

St Margaret of Antioch, Crick
Responding to God's love

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting held in the Old School, Crick
20th January 2010

The Reverend David Lake opened the meeting with prayer

Present: Chairman	The Reverend David Lake
Acting Secretary	Craig Walford
	Andy Hopkins
	Colin Mynott
	David Milne

Meeting Opened at 7.30pm

Item 1

Apologies

Julia Potts, Catherine Morrish, Patricia Lake, Nigel Howard, Rosanna Atkins

Item 2

Notification of any other business

None

Item 3

Signing of the minutes

The minutes of the previous PCC meeting were signed by the Revd. David Lake as being accurate and correct. One copy to be placed in the master file and one displayed in the church notice board.

Item 4

Matters arising from the previous meeting

David Milne announced the success of the wonderful Christmas Tree festival and Light for a Loved One raised £2000 net!

Item 5

Chebukutumi update: Geoff Brown

David explained that he had received reports for both the church and school and that there had been a tremendous amount of growth in the African Christian faith. Water remains a serious challenge which has been the main focus for Geoff as he has a relevant and useable engineering background. Geoff explained that our link is seen as a shining light with-in the diocese of what can be done. Geoff has now established strong links via text messaging and email that effectively means we have direct access to a laptop in a mud hut. Our support has had a direct impact on the rebuilding and expansion of the church and schooling needs. We learnt that these two go hand in hand and are the very fabric and foundations of their community. Geoff gave a humbling and rather sad account of how as we support Chebukutumi their faith is igniting and thriving as ours seems to be on the decline. Health education through

water and the building of an all girls secondary school were highlighted as remarkable achievements.

Geoff pleaded for the church to continually support our brothers and sisters in Christ through Prayer, consistent communication and donations. Rev. David proposed an increase for Crick to £500.00 pa. This was motioned and agreed.

Craig asked Geoff what he saw as the main reasons for spiritual growth in Africa to see what we could learn. 'Evangelism for growth' was the answer.

Item 6

Village Fate

Adrian and Leigh from Lilbourne proposed that they with the combined efforts of support from all three villages head this year's fate. They are ex hoteliers and have carnival organisation experience. The proposed date for the event is 17th July 2010. This was unanimously supported. Leigh asked if anyone had a sewing machine and Craig agreed to announce this request in the notices.

Item 7

Mission Statement

David asked us to consider a replacement for the existing mission statement, which would help to communicate our purpose and re-focus our mission.

Item 8

Correspondence

An invitation to Brixworth on Sunday 28th Feb at the village hall to discuss and learn about the current challenges facing the church as a whole in today's climate

Item 9

2009 Accounts

Colin gave us an over view which in short shows a deficit of £6,000 due largely to increasing costs and a general decline in planned giving. If the planned giving and 'plate take' could cover the diocese share and insurance we would be safe.

The Jack Wills fund was unanimously voted to be transferred to FOSM as part of the English Heritage proposal

Item 10

English Heritage update

A two stage offer has been formally proposed, the initial being £20,000 to move the project forward and to structure the works required to release a further £144,000. This includes a 10 year maintenance plan commitment for us. A meeting with John Barker was set for 25th January 2010

Item 11

Church heating

David explained that due to the very cold spell it was unacceptable to have a frozen congregation and asked if the heating could be put on earlier, especially during cold spells. Also, he would speak to Jonny Allan about some sort of thermostat solution.

Item 12**The Old Bier Hut**

Revd. David Lake stated that, as far as he knew, once a parish churchyard is closed, as is the case with St Margaret's, the responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep - including grass, trees, walls and any buildings (though not including the church, of course) - passes from the church to the Parish Council.

AOB

Andy proposed a new service review at the next meeting

The meeting closed at 9.45pm with the group saying *The Grace* together

Next meeting PCC: Wednesday March 17th at 7.30pm