9 Inventory, terrier and gift book.**

Mr McArthur and Mrs Baker have done some work on updating the gift book. It needs to be cross-referenced with the terrier then they will sign it.

## **10 APCM**

This will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. There will be no speaker, but we will have refreshments after the meeting.

## **11 Correspondence**

People have commented that the church was locked over Christmas. We will consider this again next year.

We still need someone to organise the flower rota-please think.

## **12 Dates**

8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	PCC meeting
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 10.30	Jubilee Service followed by street party
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Harvest tea at 5.15, service at 6.00