

All Saints' Church, Brandeston

Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th November 2011

Present: The Revd Robin Alderson
Mrs Baker
Mrs Demetriadi
Mr Evans
Miss Leach
Mr McArthur
Mrs Molyneux,
Mrs Moore,

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 Mr Baker, Lady Cunliffe, Mr Garratt, Mrs Jeffery, Mrs Woodland

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September.

These minutes were approved.

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

- Bank Transfer: this needs to be done before Christmas.
- Gift Book: Mr McArthur and Mrs Baker are meeting to work on the gift book this week.

4 Financial Report

- Figures

The balances at 31.10.11 were as follows:

Current Account	£3570.29
Business Account	£39185.67

- **Charitable Giving this year**

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust	£25
Historic Churches Preservation Trust	£50
Harriet Molyneux	£257.15

There have been other donations following services including the Remembrance service collection for the Royal British Legion; the Christingle service for the Children's Society; carols at the Queen's Head for the Hospice and gifts following harvest and crib services. It was agreed that we would make no further donations this year, as we need to fulfil our commitments for repairs and the parish share.

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- **Restoration Appeal**

28 grants were applied for with the following results:

SHCT	£4000
Garfield Western	£3000
SHCT	£2000
Ganzoni Trust	£2000
Scarfe Trust	£750
HCPT	£2500 (Christmas 2012)
Mills Trust	£5000
All Churches Trust	£750

This gives a total of £20,000.

In addition to this the village appeal has raised over £5000.

5 Maintenance and Quinquennial Review. (Mr McArthur took the chair)

- Work is being done at the church and the first phase will be complete in a few weeks with the second stage in the Spring. We have received an extra £5500 since the last meeting in addition to the £20000 from grants and the £5000 from the village appeal.
- Mr Alderson thanked Mr McArthur for working with the builders to facilitate the wedding.
- The guttering does not need to be replaced but some extra work is required on shutters, an external crack and gable end decoration. The priest's chair also needs to be mended.
- It has been agreed with Brandeston Hall School that they will supply labour and pay half of the cost of replacing the path to the school drive. Members of the PCC and congregation will clear the existing path so that work can be done before Christmas.
- The altar area needs consideration. Half of it needs to be recarpeted with the tiles exposed and possible carpet near the lectern. It was agreed that we would remove the plinth under the altar and investigate the cost of carpet. There was discussion about possible rearrangement of the Choir.
- Light bulbs will be replaced and the shades will be cleaned. If there is no improvement we will consider changing them in the future.
- The north bench in the porch is dangerous. Mrs Molyneux will check if it is on the Terrier. If it is not, we will remove it; if it is, we will need a faculty to remove it. Mr Evans proposed, and Miss Leach seconded that it should be removed. All were in favour-subject to the Terrier check. Mr Alderson will talk to Mrs Parkinson about a possible replacement for the bench.
- The boiler needs to be repaired. Mr McArthur will deal with this.
- On the 26th November there will be a meeting in the church to clean and consider the layout. Mr Evans will buy replacement pipes for the Hoover which is to be kept in the vestry.
- The yew trees on the south side of the church need to be cut back. This was proposed by Mrs Molyneux and seconded by Mrs Moore with all in agreement. Mr McArthur will talk to the school to see if the groundsmen can help.

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6 Deanery Synod

- The meeting heard about progress on the Deanery Development Plan. The written comments from Mrs Woodland were received. Mr Alderson recommended that we let the plan run and see where it takes us. He appreciated that members would have preferred something with less jargon and suggested that we might produce our own plan.
- The meeting also heard about the Ipswich Umbrella Trust project.

8 Mortuary Chapel

The grass has been cut.

9 Fundraising

- Christmas Fair
The notes from the planning meeting were distributed and discussed.
- Concert
Mr Chapman will arrange a musical performance in the New Year, possibly in the church in January or February.
- Table top sale
This is being organised by Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Mitson-Woods and Mrs Hutson and will probably take place in the Easter holidays.
- Open Gardens
The possibility of holding this in September was discussed.
- Speakers in church
This was suggested as another possible and regular fundraiser.

9 Correspondence

Mrs Jeffery's has been given CRB clearance to continue to act as Safeguarding Officer.

10 The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th January at Office Farm House at 7.30 pm.

Please bring your diaries so that we can arrange meetings and events for the coming year.

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