

## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tresham Church Committee, held at Talbot Court Farm at 8pm, 26 January 2010**

**Present:** Rev. Christine Axford, David Bradbury, Janet Bradbury, Julian Carter, Caroline Hill-Trevor, Richard Goodenough (chair), Mary Kingston, Richard Kingston, Alma Larrieu, Annabel Mills.

**Apologies:** Rev. Rob Axford

### **1. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2009 were **approved** and signed.

### **2. Matters Arising**

- a. Of the 20 kneelers, 18 have been done and two are imminent. It was **agreed** that JB would find out who wishes to make another and then order the kits, hopefully about another 10.
- b. Items of maintenance still remaining to be done as identified in the quinquennial report were: checking roof tiles and overflow from the water-butt. JC and RG to do and also to check condition of graves.
- c. DB still to ask Simon Powner to repair the outside light which is faulty and has been disconnected.
- d. James Mackenzie had agreed to make the obligatory report on Deleterious Materials; DB to obtain the report in writing.
- e. RK was again thanked for cutting the grass. RK would make some necessary pruning to the yew tree.
- f. Door Lock
  - i. In order to provide access to the public during daylight hours, it was **agreed** that a time-operated lock should be installed, as envisaged for St Kenelms, Alderley. AM will submit a faculty for both churches; DB will arrange for Simon Powner to do the wiring (along with the outside light at 2.c. above); and RG will show the job to Deane Sargent for a quote to chase out a box in the stone door frame to house the latch mechanism, and also to repair the stonework damaged next to the existing latch. It is envisaged that the timer will be set at 7pm in the summer and 4pm in the winter. RG to notify insurers once the work is done. Three keys are provided with each installation by Gem Security and will all operate both churches' locks.
  - ii. AM suggested Mike Harlow of Alderley as an alternative electrician if Simon Powner is too busy.
- g. RK had enquired if a space in the cemetery could be reserved. RA had written to RG and others on 1 Mar 09 to explain that it could be done informally through this Committee or formally through the Diocese. RK to write to RG with his request then RG will consult RA for it to be done formally.

### **3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts**

- a. RG reported an overall surplus of £1,627: £715 from the General Fund and £912 from the Restricted Fund. Total Funds now stand at £14,482. The Report and Accounts were **approved** and RG was thanked for their preparation. Phillipa Ellis is in the course of auditing them.
- b. RG had prepared a Budget for 2010 and it was noted that we needed to raise £900 to break even.
- c. At the PCC meeting on 1 April 09 RG had proposed investing £6000, half the deposited funds, in the Church of England Investment Fund and this had been ratified. This was in view of the low interest rate on the deposit account and to take advantage of the low stock market. As at 31 Dec 09 the investment was worth £7,451, a 24% increase.
- d. DB's request that the altar carpet and curtain be renewed was **approved**.
- e. RG to write in April to the Parish Council requesting a grant for 2010.

#### 4. Services 2010

- a. DB's proposals were **approved** and he would shortly publish the list. RG would post it to [www.tresham.org.uk/churches](http://www.tresham.org.uk/churches).
- b. DB confirmed that the service on 7 Feb would be in memory of Charles Maugham.
- c. JB would shortly issue the flower rota and this would similarly be published.

#### 5. Parish Share

An increase of 1.01% had been proposed by the Diocese and approved by the PCC which would take it from £532 to £537 and this was **approved**.

#### 6. Donations to Charities

The usual donations of £25 each to Glos Historic Churches Trust, Acorn Children's Hospice, Cotswold Care Hospice and Winston's Wish were **approved** plus an extra one, also of £25, to The James Hopkins Trust which had assisted a villager.

#### 7. Fundraising

- a. DB said that The Cotswold Big Band would be keen to put on another concert with TIME providing a dance session. MK said that might well tie in with family plans and Sat, 3 Jul was proposed which DB would check with the band. RK kindly offered to donate a pig if RG and volunteers were prepared to cook it. There was some discussion about having the pig professionally catered but this would cost up to £500.
- b. Details will be discussed at a meeting to be arranged by RG in due course.

#### 8. Office Elections

- a. DB agreed to continue as Church Warden and RG as Treasurer. RG would ask PE if she is happy to continue as auditor. All were thanked for their contribution.
- b. CH-T would consider becoming Church Warden at a future date.

#### 9. Any Other Business

- a. RG informed the meeting that he had applied SmartWater to items of value.
- b. RG was thanked for hosting the meeting and there being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:30.