

ST AGNES CHURCH, CAWSTON
MINUTES OF PCC MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2007

The meeting was held in the Rectory and commenced at 7:30 pm with prayers led by Mr. Andrew Cameron-Heffer

Present at meeting: Rev. Tom Harris, Mrs. Betty Brunt, Mr. Andrew Cameron-Heffer (minutes), Mrs. Mandy Cameron-Heffer, Mrs. Jane Court, Mr. Simon Court, Mrs. Lyn Fairchild, Mrs. Debbie Graver and Mrs. June Hopper

Apologies received from: Mr. Brian Canavan, Mrs. Rita Mead, Mr. Brian Seager and Mrs. Bobby Ward

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings (held 17th July 2007)

The Porch work repairs item stated an expected shortfall of £3,500 whereas this is likely to be £10,000.

With this amendment the minutes were accepted.

2. Matters not dealt with elsewhere

There were no items discussed in the section.

3. Teams

Time sheets have been produced and distributed to all Church members. These will record all time spent undertaking any Church-based activities during September 2007.

This item will be discussed further once the forms have been completed and collated.

4. Spiritual Growth

Item carried forward.

5. Committed To Growth

Item carried forward.

6. Cawston Village Fête

Following the demise of the marquee Cawston School's insurers have paid the school. A cheque should be forthcoming soon.

The fête was thought to have been a great success. A letter of 'Congratulations' will be sent to the organising committee.

7. Reports

Financial

Balances

A financial summary was presented to PCC members at the meeting.

Report

Recent concerts in Church have highlighted the lack of a policy regarding hiring out the Church building. It was decided that all future concerts will be run by us. This will enable us to set items such as ticket price to ensure a fair price for all events.

Organised coach parties often visit the Church. Refreshments (tea and biscuits) are sometimes supplied. A recent visit by 45 people led to only £27 being left in donations. In future we intend to charge at least £2.50 per head to provide refreshment.

Collections at funerals usually leave the Church. It was agreed that we would ask funeral directors to attempt to get a percentage of the collection plate for Church.

Fabric

Reports

No report.

Re-Ordering Status

1. The organ leaves the Church building on 19th November 2007; is due to return on 14th February 2008 and should be in service by Easter. A concert is being planned for 6th/7th April. More details to follow.
2. Broadland District Council have offered a £50,000 grant **if** we raise 50% of the required funds. It was thought that this was a very stretching target.
3. A recent Big Lottery Grant has been rejected.
4. Applications for funding of £110,000 are currently in the pipeline.
5. Leaflets have been produced which will need to be distributed to every home in the village. Rev. Harris said that each envelope needs addressing individually.

Worship

Report

The Worship committee met recently and have plans in place for the rest of 2007.

Plans

With the plans for Christmas services well in hand the subject of a public address system was discussed. It was decided to look into hiring a 'decent' set-up for Christmas.

Children's Work

Sunday School

Both our Sunday School teachers have resigned. To cater for the current ages of the children in Church it is proposed to run Sunday School in two parts – one group for up to 11 year old and another for 12 years and over.

The background to the departure of Mrs. Bobby Ward and Mrs. Peggy Dewing was discussed at length.

8. Chairman's Items

Youth Group

Phil and Amelia Whiting have expressed an interest in youth work. A meeting will be held between interested parties to plan a way forward.

Community Forum

The planned Community Forum will take place on 12th November 2007.

Policies

A Health and Safety policy was discussed, agreed and signed.

A Preventing Harassment policy was discussed, agreed and signed.

Other policies (Equal Opportunities and Child Protection) were also discussed.

All policies will be displayed in Church and available to view and download from our web site.

Date of Next Meetings

Date for next PCC meetings:

Tuesday 9th October 2007 at 7:30pm at Mrs. Debbie Graver's home

Tuesday 20th November 2007 at 7:30pm at the Rectory

Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 7:30pm at the Rectory

The meeting was closed with prayers led by Mr. Andrew Cameron-Heffer.