

St Margaret of Antioch, Crick

~ Sharing Jesus ~

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

Tuesday 16 November, 2010

A short service of Evening Prayer preceded the meeting.
The Reverend David Lake opened the meeting with a short act of worship.

Present:

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| Chairman | The Reverend David Lake |
| Acting Secretary | Rosanna Atkins |
| Church Warden | Dave Milne |
| Church Warden | Craig Walford |
| | Debby Kristan |
| | Adrian White |
| | Leigh White |
| | Catherine Morrish |
| | Andy Hopkins |
| | Jane Dunkley |

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

Apologies: Patricia Lake, Julia Potts

Item 1

Notification of any other business

PA System

Item 2

Signing of the Minutes

Add Amendment

'The Scarecrow Weekend accounts demonstrated that it would be unbeneficial to join the Church Fete with the Scarecrow Weekend'

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on the 5 August, 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. Dave Milne kindly agreed to continue to undertake this task.

Item 3

Matters arising from the meeting on 14 October, 2010

PCC agreed that Andy and David would arrange for posters to be produced and the bill to be presented to the PCC and FOSM.

The personal insurance claim for the PA System stolen from Adrian's car has now been settled.

Item 4

Correspondence

Marion Davis:

Submitted dates for future Market Days. The PCC couldn't foresee any problem with dates but until the churchwarden's meeting in January, at which the annual Benefice calendar is planned, they can't be confirmed.

Robert Cave:

1. Old poppy wreaths are used to decorate inside the church; not used on memorial.
2. A quarterly review by a qualified external auditor is a local arrangement. The PCC and the new Treasurer is keen for this arrangement as it will help to keep finance matters in order.
3. Fete: stall by stall breakdown. Please see Item 5.

Item 5

Statement from Adrian White regarding the possibility of running the 2011 fete

To the PCC of St Margaret's Church Crick

Summer Church Fete 2011

Following the comments made by various members of the Church, PPC and Community regarding the running of the Summer 2010 Fete, I would like the following statement read at the next available PCC meeting.

*1) The Summer 2011 fete will be **facilitated** by Leigh and Adrian White on a date to be agreed by the PCC, however there must be a few changes to last years event and if these cannot be agreed by the PCC then we will not be willing to undertake the running of the event.*

a) A Fete Committee be set up as soon as possible - this committee to agree a budget for the event, members to attend regular meetings and assist in the planning and set up/take down afterwards.

b) Members of the Church to become actively involved in the fete and to take responsibility for events and stalls that they run. This to include setting up, manning and taking down.

*c) Each stall holder will be given a cash float - they will then be responsible for counting of their takings and completing a "cash take" sheet to be placed in the Vestry. This sheet will contain **ALL** the stall name and the person responsible for it plus the stall/event take on the day.*

*d) At the end of the event the sheet mentioned in (c) will then be posted on the noticeboard as soon as the fete is over with a **total take figure**.*

2) We agree that the co-joining of the Fete and the Scarecrow weekend is not a good idea, however the committee should have close connections with the Scarecrow Weekend Committee - as there may be a cross over of stalls and input would be good from them as they have more experience.

3) The ethos of last years fete was to raise awareness of the Church in Crick, to resurrect the fete, to bring the community together and to possibly raise some funds for the Church. We wish to keep the ethos for the 2011 fete exactly the same - we are not here to make vast amounts of money but to spread Gods love by getting people into Church, however the fete does have to be financial viable.

4) We wish a line be drawn "in the sand" over the 2010 fete - we have made our point over the separate stall takings - it is totally counterproductive and the comments made in the letter from xx regarding the Poppy Fund are totally misleading - selling Poppies in a shop and selling Bric-a-Brac at a church fete are totally different commodities and cannot be quantified - hence our suggestion for the 2011 fete in (1c) above should be used. We will not be producing a 2010 breakdown - they are contained within the Church accounts.

5) If people (PCC, community and Church) do not wish to have a Church Fete, or become apathetic, or say they will do things and do not etc., then we as facilitators have the right to withdraw our support and time, hence cancelling the fete. We do not wish this to happen, but believe that too much was laid directly at our door before, during and after the fete

6) Finally, we wish to thank all those who did help and became fully committed in 2010, all those who continue to give the Fete their support in the future.

Thank You, Adrian and Leigh White

Following this statement, a "round the table" discussion was held with everyone having a chance to voice their thoughts. The following was agreed upon:

1. Adrian and Leigh White have the full support of the PCC to continue to run the fete.
2. For transparency, a full profit and loss breakdown for each stall will be made available to the PCC.
3. The PCC agreed, by a majority of 5-2 (Adrian and Leigh did not vote) against publicising a stall by stall breakdown but if an individual would like a presentation of said accounts, it can be arranged.

Item 6

Too much politics – too little prayer – Church dies

Deferred until next meeting.

Item 7

PA System

1. See Matters Arising
2. Andy kindly agreed to explore the cost of recording sermons. Jane would like to play them to members of the congregation who are housebound.

Item 8

Christmas Tree Festival

Debbie wondered if the PCC would sponsor a Christmas Tree. Debbie and Jane will organise and members of the PCC agreed to share the cost.

Item 9

Christmas Services

Children's Nativity at Burnhams Farm: Sunday 12th December at 10.30am. (Catherine Morrish has kindly agreed to take on the role of coordinator).

Candle lit Carol Service: Sunday 19th December at 3.00pm.

Crib Service: Friday 24th December at 4.00pm.

Christmas Eve Communion: Friday 24th December at 8.30pm.

Christmas Day All Age Family Communion Service: Saturday 25th at 9.45am.

Sunday 26th December: there will be no service at St Margaret's on Sunday 26th December, instead there will be an ecumenical service at the Congregational church in Yelvertoft.

Item 10

Gift Aid Envelopes

See Item 10

Item 11

Review of recent events

1. 150 people attended our Remembrance Service.
2. A beautiful project book has been printed covering all aspects of the restoration project. Andy has a copy.
3. Craig's Bible exposition at Tuesday Night Church was 'awe-inspiring'.

Item 12

Mission

Alpha away day was the best David experienced. Strong commitments and re-commitments were made.

Item 13

Finance

Despite a lot of hard work, sorting out the accounts has still not ended. Santander are very slow at responding to requests for bank statements. Leigh still needs our letterhead amended in order to remove old signatories and add new ones.

Correspondence from Alliance & Leicester is being sent back to them instead of being passed on to Leigh. She is trying to sort this out.

All the current bills have been paid.

Our parish share is £1600 per month. Planned giving is £1200 per month. We need another £400 per month income to cover the parish share.

Please ensure ALL receipts go to Leigh for accounting purposes.

We are having trouble finding a qualified external auditor. We are hopeful that we can approach someone willing to give a few hours each quarter to help keep us on track. Consultation on a quarterly basis.

Signatories: Dave Milne, Craig Walford and Leigh White. Craig Walford will 'pay-in'. Dave Milne will be second.

The procedure for collecting and recording funeral donations for other organisations needs to be clarified. We need to follow C of E guidelines. Leigh will investigate and forward information to the PCC. This also applies to Gift Aid and planned giving envelopes.

The 'Market' contribution is £150 per annum.

The Benefice Parish Share for 2011 is £46,733. Portions will be agreed in January at the Benefice Parish Share meeting. Last year's share was £47,797.

Item 14

Benefice matters: LMT and Deanery Synod

Debby distributed a report. She will put a copy in church.

Item 15

AOB

None.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm with the group saying *The Grace* together.

Next meeting: Tuesday 18 January 2011 at 7.30pm

(N.B. A short service of Holy Communion at 7.10pm will precede the meeting)