

# All Saints' Church, Brandeston

## Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Present:       The Revd Robin Alderson  
                  Mrs Baker  
                  Mr Baker  
                  Lady Cunliffe  
                  Mrs Demetriadi  
                  Mr Evans  
                  Mr Garratt  
                  Mrs Jeffery  
                  Miss Leach  
                  Mr McArthur

### We are here...

- To worship God
- To nurture believers
- To serve the community

The meeting opened with a prayer and a welcome to the Revd Harry Edwards at his first meeting of the PCC.

**1       Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs Molyneux, Mrs Moore, Mrs Woodland

**2       Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.**

This meeting was chaired by Mr McArthur  
These minutes were approved.

- **Minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
These were approved.
- **Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April.**  
These were approved.

**3       Matters arising from the minutes. (23<sup>rd</sup> May)**

- Bank Transfer: HSBC in Framlingham are able to store our silver but we would need to transfer our accounts to them. Mr Baker will check interest rates. Mrs Demetriadi proposed and Lady Cunliffe seconded the proposition that we move both accounts subject to acceptable interest rates. All were in favour.

**4       Standing Committee Minutes (6<sup>th</sup> September)**

These were distributed to the meeting and approved.

**5       Financial Report**

- Figures  
The balances at 1.9.11 were as follows:  
Current Account               £36.38  
Business Account               £39183.30

Restoration Appeal has raised           £5346  
Grants so far:                               £8500

- VAT reclamation  
Mr Baker explained the new system of quarterly distribution of a set amount so that we may not receive the full amount. Works have been planned on the basis of the money that we have, not including VAT refunds.
- Tower Fees  
In future fees for events such as weddings will be £12 per rope plus an extra £15 if they are wanted both before and after the service.

## 6     **Maintenance and Quinquennial Review. (Mr McArthur took the chair)**

- At the Standing Committee meeting it was reported that we now have enough money for the restoration work, but not for the VAT so it was agreed that we would reduce the overall cost of the work by £4500 to account for this. Mr McArthur has met the architect and they have agreed that we can do all the work except the lighting scheme which can be done later and the path to the school drive which is being funded by Framlingham College. These savings should be adequate. External work will be done in the Autumn with internal work to follow in the March/April when the church has had an opportunity to dry out. The builders will be Cubitt Theobald. The rope guides were fitted in the spring and the work on the radiators has been completed.
- **Parish Share**  
We cannot pay any more this year but will consider paying extra next year if we can afford to. We need to continue with energetic fundraising for the Christmas Fair and another event after Christmas.
- **Contract**  
It was proposed that we go ahead with the contract, excluding the work on the path and the lighting (as above). Work will be started within the next few weeks. This was proposed by Lady Cunliffe and seconded by Miss Leach. All were in favour.
- Mr Baker will take advice on the best method of paying the VAT.
- It was emphasised that we have done extremely well to raise as much money as we have. Individual thanks have been sent to donors. Revd Alderson will send thanks to the village in the parish magazine. All those who have worked on the contract and the fundraising were thanked. The Standing Committee will deal with any problems that arise with the work.

## 7     **Deanery Synod**

- Later Life And How To Live It.  
This project was considered to be more appropriate for town settings than village benefices.
- Deanery reorganisation

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The parish boundaries are under review, but Revd Alderson reported that our greater benefice will remain the same under the latest Deanery Plan. The new Deanery Plan is directed more towards mission and the life of the Church. Each church has been asked to consider 5 marks of mission. Revd Alderson went through his contribution to this development plan and everyone agreed that this should be submitted to the Rural Dean.

**7 Mortuary Chapel**

The hedge has been cut to 1m so that it can be cut more easily. Mrs Baker will write to Mr Risk to thank him for his contribution with this.

The heaters are due to be repaired.

**8 Fundraising**

- Flowers
- It would be beneficial to fundraising if we were to find a coordinator for wedding flowers.
- Christmas Fair  
A planning meeting will be held before the event.
- January/February  
A speaker to be booked for the village hall.
- Phone mast for the church. Mr McArthur will investigate this.

**9 Safeguarding**

Mrs Jeffery's application is being processed. It was agreed that Safeguarding, Disability and Health and Safety will in future be discussed once a year at meetings in the summer and autumn as we currently do for the Gift Book and Terrier, unless they are otherwise needed.

**10 Gift book**

Mr McArthur is working on the gift book in consultation with Mr Baker.

**11 Correspondence**

Mrs Baker will complete the feedback on the Open Churches week.

**11 Dates**

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| 25 <sup>th</sup> September | Harvest                                  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October   | Wedding                                  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> October   | Lesser Benefice service at Brandeston    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christingle                              |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Fair 2 to 5 pm                 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> November   | Next meeting at office Farm House 7.30pm |

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