

All Saints' Church, Brandeston

Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th November 2010

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 and Mr Evans

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September.

These were approved with one change on page 2. The total cost of the Quinquennial work is £29000.

All members of the PCC were happy with the inclusion of the mission statement on page 1. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting's discussions.

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

Kneelers: Two options are available:

Leiston Press- 200 cards (50 x 4 designs) £46 plus VAT

ABC- 200 cards (50 x 4 designs) £40 plus VAT

Mr Garratt will make the final decision based on the cost of 400 cards. Mrs Woodland was thanked for all her work on this matter.

4 Financial Report

At the end of October the following sums were deposited in the bank:

Current Account £3,229.04

Business Premium Account £17,676.75

Interest received in the Business Premium account was £2.20.

Since then, £500 has been paid for electricity, £300 to Elix for maintenance, £1000 towards the Parish Share; a total of £1800. We still have £1400.

JG

£1500 of the Parish Share is still to be paid. The Parish Share for 2011 will rise by 2.95% (£300) to just under £10,350. There was discussion about a letter from the Diocese asking us to support those parishes that have difficulty in finding their share, The letter was considered and noted and we may consider making additional donations in the future, after the quinquennial.

Charitable Giving

The following donations were agreed:

Suffolk Historic Churches Preservation Trust £25

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Nansambo School Trust £225

Mr Alderson will email Sue Tobin and we will put information about Nansambo onto our website and into the parish magazine.

RA

5 Maintenance/ Quinquennial Inspection.

Elix have done some maintenance work and we were fortunate to be reimbursed with half of our initial fee (£150) because we promptly joined the scheme during its initial offer.

Mr McArthur has outlined our priorities to the architect. The chance of getting work done quickly is slim because builders are very busy at the moment. We are waiting for specifications from the architect before we go out to tender for quinquennial work which will probably start in January.

Rope guides would be useful but are not a high priority. Mr McArthur will investigate prices.

CMcA

Boiler maintenance will be carried out next week. The water tank in the vestry to feed the radiators needs to be topped up. A reminder will be placed on the notice board.

It was reported that the VAT refund scheme has been extended for two more years.

It was agreed that we should get a price from Saunders' for swapping the large radiator in the vestry with a smaller one in the church. The decision will be referred to the standing committee.

6 Deanery Synod

Mrs Woodland was unable to represent us at the meeting, but Mr Evans was there to represent our parish. The notes from the meeting were distributed. There was discussion about confirmation candidates and about the balance between paying for buildings or the Parish Share. Information was circulated to encourage people to explore vocation, aimed at increasing the human resources of the church for ministry and mission.

7 Mortuary Chapel

The hedge will be cut next year because the field has already been ploughed.

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8 Articles of Enquiry

We already have a mission statement. The Statement of Need should be considered carefully. It was agreed that this would be done after the APCM and may be addressed at a special meeting.

9 Fundraising

There was discussion about the meeting to arrange the Christmas Fair and extra helpers. The Bike Ride this year raised £1262 to be divided between the Parish and the SHCT. The PCC thanked the organisers and all those who raised such an impressive amount of money.

10 Safeguarding

We are up to date with paper work. Mr McArthur will make a voluntary declaration.

11 Correspondence

We have received thank you letters from Mrs Demetriadi for her flowers and from Lehmann House for Harvest goods.

We have been given permission to publish the banns of Brandeston weddings at any of the churches in the lesser benefice (Brandeston, Easton, Kettleburgh) All the PCC were in favour of this.

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- 3 Matters arising from the minutes.
- 4 Financial report.
- 5 Maintenance and quinquennial review
- 6 Mortuary chapel report
- 7 Fundraising
- 8 Safeguarding
- 9 APCM arrangements
- 10 Correspondence- Deanery synod representation

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12 Date of next meeting