

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2009

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

The meeting opened with a prayer.

1) There were no apologies for absence since everyone was present at the meeting.

2) Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2009

These were approved. Mrs Woodland was present at the meeting.

3) Matters arising from the minutes.

- The Revd Graham Vellacott's correct name for the photograph is the Revd P.G. Vellacott.

- Mrs Demetriadi and Mr Alderson will talk to Lucy Daykin about representing the PCC on the village hall committee if no member of the PCC can go. Mrs Baker attended the last meeting. Mr Alderson proposed and Lady Cunliffe seconded that Mrs Baker should be our representative on the Village Hall committee. This was agreed unanimously.

- The plan of the churchyard has been found. It needs to be updated.

- The log book is in the safe and the gift book will be kept there once it has been updated.

- The white collection bag has been mended so we don't need to buy a new one.

4) Finance

This is a quiet time of year for fundraising. We have raised £957 so far and we have not yet started paying the parish share which is £9000 this year.

5) Annual Report and APCM

Mrs Baker was thanked for compiling the report. She went through the draft report with the members of the PCC and made the suggested changes.

Mr Baker explained the financial report, including some modifications suggested by the independent examiner. The overall situation for 2008 was healthier than that in 2007. The adoption of the annual report was proposed by Mrs Demetriadi and seconded by Mr Garratt. All were in favour and members were thanked for all their contributions.

- Flyers will be sent out before the meeting.
- We need to recruit a speaker for the informal section of the meeting. It was suggested that we should ask Steve Western to talk about Beating the Bounds. Mrs

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Woodland has historical records of the event. Everyone was in favour of the planned walk. As it is to take place on Rogation Sunday, it was pointed out that we should still direct our giving to Christian Aid.

- The APCM will start at 7 pm with refreshments at 7.30 and the speaker at 8.00pm.
- Food and drink will be provided by members of the PCC.

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6) Mortuary Chapel

A lot of work has been done recently, including replacement of tiles and new pointing at the East end. The cost of this work was £300 which will be paid by the Friends of the Chapel. The hedge is due to be lowered to make maintenance easier and the sheep will return in April.

7) Deanery Synod

The presentations about parish curiosities will take place next week. Mr Garratt has taken photographs of the window for Mrs Woodland.

8) Fund Raising

- Members of the PCC were encouraged to come to the Gardeners' Question Time on March 20th. The hall will be open at 6pm and the event should be over by 9.30. Food to be provided by the PCC.
- The flower arrangers have been booked for the two weddings on 25th July. The families will co-operate over flowers.
- The Fete is on the 20th June. There will be a meeting at the pub at 8 pm on 16th April.
- The Village Hall has been booked for the Christmas Fair on 5th December.
- There has been no progress yet with the recipe book.
- Christmas card production is in hand.

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9) Pattern of Services

This will remain the same but we are aiming to have 4 occasions per annum when we meet as a group with the Greater Benefice. The next benefice service will be on 29th March at Kettleburgh at 10am.

The benefice council will meet twice a year to discuss the development of the benefice. Mrs Jeffery volunteered to join this group along with the churchwardens. The next meeting is in May.

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11) Child Protection

We need to put fliers in the church for information. Mrs Jeffery gave her consent for her name to be used on these.

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12) Correspondence

Members of the PCC were informed of three meetings entitled "Building the Church". These meetings are to be held on Saturdays in June and will look at the future of the church in the next five years. Everyone was encouraged to try to attend one of these meetings.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 18th June 2009 at 7.30pm at Rose Farm.