

**All Saints' Church, Brandeston
Parochial Church Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th June 2009

Present: Mr Baker
Mrs Baker
Mr Garratt
Mrs Jeffery
Mr McArthur
Mrs Matthews
Mrs Molyneux
Mrs Woodland

The meeting opened with a prayer.

1) There were apologies for absence from Mr Drummond, Mrs Demetriadi, Miss Leach, Lady Cunliffe, and Mrs Moore.

2) **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2009**
These were approved.

The Revd Robin Alderson joined the meeting at 7.40 pm.

3) **Matters arising from the minutes.**

- Mrs Baker is now attending Village Hall meetings so there should be regular contact between the two groups.
- Mr Baker is working on the gift book. PB
- Mr McArthur will work on the log book. CMc
- Steve Western spoke very well at the APCM and organised a good day for beating the bounds. Everyone appreciated the event. Mrs Baker will write to thank him. Both the walk, with lunch at the pub, and the APCM, were good social occasions. MB

4) **Finance**

Mrs Woodland reported that the Deanery Organiser had been concerned that 5/12 of the parish share had not been paid by the end of May. (£3,750 for us) If this is not possible we are to let the diocese know. We have paid £2,500. Mr Baker reported that we have raised £4 500 this year and have paid out £4,400. We don't get income on a regular basis. We will pay more after the fete, the repayment of tax and the Christmas fair. He will explain our situation to the Diocese. We are committed to meeting the quota and will pay when we can. PB

In future, we need to ensure that advertising for our fund raising events is not specifically for the fabric fund. Mrs Baker will inform the Village Hall committee. MB

Mr McArthur suggested looking for a cheaper architect, prior to the forthcoming quinquennial review. He will make enquiries and refer to the standing committee. We could also do more of the work ourselves. CMc

The balance in the Business Premium account stands at £13,224 and the current account at £126. The budget for this year is £13,000 and we should be able to raise this. The treasurer estimates that the tax recovered on Gift Aid will be £250 less than last year and we are likely to receive £100 less interest from our bank accounts. We may, therefore, need another fundraising event.

At the next meeting we will discuss ways of improving the giving within the parish. We need to be thinking in the long term. Mr Alderson will write about this in the next parish magazine.

RA

5) Mortuary Chapel

The friends of the Chapel have £1700 in the bank and no outgoings apart from electricity. Everything is OK and there is no work to be done for 12 months. The chapel is not being used very much now.

There was some discussion about the status of the Friends of the Chapel. We will look at the 1994/5 minutes. If the group aren't accountable to us, they should be having an annual meeting and publishing their accounts. The church is responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery but not the building.

Mrs Woodland will investigate the old minutes and we will ensure that their annual report and accounts are included in our annual report.

WW
MB/PB

There were 130 orchids in the cemetery this year.

6) Deanery Synod (26th March)

Minutes from the meeting were distributed and Mrs Woodland commented on them.

Mr Drummond has applied to be considered for the diocesan synod. There have so far only been 4 nominations for 5 posts so he should be accepted.

The leaving service for the Archdeacon is to take place at 3pm on Sunday 19th July. A collection is being made for gardening vouchers. Mr Alderson will advertise it to the congregations and the PCC agreed to give £20.

There is only one confirmation candidate for Framlingham. We have no candidates. There is no one to organise youth work at the moment but a teenage event may be organised in Framlingham.

7) Fund Raising

Plans for the fête are in hand. Chris Hutson will be the compère and Miss Leach will close the event. The tent raising session will be on Friday evening.

The village hall committee have agreed that the trestle tables need to be replaced. The PCC agreed to pay half the cost up to a maximum of £200. All were in favour.

Gardeners' question-time was a very enjoyable evening with some interesting questions and knowledgeable answers. It raised £300. Unfortunately there was very little support from the village. Mrs Baker will get some suggestions for publicity and from the village hall committee who are much more successful with this.

MB

Mrs Jeffery offered to organise a children's route for the bike ride with Mrs Garratt.

KJ

The cookbook is still being planned.

KJ/ HF

8) Bâton and medallion

Mrs Woodland reported that a bâton had been found in its case amongst rubbish in the vestry of St Michael's in Framlingham. It was originally given to Brandeston and Kettleburgh PCCs, along with a medallion, in memory of the Revd Dr Owen Davis of this benefice. It was given by his grandson, Mr Peter Davis, in approximately 1990. It was understood that the gifts were to be kept in the safe or at the bank. Peter Davis died in 1992. Mrs Woodland suggested repairing the box, but it was agreed that we should return it to the family, as it is, with a covering letter. Mrs Woodland will deal with this. She was thanked for all her research on this matter. We will check the inventory for records of these gifts.

WW
PB

10) Pattern of services This was not discussed.

11) Child Protection

There was nothing to discuss.

12) Correspondence

Electoral roll. Mr Risk has added three new people to the electoral roll: Mr and Mrs Weston of Mutton Lane and Megan Jeffery, also of Mutton Lane.

Nansambo Mrs Woodland has received a gift of a set of crib characters, along with a letter, from Mrs Tobin. They were received with great interest and enthusiasm. It was agreed that the figures should be kept in the safe. Mr Alderson will write to Mrs Tobin to thank her and ask her to join us at a service and speak about the school and Nansambo. The crib will be added to the gift book.

RA

PB

Dates

4th October Harvest

16th Nov Next meeting

5th Dec Christmas fair

6th Dec Christingle (5.30)

Date of next meeting: Monday 14th September at Office Farm House at 7.30 pm.

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The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th September at Office Farm House at 7.30 pm.

Please note the change of venue.

Agenda

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th June 2009
- 3) Matters arising from the minutes
- 4) Financial report
- 5) Fund raising and giving within the parish.
- 6) Quinquennial / restoration
- 7) Child protection
- 8) Correspondence
- 9) Dates
- 10) Date of next meeting