

All Saints' Church, Brandeston

Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th September 2010

Present: The Revd Robin Alderson
Mr Baker
Mrs Baker
Lady Cunliffe
Mrs Jeffery
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 Demetriadi and Mr Garratt

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May.

These were approved with no changes.

3 Matters arising from the minutes.

- Kneelers: 4 photographs were selected as possible designs for cards. Mrs Woodland and Mr Garratt will investigate production costs from Leiston Press and other printers.
- Photographs of the clergy associated with the church have been framed and will soon be hung in the vestry.
- The Open Churches week was a great success throughout the diocese. A team of bell ringers visited the church to ring a peel.
- Mr Don Evans has agreed to be our second representative at Deanery Synod meetings, starting on 12th October.

4 Financial Report

The following sums are deposited in the bank:

Current Account £1 256.14

Business Premium Account £17 674.55

Since these figures were compiled, £600 has been paid for oil.

The bill for £496 from Reeds for electrical testing has been queried. (See Standing Committee Minutes) The breakdown of costs was 16 hours at £25 per hour plus some additional expenses. It was agreed that we would not pay this until we were sure that it was acceptable.

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Mr McArthur will speak to the architect about this and Mr Baker will speak to the other local treasurers.

We have paid £7500 of this year's parish share. We should get just over £1800 back from Gift Aid so we should be able to meet the parish share in full from the current account.

5 Maintenance(Mr McArthur took the Chair for this item) See Standing Committee minutes.

- It was unanimously agreed that Mr Garratt should join the Standing Committee for maintenance matters.
- We have joined the Elix scheme and are receiving their introductory discount.

Quinquennial Inspection.

There are no major problems at the moment. Most of the recommended work is preventative and the main issue is that of damp and drainage. Mr McArthur explained the main features of the inspection.

Some internal redecoration-total cost £29000.

Tower drainage soakaways.

We will be able to do some of the work on drainage and some will be done by Elix.

Mr McArthur explained the need for rope guides for bellringers.

Mrs Woodland offered external photographs if they are helpful with restoration work.

Since the Standing Committee meeting Mr McArthur has spoken to the architect about getting work done quickly to avoid paying VAT when it is introduced in the New Year. Many contractors are already booked. We should be able to do some of the work ourselves and to get small local contractors for some of the smaller jobs; they do not pay VAT. It was agreed that we should ask the architect to go ahead with producing specifications for the work prioritised by the standing committee so that we can apply for grants as quickly as possible. Mr Baker commented that we may have to consider how we pay the parish share in the future.

6 Mortuary Chapel

The grass has been cut at the right time of year for the orchids.

7 Articles of inquiry

The meeting agreed on the following mission points:

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The archbishop's charge will be discussed at the next meeting.

8 Fundraising

- The fete in June was a great success and made over £4900. This was a remarkable achievement and was a reflection on the community spirit within the village and on

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the support from everyone at the Queen's Head. Next year's fete is already being planned with the Village Hall committee.

- The bike ride will take place in September. Some of the children from Brandeston Hall may take part this year.
- The Christmas Fair will take place on 4th December. There will be a planning meeting for anyone interested on 2nd November at 7.30 pm at the Queen's Head.
- Lady Cunliffe's offer to hold an Open Garden at The Broadhurst 28th May was happily accepted. All possible help on the day and beforehand will be very much appreciated.
- Mrs Molyneux is to investigate finding someone to coordinate the flower arranging team since Mrs Demetriadi has retired from the position. The PCC expressed their great appreciation of all the work that she has done in this role over the years.
- The quinquennial inspection will place extra strain on our finances. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

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9 Safeguarding

Mrs Jeffery is completing her CRB forms. Other members of the PCC may need to complete them as well.

KJ

10 Correspondence

- Listed places of worship scheme. A petition was signed at the meeting to retain this scheme.
- Fliers about making wills will be placed in the church.

11 Dates

The Harvest Festival will take place at 3.30 on 26th September followed by tea in the Village Hall. Mrs Molyneux will coordinate and Mrs Jeffery will make fliers for the village.

31st October Benefice Service in Brandeston. Mr Baker to sort out catering at Brandeston Hall

5th December Christingle

15th December Carols at the Queen's Head

19th December Crib Service

Christmas Eve Midnight Service

Mr Alderson asked members of the PCC to consider the current pattern of services and possibly lightening the load next year with the possibility of having one Sunday per month with no service in Brandeston. The other PCCs within the benefice are considering similar measures. We also need to respond more to the needs of the school. One suggestion was to alternate the 10am Holy Communion with Evensong.

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- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes.
- 4 Financial report.
- 5 Maintenance and quinquennial review
- 6 Deanery synod report
- 7 Mortuary chapel report
- 8 Action following articles of enquiry.
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- 10 Safeguarding
- 11 Correspondence
- 12 Dates
- 13 Date of next meeting