



***The Benefice of Bosworth and Sheepy  
With Carlton, Shackerstone and Nailstone***

**Think Tank Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

**MINUTES**

Present: John Plant ("JP")                      Apologies: Amanda Pike ("AP")  
 Neil Jones ("NJ")                                Bill Sharp ("BS")  
 Richard Jones ("RJ")                          Adrian Holdstock ("AH")  
 Alison Thorp ("AT")                            Sally Wollaston ("SW")  
 Sheila Stinson ("SS")

1.	<b>Prayer</b>	
2.	<b>Previous Minutes</b> - Agreed	
3.	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>NJ reported from the recent treasurers meeting. Share wasn't discussed. Instead they looked at ways we could help each other to raise funds. This developed into a group discussion of what's wrong. Everyone reported that –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The nature of village life is changing character. The community is dwindling as properties are bought by people who do not want to contribute to the village. Concern was expressed over where the next generation will come from.</li> <li>2) Concerned about the financial demands placed on churches. We need to try to ensure that we minimise the demands.</li> </ol> <p>From this report, JP opened a discussion about 'how are we going to re-engage our communities and work with those already engaged?' Friends of Church Groups were discussed with mixed opinions about how effective they are and whether they reduce the fees received by PCC's &amp; DCC's.</p> <p>The staff team have previously agreed to attend PCC &amp; DCC meetings to look at possible ways forward.</p>	<p><b>Staff Team to attend PCC / DCC meetings</b></p>

	On a separate note – Nailstone have written to advise that they do not consider £1300 a reasonable demand and only intend to contribute £1000.	
4.	<b>Pastoral measure</b> SW is keen to organise a pastoral measure that allows Shenton to work through the Sheepy Group. The general opinion is that this cannot be rushed.	<b>SW to progress</b>
5.	<b>Next meeting: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1pm at The Rectory, Market Bosworth</b>	