

ST AGNES CHURCH, CAWSTON

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2008

The meeting was held in the Rectory and commenced at 7:30 pm with prayers led by Rev. Tom Harris.

Present at meeting: Rev. Tom Harris, Mr. Andrew Cameron-Heffer (minutes), Mrs. Mandy Cameron-Heffer, Mr. Brian Canavan, Mrs. Jane Court, Mr. Simon Court, Mrs. Lyn Fairchild, Mrs. June Hopper, Mrs. Betty Uffindell and Mrs. Jenny Woolford.

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

1. Agree minutes of last PCC meeting

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 5th February 2008 were accepted without amendment.

2. Matters not dealt with elsewhere

Mission Fish

Mr. Simon Court reported that no further progress had been made on this item.

Damage to West Door

No action on this item to date.

Cawston School Governor

The appointment of Mr. Brian Uffindell as church governor is in progress.

Church Away-Day

The Away-Day held earlier in the year was deemed as success.

3. Reports

Financial

A statement of the PCC balances was presented to the meeting.

Mr. Simon Court was interested to find out the planned increase in parish share for 2009. This figure is not currently available.

Re-Ordering

Mr. Simon Court reported several items of good news related to the proposed re-ordering of the church building.

- Norwich Diocesan Advisory Committee have agreed the current plans
- A faculty for the church heating is pending approval
- A faculty for the main re-ordering has not yet been submitted – we are awaiting a archaeologists report
- All major objectors to the plans now appear to be “on our side”

Mr. Simon Court talked about the need for a “pre-school” facility for Cawston. The village school wish to install a pre-school facility in the village but this is likely to be take many months to progress at the school site. Mr Court said that a re-built scout hut could provide a venue for this facility plus vastly improved youth facilities for the church and village.

Initial plans are the build to be self-funded by the sale of a small parcel of land and capital grants.

Rev. Harris suggested that this item be taken forward and that the DAC should be approached for guidance.

Mr. Court is to take this matter forward and prepare a formal proposal for discussion at the next PCC meeting.

Fund Raising

Mr. Simon Court provided members present with a ‘Project Summary’ of the current fund raising status. We need to raise around £100,000 towards the project – much of which has already been done.

Several ideas are in the early planning stage to raise cash including an “Angel Sponsorship” initiative which could raise £50,000 over a two year period.

The Broadland District Council grant offer has been extended by a year and should give us 10% of the total we raise.

The PCC agreed to support these initiatives.

Worship

The "Rogation Walk" around Cawston was deemed a great success. The meal in The Bell was enjoyed by everyone.

Children's Work

The Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks have been completed for all child/youth workers. Rev. Harris requested a photocopy of each form for his filing.

Mr. Simon Court is currently the nominated "Child Protection" officer. He feels this is no longer appropriate due to his increased involvement with children and youth work. A volunteer is needed to take over this post.

Youth Work

A series of e-mails have been exchanged with Karen & Rob Hillman who are to move into the village soon. They have expressed an interest in assisting with youth work in the church.

4. Chairman's Items

Band Concert

A Cawston Band Concert is to take place on 14th June at 7:30pm. Mrs. Lyn Fairchild offered to manage the event.

Flower Festival

Mrs. Lyn Fairchild told the members present of the plans for a large draw/raffle to be drawn during the Flower Festival weekend. The list of prizes is extensive with several high-value items included. Mrs. Fairchild will be encouraging all church members to sell tickets when these become available.

PCC Membership

Rev. Harris talked about co-opting up to three people on the PCC. Rev. Harris is to contact possible candidates.

5. Date of Next Meetings

Date for future PCC meetings:

- 3rd June 2008 at the Rectory (with prayers led by Mr. Brian Canavan)
- 1st July 2008 in Marshall Howard (with prayers led by Mrs. Lyn Fairchild)
- 22nd July 2008 at the Rectory (with prayers led by Mrs. Mandy Cameron-Heffer)
- 9th September 2008 at the Rectory (with prayers led by Mrs. Jenny Woolford)
- 21st October 2008 at the Rectory (with prayers led by a Court family member)
- 11th November 2008 at the Rectory
- 6th December 2008 to be a PCC meal at The Bell, Cawston

The meeting was closed at with prayers led by Rev. Tom Harris.