

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th September 2008

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

1) There were apologies for absence from Mr Drummond and Miss Leach

2) Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June and 24th June 2008

These were approved.

3) Matters arising from the minutes.

2nd June

- The photograph of Graham Vellacott is being prepared.
- Revd Alderson and Mrs Matthews will have completed a place in the church for private prayer by the time of the church bike ride this weekend. It may include candles and prayer cards.
- During the Archdeacon's visit there were queries over the state of the bell tower stairs. Mr McArthur will consult the bellringers for their opinions.

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RA

CMc

24th June

- The Gallienne bench will be installed tomorrow. The Dickson bench has not yet arrived.

5) Finance

The current account stands at £304.15

The business premium account stands at £11,534.61

The repairs to the Austin tomb have been paid by a donation with an additional donation to the fabric fund.

Parish Share: £6,500 out of the total of £9,300 has been paid. We should be in a position to pay the rest this year.

6) Fund Raising and forthcoming events

- Ghost stories: After discussion over possible dates and venues, it was agreed that this event was not financially viable. We will need to think of another idea to replace this and talk to Alistair Chapman about his concert.
- Chris Parfitt : The talk on Antarctica will take place on 12th October from 3pm to 6pm. We will need help with food and publicity. The cost of a ticket will be £5. Mrs Jeffery will make posters.

F/R
Com

KJ

- Bike ride: Mrs Garratt will be here to do the organisation this year. JG
- Fête Next year's fete has been arranged for June 20th at the Queen's Head. The village hall is not available because of a wedding. Kettleburgh are having their fete on June 13th. Chris McArthur will speak to the village hall committee about having the fete on the 6th June so that we can then discuss all available options for the venue. CMc

7) Christmas Fair

It was emphasised that we need to keep to Christmas gift and decorative items and not have second hand or book stalls. Mrs Woodland has asked Helen Fletcher to take over the produce stall but she will be available to help on the day. She was thanked for her contribution over the years.

Paul Baker will find out if the school are doing a stall. PB

Robin Alderson will talk to Peter Smyth about clearing out the grotto and putting everything back. Does he want to keep doing this? He will also talk to Miss Leach about having a meeting prior to the fair. RA

8) Hymn Books

Mr McArthur took the chair.

Revd Alderson proposed that we purchase 30 copies of Hymns Old and New at a cost of £8.99. He suggested speaking to the Head of Brandeston Hall about making a contribution. He will set up a scheme for people to purchase their own copy or music copies costing £18.99. We may get some reductions if we purchase enough copies. He will ensure that some bold copies are available. It was suggested that we try to find a new home for our existing books.

Mr Baker seconded the proposal.

The proposal was carried with 2 votes against.

RA
PB

Revd Alderson took the chair.

9) Mortuary Chapel

Mr Garratt showed the meeting photographs of the orchids in the churchyard. There were more than 50 this year. If we cannot get the sheep to graze the churchyard, he will arrange to have it cut.

Mr Garratt was thanked for his work with the repairs to the Austin tomb.

JG

10) Christmas Arrangements

Advent Sunday	30 th November	8.00am	Communion at Brandeston
		10.00am	Benefice service at Parham

Mr Baker will ask Brandeston Hall if they are happy to have the Christingle Service on 7th December at 5.30pm. PB

Revd Alderson will ask about having the carols at the Queen's Head at 7.30 on 17th December. RA

11) Child Protection

Mrs Jeffery reported that there had been no reported incidents. Revd Alderson has done the course and will check that we comply with all the safeguarding procedures.

12) Correspondence

Mrs Baker informed the meeting about the Pilot Evangelism Fund for innovative work with children and young people.

Evelyn Parkinson and Martin Fletcher have given us an unused visitors' book that they found at Dr Fletcher's house. It was suggested that it could be used for Dr Fletcher's prayers.

Revd Alderson will write and thank them.

RA

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th November at 7.30pm at the Priory

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