



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

Think Tank Meeting – 27th July 2011

MINUTES

Present: John Plant ("JP"), Bill Sharp ("BS"), Sheila Stinson ("SS"), Richard Jones (RJ), Neil Jones ("NJ"), John Hobson (JH), Julia Hargreaves (JHg), Alison Thorp ("AT")

Apologies: Adrian Holdstock ("AH"), Andy Cain ("AC"),

1.	Previous Minutes – (May Meeting) - Agreed	
2.	<p>General Catch Up</p> <p>During the general catch up NJ mentioned an email to wardens from AC. He thought it may be optimistic to request a year plan of events. JP clarified that he is actually requesting yearly activities and services such as memorial and harvest services, gift days etc and the planning surrounding these.</p>	AC to progress
3.	<p>Cadeby Church Hall</p> <p>It looks like we can finally pursue the idea of selling the church hall to the neighbours. Initially members of the community had written to the bishop expressing that they wanted to be considered to purchase. However, in the end they could not raise the funds to be included in sealed bids. We hope to sell for approx £45k.</p> <p>Jo suggests that these proceeds are divided 50 / 50 between Cadeby church and the benefice. He asked the meeting to consider ideas of how we could invest this within the benefice.</p> <p>There was much discussion over Cadeby's current status, lack of DCC, arrears for parish share and benefice fund, and the risk of a precedent being set by writing these arrears of and not establishing a DCC.</p>	All to progress

	<p>Cadeby Church Hall continued</p> <p>JP asked that we could consider investing these funds into a project to help struggling churches to raise funds.</p> <p>JP requested that we ponder the following questions before our next meeting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What do we need as a benefice to make a difference? - What would make our lives better? 	
4.	<p>AOB</p> <p>NJ re-raised the ongoing issue of the photocopier. JP & SS gave a brief overview of the recent discussions with our provider. We have 2.5 years of lease remaining and it would not be cost effective to opt out and have copying done elsewhere. Apparently, we can look at reviewing our service pack in November</p>	<p>JP & SS to progress</p>
5.	<p>Next meeting: Wednesday 24th August 12pm at The Rectory, Market Bosworth</p>	