

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

**Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

Present: The Revd Robin Alderson  
Mr Baker  
Mrs Baker  
Mrs Demetriadi  
Mr Garratt  
Mrs Jeffery,  
Mr McArthur  
Mrs Molyneux  
Mrs Moore  
Mrs Woodland

1) There were apologies for absence from Lady Cunliffe and Miss Leach

**2) Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

These were approved.

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

- The photograph of Graham Vellacott was shown to the PCC. It was taken by Sophie Booth. Mrs Moore asked for information about his correct name to add to the list of incumbents.
- The prayer table has been set up and is being used.
- The bellringers consider the bell tower stairs to be adequate. We will consult the architect about them during the quinquennial inspection. In the meantime, we will try to ensure that they are not used by ringers when they are alone.
- The Gallienne bench and the Dickson bench have both been installed. Mrs Baker has been in contact with both families to say thank you.
- Hymn books: Mr Alderson will pick up 120 word only and 12 music copies tomorrow. Brandeston Hall are providing 10. With a 25% reduction, each copy is now only £6.

**4) Finance**

- The current account stands at £644.26  
The business premium account stands at £11,590.12
- Parish Share: We have £1000 left to pay for this year. There should be no problem with this.
- Next year's share will rise by 3.48% giving us an increase of £324 to £9633. All parishes will have the same percentage increase, giving Framlingham an increase when they are already struggling to pay this year's quota. There will be another meeting in January to discuss this. Other parishes are in a similar situation and we may be asked to help them out. It is becoming increasingly difficult to raise the funds to maintain the six posts of the deanery. A review of the structure of the diocese may result in some reductions in costs. Mr Baker stressed the importance of generating as many gift aid donations as possible.

- The bike ride raised £350 for the church. Mr and Mrs Garratt were thanked for their hard work.
- We have received a donation of £300 for the Fabric Fund.

#### 5) **Charitable Giving**

- Two of our donations are regular donations connected to financial support that we have received for church restoration. These are:  
£250 to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust  
£500 to the Historic Churches Preservation Trust.
- Mrs Woodland informed the meeting of the work being done by the Nansambo School Trust in Malawi. She has contact with the family running this charity. She outlined the work that has already been done and the work to be done in the future if funds are available. The meeting discussed the importance of ascertaining that spending is monitored carefully both here and in Malawi. Mrs Woodland will supply this information. It was agreed that we should initially give £150 with Mrs Woodland acting as a contact point with the charity so that we can establish a continuing relationship.
- The remaining £75 of our giving will be sent to Water Aid.

#### 6) **Maintenance**

- Peter Arbon was thanked for clearing the ground level drainage and Jeff Hogan will be asked to do the gutters.
- The boiler has been mended. We are not using much oil and it was agreed that we should leave the heating running all day on Sundays rather than adjusting timer settings. We will monitor the use of oil.

#### 7) **Mortuary Chapel**

- Mr Sillett has cut the grass and the bill has been paid. The sheep may return in the spring.
- Our agreement with the War Graves Commission needs to be revised. At present they pay us £5 per grave per year. (We have 3 graves) This will rise to £10pa. Mr Alderson will sort this out.

#### 8) **Deanery Synod Report**

Mrs Woodland spoke about the report and its theme of domestic violence. The next meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> March when each parish will present a curiosity from their church to the other members. There was some discussion about what this might be. Possibly Henry VIII glass.

#### 9) **Fund Raising**

- The Antarctica talk was very interesting but poorly attended and raised only £178. This may partly be due to the fact that it took place on the day following the Horkey. We will ask Mrs Hutson to be our representative on the village hall committee so that communication between the two groups improves. She would not have to come to all the PCC meetings.
- Gardeners' question time will take place on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>. A.M. to check that the hall is free.

- Christmas Fair- there will be a report at the next meeting.
- Fete- we have not finalised dates with the village hall committee yet.
- Village craft exhibition on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- We will try to book Mr Chapman later in the year.

#### 10) Christmas Arrangements

Christingle Service	7 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm.	GV
Pub carols	17 <sup>th</sup> December	7-8pm	
Crib and gift service	21 <sup>st</sup> December		
Green decorations	20 <sup>th</sup> December	help needed please	
Final decorations	23 <sup>rd</sup> December	help needed please	
Christmas Eve	24 <sup>th</sup> December	11.30pm	
Christmas Day	Kettleburgh,		
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Kettleburgh	10am	

#### 11) Child Protection

Mr Alderson is doing paper work. Father Christmas will make a voluntary declaration.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 19th January 2009 at 7.30pm at Tanglewood, Mill Lane.

**Following the November meeting, we made contact with the Village Hall committee. The Fete will be on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at the Queen's Head.**

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7.30pm at Tanglewood, Mill Lane (not as previously agreed).

Please bring your diaries to the meeting

### **Agenda**

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November
- 3) Matters arising from the minutes
- 4) Financial report
- 5) Inventory, terrier and log book
- 6) Gift book
- 7) Mortuary Chapel
- 8) Deanery Synod
- 9) Fund Raising
- 10) Pattern of services
- 11) Child protection
- 12) Correspondence
- 13) Dates
- 14) Date of next meeting