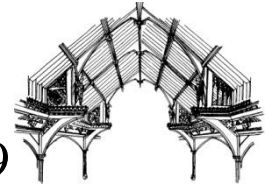


ST AGNES CHURCH, CAWSTON
MINUTES OF PCC MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2009



The meeting was held at Cawston Rectory and commenced at 7:30 pm with prayers led by Mrs. Jeanne Vince.

Present at meeting: Rev. Tom Harris, Mr. Andrew Cameron-Heffer (minutes), Mrs. Petula Chenery, Mrs. Lyn Fairchild, Mr. Mike Graver, Mrs. Jeanne Vince, Mrs. Jenny Woodford and Mr. Alex Young

Apologies received from: Mrs. Mandy Cameron-Heffer, the Canavan family and the Whiting family

1. Agree minutes of last PCC meetings

Worship Plans

In the item about Haveringland services on 27th December the last sentence should have read:

- The plans will be discussed with Mr. **Brian** (rather than Mr. **Brain**) Uffindell.

Chairman's Items: Magazine Articles

The last sentence of this item should have read:

- Mrs. Fairchild will **place** (rather than **pace**) laminated copies of the articles on church.

With these amendments the minutes were accepted and signed.

2. Matters not dealt with elsewhere

Welcome

Rev. Harris welcomed Mrs. Jeanne Vince to her first PCC meeting.

Scout Hut

The building has been surveyed by a chartered surveyor. A written report has been received – however Rev. Tom Harris said he could not fully understand what conclusions the report contained. Mr. Mike Graver is to provide a summary of the report for the next PCC meeting.

3. Reports & Plans

Fabric, Finance and Fundraising (3F)

Finance

Mr. Alex Young presented copies of the latest PCC account balances. A further £800 has been paid toward this year's Parish Share (it now stands at 68% paid). Around £800 was due shortly for 'Gift Aid' tax refunds. This would be put towards the Parish Share still outstanding.

The Harvest Service (on 4th October) produced a cash collection of £96. This will be put towards the purchase of a goat.

The Cawston Primary School Harvest collection will go towards the 'Norwich Night Shelter' as in previous years.

Monies are due for Deanery Synod payments for this 3-year period.

Fabric

Coffee

Following major problems with the existing equipment a new coffee machine has been purchased. Mrs. Lyn Fairchild explained the workings of the new kit. It was agreed to pay for the machine from the PCC magazine fund.

Rood Screen

There has been no further action regarding the planned Rood Screen maintenance discussed at the September PCC meeting.

Clock

Despite best efforts it has not been possible to mend the clock mechanism using the recently purchased new parts. It has been decided to ask Michlmayr to quote for the repairs required to get the clock in working order again.

Bats

A visit by a member of Nature England has confirmed that internal work in the church building is best carried out between October and March each year. The planned re-ordering of the building will **not** interfere with any bats resident in the building.

Fundraising

A grant application has recently been submitted to The Headley Trust.

The planned letter to Mr. Stephen Fry is still in preparation.

Mr. Keith Skipper has been in contact with Mrs. Fairchild with an offer to run an "All Preachers Great and Small" concert on Saturday 8th May 2010. This will cost £400. It was agreed to go ahead with the concert and seek sponsorship for the programme.

Re-Ordering Status

The redundant poppy-head pews are still in church. It is hoped to move some out of the building shortly to allow a tidy-up of the space they currently occupy. An internet search has revealed pews similar to ours to be worth around £950 each. This value will be borne in mind in negotiation regarding their disposal.

Repairs to the North Transept wall may be possible in the first quarter of 2010 – whilst usage of the building is at its lowest.

Worship

Review

The Harvest Service was deemed a great success. The service drew in many new people. The event may become an annual event.

The Taizé service was also attended by several new people, however many of the usual congregation stayed away. A brief discussion ensued about this.

Plans

The plan to hold two services in Haveringland on 27th December was discussed. At the last PCC meeting it was agreed that these plans would probably place too much strain on those expected to organise and/or perform at the services. Despite this, Mr. Brian Uffindell has decided to go ahead with two services.

Children and Youth Work

This item was carried forward.

Entertainment

Review

Complaints were received at the Harvest Supper about the cost/supply of wine. It was stated that the tickets did not state whether wine was included or not; nor the fact that a bar would be available. It was decided to try to make this more obvious in future.

Plans

Until 2007 there had been corporate sponsorship of the annual Carol Service. For some reason this did not happen in 2008. A corporate sponsor will be sought for 2009.

School Report

Rev Harris reported that the annual Cawston Primary School Harvest Service was very well attended this year. 140 school children; 20 teachers and assistants; 20 pre-school children plus upwards of 80 parents and friends were in attendance.

4. Correspondence

Village Hall Heating Application

Cawston Village Hall is making an application for a 'Community Renewables Grant' for heating and has requested Cawston PCC support the application. This was agreed. A letter of support will be sent to the Village Hall committee.

5. Chairman's Items

One Big Thing in 2010

Rev. Harris talked about trying to avoid focusing inwardly on day-to-day tasks. He said we should try to find "One Big Thing in 2010" to concentrate our minds. This was discussed and ideas such as outreach; twinning; community action were put forward.

This will be discussed further at future PCC meetings.

Cawston Parish Plan

Mr. Cameron-Heffer provided an update on the Parish Plan. Around 30-40% of surveys have been returned. It will be several months before any reports are produced.

6. Date of Next Meetings

PCC meeting dates were set for the first quarter of 2010.

Dates of forthcoming PCC meetings:

- 4th November 2009 (Prayers led by Mr. Alex Young)
- 2nd December 2009: Christmas Meal at the Ratcatchers Inn
- 3rd February 2010
- 11th March 2010
- 11th April 2010 – the annual meetings in church (directly after the Sunday service)

The meeting was closed at 9:15pm with prayers led by Mrs. Jeanne Vince.