

St Margaret of Antioch, Crick

~Responding to God's Love~

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting held in the Old School, Crick

Thursday 20th May 2010

The Reverend David Lake opened the meeting with a short act of worship.

Present: Chairman The Reverend David Lake
 Acting Secretary Leigh White

Andy Hopkins
Julia Potts
Nigel Howard
Debby Kristan
Adrian White
Jane Dunkley
Catherine Morrish

Apologies

Dave Milne
Craig Walford
Rosanna Atkins

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

Item 1

Apologies: Craig Walford & Rosanna Atkins, Dave Milne

Item 2

Notification of any other business – Update on sidespeople

Item 3

Signing of the Minutes – Spelling and amendments to be made to the 20th May PCC minutes then the minutes of the PCC meeting held on the 20th May 2010 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 porch notice board.

Item 4

Matters arising from the meeting on 20th May 2010

Deb Edwards – will do the 4th Sunday

Item 5

“The journey ahead: our focus and vision. Part 2.” David thanked those who had brought contributions to the meeting but asked if this item might be deferred to another occasion in light of absent members.

Item 6

Adrian and Leigh gave a very comprehensive and encouraging update on their plans for the church fete and were warmly commended by the PCC for their excellent preparations, planning and publicity.

Item 7

Correspondence – None

Item 8

The PCC convened to the church where a number of apposite sites were inspected. After discussion it was agreed to place lottery plaque under the organ in church.

Item 9

Church PA system

A need to inspect or update the system was raised, as it crackles and the sound is not sufficient. David is now having to shout to be heard.

Adrian agreed to have a look at the sound system and see what he can do with the quality and to run a few tests through the PA system. It was recorded that everyone was in agreement to allow him to go ahead and do this and to make any alterations needed.

Recording of sermons

Can be run through PA and placed on an I-POD and run through website to record all sermons. Can be recorded to CD and transposed into type if required, going to record sermons or service. It was discussed that at Songs of Praise the whole service could be recorded and at others just the sermon.

Land Church Owns

A total of 10.66 acres of land, located off the West Haddon Road, Yelvertoft, is owned by the church and is currently being rented out for arable farming. Catherine offered to make some enquiries regards a professional assessment of the situation. More details of this will be discussed at a later date.

Nigel Howard

Agreed to Pay £250, as confirmed in minutes, to pay bill and it was agreed that we would also pay a £130 and claim half back from Crick Parish Council. Andy was given the cheque £130 with a request for more information to confirm what this was for.

The PCC requested details of the agreement with Nigel Howard for website design and updates.

The PCC felt that Website needs a major refreshing up. Andy will approach Nigel to see what is happening and will bring to next meeting.

Taking over accounts

Agreed that Andy, Craig and Leigh only to sign on church accounts.

Church Pews Envelopes cost £99 to do, agreed to do our own labels and envelopes.

Item 10

Benefice matters LMT and Deanery Synod.

Trying to get guest speakers (i.e. Euan Murray who plays for Northampton Saints RUFC and Scotland) – also a book publisher called Timothy Keller who wrote a book called “ The Reason For God” who went into inner city areas and now has 5000 in his church, by keeping to the biblical new birth and orthodox biblical faith.

Items to follow from the synod. Debby will email to everyone.

Item 11

Jane heard in the notices at Yelvertoft that their PCC have a pre meeting service (15 minutes before PCC) with Holy Communion alternating with a said service. This service its not compulsory but open to all the PCC should members wish to attend. The PCC was in full agreement and Communion will take place at 7:15pm with the PCC meeting starting at 7.30pm

Item 12

ABO

Patricia has spoken to Sue Niven, asking if she would be a Sidesperson – Sue would like to be Sidesperson on 3rd service and Deb Edwards would do the 4th Sunday. Patricia stated that we should have enough sidespeople now.

Debby recounted that she was in churchyard a few weeks ago and there was a gentleman there who was clearing graves – Debby helped him clear the one is was tending. He said he was going to write to Debby via the rectory to help her come and clear up the churchyard. Debby stated that the churchyard was littered with dead flower, old wreaths, damaged plastic flowers. It was agreed we have to be careful and be respectful but the churchyard need to sort out and then maintained to a higher standard. Since then Debby has been and attended to some more tidying up.

It was suggested that we a gardening day with volunteers – possibly with the Scouts helping. A suggestion was made that we go to the £1.00 shop to replace damaged plastic flowers. David will look into what the policy is for plastic items.

Julia suggested putting a notice up and arranging a day to do a clear up. Debby will go up and have a clear up of dead flowers and tidy up the rose bushes.

It was decided to have an hour for cleaning and tidying up the garden before the church fête.

Communion for people at home - David takes communion round twice a year and when requested, will go round people’s homes and Debbie would go round peoples home and do communion (Called Communion by extension).

Debby will go round and see about making visits with David getting it arranged.

Meeting Finished at 9.45pm – and Grace was said.

N.B. Next meeting is Thursday 5th August at 7.30pm, at the Old School, preceded by Holy Communion

“The Journey ahead: our focus and vision”- Deferred to next meeting 5th August

Bible plain truth for plain people, where there is no vision people perish.

Vision for St Margaret's -

Building - Bigger Vision

Finance -

Desire – Determination – Set Out Vision

Going Forward

Over the next period - “What is the bigger picture, your dreams and visions”???