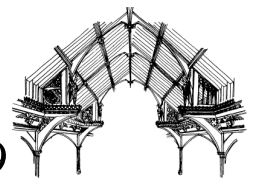


ST AGNES CHURCH, CAWSTON
MINUTES OF PCC MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2009



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

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 Mrs Amelia Whiting, Mrs Jenny Woodford and Mr. Alex Young

Apologies received from: Mrs. Jeanne Vince

1. Agree minutes of last PCC meetings

Reports: Fabric

The north transept repairs are now estimated at £160,000 (not £60,000 as stated in the minutes).

Reports: Fundraising

Rev. Harris stated that some faculty applications needed sorting out. The figure of eight should not have been quoted.

Worship Plans

The forthcoming "Pet Service" will take place on October 4th (not October 5th as stated).

With these amendments the minutes were accepted and signed.

2. Matters not dealt with elsewhere

Scout Hut

The building has been surveyed by a chartered surveyor. A verbal report has been received; the written report is due soon.

The Organ

A new lock has been installed on the organ. This together with minor alterations to the doors should ensure the organ is secure again.

3. Reports & Plans

Fabric, Finance and Fundraising (3F)

Finance

Mr. Alex Young presented copies of the latest PCC account balances. He stated that £882 had recently been received for 'Gift Aid' tax refunds. The annual insurance bill of £2,037 has been paid.

Following the change of Parish Magazine editorship earlier this year Mr. Young is planning a meeting between all those involved with magazine finances to ensure everything is on-track financially.

The Parish Share is 60% paid for 2009. Now that the main expenditure for this year is complete Mr. Young plans to pay more of the Parish Share in the coming weeks.

Fabric

Rev. Harris thanked the volunteers that helped sort out the 'mountain' of fabric paperwork.

The pews removed in the recent re-modelling are still in church. It is hoped to move them to another location shortly. The future of the pews was discussed – no definite plans were confirmed.

Rood Screen

Mrs. Lyn Fairchild talked about a recent letter received from Miss Pauline Plummer about performing conservation work on the rood screen. The letter stated that funds from the Barbara Whatmore Trust would be available to pay for the work. The proposal was discussed and it was decided to go ahead. Mrs. Fairchild is to liaise with Miss Plummer.

Clock

An offer has been received from Michlmayr, based in Norwich, to perform annual maintenance of the clock. It was decided not to pursue this item at this time.

Fundraising

Mrs. Fairchild reported that she was preparing a letter to send to Stephen Fry.

Mr. Keith Skipper has been approached to run an "All Preachers Great and Small" concert in 2010.

Worship

A brief report was given of the last Worship Group committee meeting. Forthcoming plans include:

- 27th September – Taize service. This will be a morning service, unlike in previous years
- 4th October – Harvest 'Pet Service'
- 25th October – Songs from the Bible on Bible Sunday
- 22nd November – 'Christ The King' will be the theme
- 24th December – 'Christingle' service; with STITCH
- 27th December – there will be **no** service in Cawston (see below)

There are plans to hold two services on 27th December at Haveringland. It was thought that this would put too much strain on those expected to organise and/or perform at these services. The plans will be discussed with Mr. Brian Uffindell.

As has been the custom for the past few years, regular church services will be moved to Cawston Primary School between Sunday 3rd January and Sunday 28th March 2010.

Children and Youth Work

Sunday Club

Mrs. Rachel Bird and Mrs. Amelia Whiting are running Sunday Club on 1st/2nd/3rd Sunday of each month. It is aimed at children of primary school age. A call for helpers has been made – several people have volunteered. A rota of helpers will then be created. CRB checks will be carried out as necessary.

STITCH

The regular twice-monthly meetings have been suspended for the summer holidays. They plan to re-start on 11th September.

A discussion ensued about how to engage the growing number of youngsters in our congregation. It was agreed to get them more involved with all aspects of the service. Some movement in this direction has already taken place.

School Report

Mrs. Cameron-Heffer reported that the new school year had started. On 16th September the school will be closed as all the children will be visiting their 'house' – i.e. they will be visiting Blickling, Mannington, Oxburgh or Felbrigg.

The annual school Harvest Service will take place in church on 7th October.

An OFSTED inspection is due to take place this term. This is usually followed by a diocesan inspection.

A vacancy exists for a Community Governor at the school.

4. Chairman's Items

New Prison at Coltishall

Rev. Harris talked about the need to recruit prison visitors for the new prison being built at Coltishall.

New Funeral Directors

Rev. Harris was invited to the opening of the new branch of Ivan Fisher, Funeral Directors, in Aylsham.

Magazine Articles about Cawston Organ

Two articles about the rebuilding of our organ have been received recently. Mrs. Fairchild will place laminated copies of the articles in church.

One Big Thing in 2010

Rev. Harris briefly talked about planning for 'One Big Thing' in 2010. He asked PCC members to give this some thought.

5. Date of Next Meetings

Dates of forthcoming PCC meetings:

- 7th October 2009 (Prayers led by Mrs. Jeanne Vince – as long as she is mobile)
- 4th November 2009 (Prayers led by Mr. Alex Young)
- 2nd December 2009: Christmas Meal at the Ratcatchers Inn

The meeting was closed at 9:20pm with prayers led by Mr. Brian Canavan.