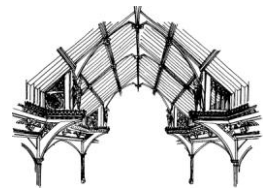


ST AGNES CHURCH, CAWSTON

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2009



The meeting was held at Cawston Rectory and commenced at 7:30 pm with prayers led by Mr. Mike Graver.

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

Apologies received from: Mrs. Jeanne Vince and Mrs. Jenny Woodford

1. Agree minutes of last PCC meetings

Reports: School

The first sentence should have read: Many school visits take place at this time of year so the school is very **quiet** [rather than **quite**] at present; especially as classes 4 and 5 are in Wells this week.

With these amendments the minutes were agreed and signed.

2. Matters not dealt with elsewhere

Scout Hut

A verbal report on the state of the scout hut had previously been given by Mr. Michael Reynolds to the Scout group. It was thought that a written report should be obtained. Rev. Harris is to find a chartered surveyor to report on the state of the building.

The Organ

Mrs. Lyn Fairchild has been in contact with Mr. Richard Bower regarding obtaining better locks for the organ door in light of the recent damage that has occurred to the instrument.

3. Reports & Plans

Fabric, Finance and Fundraising (3F)

Finance

Mr. Alex Young presented copies of the latest PCC account balances. He stated that 44% of this year's Parish Share had been paid and that anticipated the entire sum being paid off by the end of the year. He reported that the annual insurance premium (of around £2,000) was due to be paid soon.

Fabric

Rev. Harris reported that the architect has revised his estimate for the north transept repairs. This has risen to around £60,000 (twice the previous estimate). These works will require a faculty application. Broadland District Council would fund 20% of any work.

Fundraising

Mr Mike Graver reported that some grant applications have been sent to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

A faculty for the heating is being prepared.

Rev. Harris stated that there were eight faculty applications in a box that needed sorting out. Members of the 3F group are to sort out the paperwork.

Rev. Harris talked about the plans for a new public address system for the church. Several companies have provided estimates for this work in the past – these are in the region of £10,000. Rev. Harris is to obtain up-to-date estimates from the companies to take this matter forward.

Worship

Plans

Mrs. Mandy Cameron-Heffer gave a run-down of planned services for the next few months. The plans were:

- 4th Sunday in July – Burkino Faso + Wateraid/Christian Aid
- 4th Sunday in August – “Holiday Praise” including ice cream
- 4th Sunday in September – Taize
- October 5th – Harvest Festival “Pet Service”

Children and Youth Work

Report

Mr. Phil Whiting told the PCC members about the STITCH Norway Trip. It was a most friendly and thoroughly enjoyable experience. It was suggested that a “de-brief” session be held to review the good and bad points of the trip.

Plans

STITCH

The regular Friday STITCH meetings will restart in September. It is planned to have one bible study session and one music session per month. A discussion ensued about how to best arrange recruitment to grow the group. This will be discussed within the group.

The successful “Monopoly Challenge” undertaken by STITCH last year is being run this year on 19th September. Plans are being put in place for this event.

Sunday Club

The club has restarted run by Mrs. Amelia Whiting and Mrs. Rachael Bird. They run sessions three times each month. It was recommended that up-to-date CRB checks be undertaken for all helpers where these are not already in place.

Sunday Club will meet throughout the summer holidays.

Entertainment

Mrs. Lyn Fairchild reported that there has been no contact with the ICENI Choir despite their initial enthusiasm reported at the last meeting.

Mr. Clive Ashwin (a saxophonist) has offered to perform a concert on 26th September. It was decided to hold this offer over until 2010.

Harvest Supper plans are in full swing.

School

An end of term “Energy Buster” event was held at the primary school; this included a sponsored run around the field.

The recent school fete was deemed a great success – the event raised over £2,000.

4. Correspondence

Chalice Case

Rev. Harris reported that the church Chalice Case was being requested for an exhibition to be held next year at the UEA. It was agreed that the loan could take place. Mrs. Lyn Fairchild is to deal with this request.

Norfolk Organists’ Association Event

Norfolk Organists’ Association would like to run an event in church. This was agreed. A written report of the event would be requested from the association.

Planning application by Mr. & Mrs. Betts

A planning application has been made for the Old Rectory (adjoining the churchyard). The plans were discussed and no objections were raised.

5. Chairman’s Items

Funeral Directors

Rev. Harris reported that Richard Hendry Funeral Directors had requested money towards a funeral to be held in Edgefield. Rev. Harris is to pursue the matter.

Diocesan Mailings

Several events from the latest mailings were presented to the PCC members present. Several leaflets were taken away by the members. One leaflet entitled “Everyone Learning” was discussed. Mr. Andrew Cameron-Heffer is to obtain extra copies of the leaflet for all church members.

Opportunities to Explore Our Faith

Rev. Harris asked most of the PCC members present the question “How do you feed your soul?” People talked about gifts and how they could best use them. Plans for future/further house groups were also discussed.

Due to the late hour these discussions were curtailed.

6. Date of Next Meetings

Dates of forthcoming PCC meetings:

- 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 9:55pm with prayers led by Mr. Mike Graver.