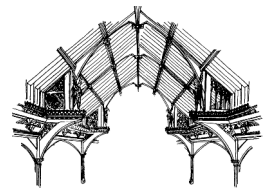


ST AGNES CHURCH, CAWSTON
MINUTES OF PCC MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 2009



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

Present at meeting: Rev. Tom Harris, Mr. Andrew Cameron-Heffer (minutes), Mrs. Mandy Cameron-Heffer, Mrs. Kath Canavan, Mrs. Petula Chenery, Mrs. Lyn Fairchild, Mr. Mike Graver, Mr. Phil Whiting and Mrs. Jenny Woodford

Apologies received from: Mrs. Jeanne Vince and Mr. Alex Young

1. Agree minutes of last PCC meetings

Meeting on 17th March 2009

Mrs. Jenny Woodford was not in attendance.

In the Chairman's Items the second sentence should have read "It was agreed that the PCC support Phil in **his** endeavours."

Abbreviated meeting held on 19th April 2009

These minutes were agreed without amendment.

2. Matters not dealt with elsewhere

Easter Celebrations

The Easter events including the pilgrims visit was deemed a great success.

Organ Damage

The organ has been repaired following recent damage to the stops.

3. How do we achieve 'Unconditional Acceptance'

Rev. Tom Harris introduced a lengthy discussion about how we need to make plans for the future. The main tenant of the discussions revolved around getting better use of the Church building - using the building for more than just services. Each PCC member was asked their thoughts on the subject. Some of the responses are detailed here:

Mrs. Kath Canavan talked about outreach meetings and further use of the buildings. How could we include people in their twenties and the idea of a "Job Club" was mentioned.

Mrs. Jenny Woodford talked about bible study; what could happen after 'Alpha'; maybe talks and table fellowship.

Mrs. Mandy Cameron-Heffer mentioned building the 'Church as a community' rather than 'community with barriers'.

Mr. Phil Whiting talked of the stresses and strains trying to get jobs done rather than spiritual growth. Poor communications was also mentioned.

Mr. Mike Graver thought there was a suspicion of the Church. He talked about getting greater use of the building and an Alpha follow-up course.

Mrs. Lyn Fairchild talked of further growth in 'Craft Club', community, therapy and networking.

Other items mentioned included 'What are the threats to the community?', removing any perceived age divide in the Church and that certain elements in the congregation feel threatened by new arrivals.

4. Reports & Plans

Fabric, Finance and Fundraising (3F)

A recent claim for Gift Aid tax had netted £950.

Quotes are currently being sought for the North Transept wall repairs following a revision to the architect's plans. Grant applications to Broadland District Council and Heritage Lottery Fund will be made shortly.

The old pews (removed when the dais was installed) may be sold off once the 'poppy heads' on each pew are removed.

Worship

Plans

Plans for the fourth Sunday services for the coming months were discussed.

Music

Rev. Harris reviewed the recent Music Day at Norwich Cathedral. It was thought that this was an excellent day and it gave the opportunity to reflect on contemporary music in our worship. Discussing this further Rev. Harris talked about how the Worship Band was leading the fourth Sunday services. The Worship Band and choir would also be introducing new music at the first Sunday service each month.

Children and Youth Work

Rev. Harris said that the youth trip to Norway was now booked.

Mr. Phil Whiting reported the STITCH has held a 'Bible Study' evening which generated lots of healthy discussion.

Entertainment

A forthcoming concert by 'Aylsham Singers' was in jeopardy due to only 26 tickets being sold at the time of the meeting. It was agreed to promote this event as much as possible. Refreshments for the event were discussed.

Ideas for future events in Church included organ concerts, Broadland Youth Choir and big 'named' acts. No firm plans exist at present.

It was thought that Cawston Band could have a concert in Church in April/May 2010. Tickets for this event could be sold at our Christmas services.

It was proposed that an Entertainments Committee be formed to manage events. Mrs. Lyn Fairchild and Mr. Phil Whiting would get the committee started.

School

Mrs. Mandy Cameron-Heffer reported that the school role was increasing; to 131 in January 2009 and 140 in May 2009. The new head teacher, Mrs. Kay Swann, was settled into her new post. A Summer Fair is to be held on 28th June 2009.

5. Re-adoption of policies

Child Protection Policy

There were concerns that the current policy may need revision to match Diocesan guidelines. This policy will be checked.

Equal Opportunities Policy

This policy was adopted by the PCC.

Health and Safety Policy

This policy was adopted by the PCC.

Preventing Harassment Policy

There were concerns that the current policy may need revision to match Diocesan guidelines. This policy will be checked.

6. Chairman's Items

Due to the late hour there were no further items for discussion.

7. Date of Next Meetings

Dates of forthcoming PCC meetings:

- 10th June 2009 (Prayers led by Mr. or Mrs. Whiting)
- 8th July 2009 (Prayers led by Mr. or Mrs. Graver)
- 9th September 2009 (Prayers led by Mr. or Mrs. Canavan)
- 7th October 2009 (Prayers led by Mrs. Jeanne Vince)
- 4th November 2009 (Prayers led by Mr. Alex Young)
- 2nd December 2009: Christmas Meal to be held at the Ratcatchers Inn

The meeting was closed at 9:40pm with prayers led by Mr. Andrew Cameron-Heffer