



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

Think Tank Meeting – 24th February 2010

MINUTES

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| <p>Present: Amanda Pike ("AP") Neil Jones ("NJ") Alison Thorp ("AT") Sheila Stinson ("SS") Bill Sharp ("BS") Adrian Holdstock ("AH") Richard Jones ("RJ") Sally Wollaston ("SW")</p> | <p>Apologies: Paul Lockley ("PL") John Plant ("JP") John Hobson ("JH")</p> |
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| 1. | Prayer | |
| 2. | Previous Minutes - Agreed | |
| 3. | <p>Finance NJ reported that we have reached a stage where the share has been churned and discussed with treasurers and wardens. The proposed allocated amounts have been issued and time given for responses. Only a couple of comments have been received, so we shall be proceeding with the proposed amounts. SS to distribute a communication on behalf of NJ. We now need to look at ways as a benefice, to support those churches struggling to pay their allocated amounts, in ways to raise funds.</p> | SS to distribute letter to wardens & treasurers (attached) |
| 4. | <p>Pastoral measure The new groups are now meeting. Nailstone, Carlton, Shackerstone, Sutton Cheney & Congerstone are planned to meet on March 17th.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Synod Representation It was suggested that JP produce an article for Gazette & Insight publication plus make a presentation at the wardens meeting to explain the layers of Synod.</p> | JP |

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| 6. | <p>Benefice Strategy How are we doing at communicating? NJ queried the model we are working towards – 13 identical churches or 13 different churches working together? It was generally agreed that communication is improved but still not as effective as it could be. It was agreed that SS should be responsible for distributing all official communication.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Next meeting: Tuesday 23rd March, 1pm at The Rectory, Market Bosworth</p> | |