

ST AGNES CHURCH, CAWSTON

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST JULY 2008

The meeting was held at 10 Marshall Howard Close and commenced at 7:30 pm with prayers led by Mrs. Lyn Fairchild.

Present at meeting: Mr. Andrew Cameron-Heffer (minutes), Mrs. Mandy Cameron-Heffer, Miss Alice Court, Mrs. Jane Court, Mr. Simon Court, Mrs Petula Chenery, Mrs. Lyn Fairchild, Mrs. June Hopper, Mrs. Betty Uffindell, Mr. Phil Whiting and Mrs. Jenny Woodford.

Apologies received from: Rev. Tom Harris, Mr. Brian Canavan and Mr. Brian Seager

1. Agree minutes of last PCC meeting

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 3rd June 2008 were adopted subject to the following amendments:

- In the item about the forthcoming Band Concert a drinks **licence** (rather than a drinks **license**) had been obtained
- In the item about Child Protection the policy will be reviewed **yearly** (rather than **annual** as stated)

2. Matters not dealt with elsewhere

Band Concert

It was thought that this had been an excellent event.

Cawston Band has been booked for the Remembrance Service and Carol Service.

Scout Hut

Mr. Simon Court said that the current state of the scout hut and its possible replacement were discussed at the recent Cawston Scouts AGM. Following a meeting with the Scout district association Mr. Court reported that the association were fully in favour of replacing the current building. He said that funds and support were available to meet the cost.

To progress, the Cawston Scouts need to agree a long-term lease for the site from Cawston PCC. Planning for a new build can then commence. Any work is unlikely to happen until 2009.

3. Reports

Financial

Mrs. Rita Mead has resigned as treasurer to Cawston PCC. Rita has undertaken this task for 18 years. The books are currently balanced; ready to be handed over to the next treasurer.

A discussion ensued about possible candidates for treasurer - several names were mentioned. Mrs. Jane Court to approach some of the people mentioned.

Fabric

Maintenance

Mr. Simon Court reported that there was recently a rush to get grant paperwork to English Heritage. The outcome of the grant application is pending.

Re-Ordering

There has been no progress on this item since the last meeting. A faculty application is currently outstanding.

Fund Raising

The plans for a website to sell photographs and other items are in progress. We are awaiting payment of a £500 grant towards this venture. A short-term loan from the magazine fund may be necessary to fund this work.

Organ Re-Building

Mrs. Lynn Fairchild reported on a recent visit to Bower & Sons. Work was progressing, but at a rate much slower than originally anticipated. Mr. Bower says that the organ should be back in church by the end of August 2008 - hopefully in time for the flower festival. Pictures of the work were seen by the PCC members present.

Worship

Changes to the list topics reported at the last meeting were:

- The service on 28th July will be led by Mr. Brian Uffindell with a theme of “Pearls”
- The service on 23rd November will take the theme “End of Year Report”
- The Christingle service will be based around “Peter and the Wolf”
- The service on 25th January 2009 will take the theme “New Year Resolutions”

Children's Work

Report

The summer Sunday Club outing to Sheringham was deemed a great success despite the weather.

Youth Work

Report

Many PCC members expressed their thanks to STITCH for the service of 22nd June 2008.

Plans

A short discussion was had about how to ensure the children and youth in the congregation are fully involved in the Sunday services. Further discussions will take place at a future meeting.

4. Chairman's Items

Sub-Committees

A discussion was had around the creation of sub-committees or groups to manage specific aspects of church life and management. The Worship Group/Committee currently plans many of the services - this group was deemed a success.

If more committees are formed they could take a lead in managing aspects of church life thereby reducing the burden on the full PCC.

Mrs. Betty Uffindell is to produce a letter to church members informing them of the opportunities available to get involved in one (or more) sub-committee.

Mission Statement

Mr. Simon Court talked about the church “Mission Statement”. He said that a review of the document was necessary. This will be added to the next PCC agenda.

5. Date of Next Meetings

Date for future PCC meetings:

- 9th September 2008 at the Rectory (with prayers led by Mrs. Jenny Woodford)
- 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 9:35pm with prayers led by Mr. Lynn Fairchild.