

ST AGNES CHURCH, CAWSTON
MINUTES OF PCC MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2007

The meeting was held in the Rectory and commenced at 7:30 pm with prayers led by Mrs. Mandy 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, Mrs. June Hopper and Mr. Brian Seager

Apologies received from: Mr. Brian Canavan and Mrs. Rita Mead

1. Agree minutes of last PCC meetings

The minutes of the meetings on 11th September and 9th October 2007 were agreed without amendment.

2. Matters not dealt with elsewhere

Silver Band Concert

The Silver Band Concert held as part of the Cawston Carnival raised £30.

Distribution of Leaflets

Rev. Harris stated that some leaflets remain to be distributed. He said that over £4,000 has been promised so far – this mainly from a small number of substantial donations.

Worship in School During the Colder Months

The PCC decided to hold all services during January and February 2008 in Cawston School hall.

Welcome Letter to New Residents

A draft of the proposed leaflet was distributed to all members present. Feedback to Mandy Cameron-Heffer.

Mission Fish

Mr. Simon Court discussed the feasibility of setting up an E-Bay charity account. It was agreed that Mr. Court should take this matter further.

3. Teams

The subject of teams to keep the church (building and services) running was discussed at length. Several points that were raised included:

- There are many people involved in keeping the church running (several “unsung heroes”)
- Some people seem reluctant to accept help – they prefer to “get on and do it themselves”
- People's “window of opportunities” seldom coincided so making coordinated work difficult
- When a team is needed (for example to run a major event) a team usually seems to evolve

Despite this many people work in harmony getting jobs and tasks done. It was felt that this was one definition of a team so many of the people doing jobs **are** in a team (it's just that they don't realise it sometimes).

4. Spiritual Growth

This item was held over for a future meeting.

5. Committed To Growth

A review of the output from the last PCC meeting was distributed by Mr. Simon Court to the PCC members present. It was agreed that this subject deserved more attention. An all day event at Horstead was proposed for 1st March 2008.

6. Planned Giving 2008

Mr. Simon Court presented the members present with two documents: “Planned Giving2008 ” leaflet and a covering letter. The contents of both documents were discussed at length. It was agreed that these would be distributed to all regular givers when the Giving Envelopes are distributed in early December.

7. Reports

Financial

The latest balances were distributed with the agendas for the meeting.

Re-Ordering

Rev. Harris said that we still need to raise large sums of money to get the planned re-ordering work done. At present Laura Price is employed to pursue these funds. The PCC discussed the viability of retaining Laura's services. It was thought that the situation should be reviewed in March 2008.

Maintenance

The West Door has blown open again recently. Some damage to the structure occurred and repairs are needed.

The gas heaters, which currently provide the only heating in the building, are awaiting an engineer's visit to replace the pipework. Once this is complete the heaters should be safe to use once again.

Worship

Plans for the major Christmas services are well in hand.

Children's Work

The recently renamed "Sunday Club" continues on the second and third Sunday of each month.

A new "Youth Club" held its first meeting on 9th November. It plans to meet on the second Friday of each month.

Enhanced CRB checks are currently in progress for all the adults involved in the "club".

8. Chairman's Items

St. Agnes Eve Event

This was briefly discussed. An organising committee will be formed to plan the event.

9. Date of Next Meetings

Date for future PCC meetings:

Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 7:30pm at the Rectory (with prayers led by Mrs. June Hopper)

Tuesday 5th February 2008 at 7:30pm at the Rectory

The meeting was closed with prayers led by Mrs. Mandy Cameron-Heffer.