

All Saints' Church, Brandeston

Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th May 2010

Present: The Revd Robin Alderson
 Mr Baker
 Mrs Baker
 Lady Cunliffe
 Mr Garratt
 Mrs Jeffery
 Miss Leach
 Mr McArthur
 Mrs Molyneux
 Mrs Moore
 Mrs Woodland

- 1 There were no apologies for absence.**

- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March**
 These were approved with no changes.

- 3 Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April**
 These were approved with no changes.

4 Matters arising from the minutes
22nd March

Kneelers: Mr Alderson will write a letter of thanks. Progress is being made with the plan. Photographs are now on the internet. Mrs Woodland and Mrs Demetriadi will select possible designs for cards. More work is in progress including collecting photographs of the local people commemorated on the kneelers. This may be made into a booklet.

The Fletcher seat will be installed in the summer.

Mr McArthur will frame the photographs of the clergy associated with the church.

Members of the PCC were thanked for the refreshments that they provided for the APCM. It was a very enjoyable and well attended occasion.

Mr Garratt has collected the angels from Elmsett and they have been installed in the chapel. Mr Baker will send a donation of £10.

April 21st

There were no matters arising.

5 Financial Report

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

Current Account	£2 602.76
Business Premium Account	£17 672.42

We have so far paid £1000 of the parish share for this year and will shortly be paying another £2500. There is more money to come to us from the fête and from Gift Aid returns. We are making good progress towards this year's payments.

Mrs Demetriadi joined the meeting.

6 Maintenance

We have received permission from the archdeacon to use Stephen Claydon as our architect for the quinquennial inspection. The meeting discussed the possible use of the Elix maintenance scheme for the church at a cost of £260pa for 5 years. Mr McArthur will talk to the architect about this and about the heating.

7 Reading of Banns

The meeting was asked to consider the possibility of allowing banns to be published at another church within the benefice. This would allow us to apply residential rules to the benefice as a whole, rather than just the parish.

It was proposed by Mr McArthur and seconded by Mrs Demetriadi that we should give permission to the Revd Harry Edwards to apply to the Bishop to make this change. All were in favour of this proposal.

8 Articles of inquiry (Mr McArthur took the chair for this item)

Do church members have a clear idea of the Church's mission?

Do people understand the relationship of money (giving) to the church's mission?

The meeting discussed a possible mission statement and its use and relationship to everything that we do. We considered whether to share this mission with the other churches within the benefice.

The meeting agreed on the following:

We are here...

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

How might we take forward the vision of the 2009 "Building Churches" initiative appropriately to Brandeston?

Members were asked to consider what we are doing or might do, to respond to the archbishop's charge. This will be discussed at the next meeting, especially the links between parish, community and our mission statement.

9 Open Churches Week

Ideas may include flowers and bell ringing.

Lady Cunliffe and Mrs Woodland volunteered to be on the rota to welcome people to the church. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to add our church to the list of open churches on the diocesan website. Dr Warner will be asked to produce some more guidebooks. Mrs Jeffery will help Mrs Woodland with a display of kneelers.

10 Mortuary Chapel

The Wildlife Trust will be coming to see the orchids. Mrs Woodland suggested having an open day for people interested in the orchids. Mr Garratt will ask the Wildlife Trust representatives for ideas.

11 Fundraising

A meeting to plan the fête will take place on 26th May at the Queen's Head.

12 Safeguarding

Training is being organised. Mr McArthur requested training to allow him to work with youngbellringers.

13 Deanery Synod

Mr Alderson is attempting to recruit a new representative.

14 Dates

26th September: Bishop coming to confirmation service in Framlingham.

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The next meeting will be held at Office Farm House at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 7th September 2010

Agenda

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May.
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes.
- 4 Financial report.
- 5 Maintenance and quinquennial review
- 6 Mortuary chapel report
- 7 Action following articles of enquiry.
- 8 Fundraising
- 9 Safeguarding
- 10 Correspondence
- 11 Dates
- 12 Date of next meeting