

SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS BELFRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Committee meeting held at St. Mary's, Clopton, on Friday, 15th June, 2007.

Present: Winston Girling, Chris Nunn, Neville Whittell, Carol Girling, Chris McArthur, David Salter and Jonathan Stevens.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the ringers and Church authorities at Clopton for allowing us to carry out a test ring and use the Church for the Meeting. Special thanks for the tea and biscuits. He welcomed Jonathan Stevens to the Committee.

Apologies for Absence: Julian Colman, Bruce Wakefield and Alan Moul.

Confirming Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held at Gislingham on 9th February, 2007 were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising: None.

District Reports.

North East: Jonathan Stevens said that a test ring had been carried out at Cratfield with a view to restoration. Conclusion that out of four king posts only one was taking any load.

North West: Winston Girling said that together with Carol he had tightened and checked Tostock and centralized the third clapper. The single bell at Stowupland has also been checked and tightened. At Bacton the clapper had come out of the fifth. This had bent the clapper and a small piece of the rim of the bell had been broken off. The clapper has been straightened and re-fitted.

South East: Chris McArthur mentioned that there are cracks in the tower at Monewden and ringing has been stopped. Some work also still needed at Easton. Jonathan Stevens has sorted out pulley problems and odd striking at Orford. Winston Girling said that he had reported on Helmingham and severe soundbow wear had other general wear meant that restoration was urgently needed. It looks as if restoration will go ahead as soon as possible. At Framsdon only the back six can be rung for short periods. It is not known whether they will go ahead with restoration.

South West Hadleigh have asked for their bells to be looked at and Neville Whittell said he would have a look – apparently treble has a tendency to slip wheel. Neville asked about progress at All Saints, Sudbury. Winston Girling said that Tony Baines is looking for a replacement headstock or piece of wood large enough and it was expected that this work would be done before too much longer.

Applications for Grants: Stonham Aspal and Fressingfield were discussed and agreed acceptable for the GMC to deal on 17th June, 2007.

Technical Advisor's Report: Technical Advisor not present.

Date and Place of Next Meeting: Friday, 19th October, 2007, at 7.0p.m at Bildeston. Venue to be confirmed.

Any Other Business: None

The Meeting closed at 9.0p.m.

Winston S. Girling, Chairman.

AGENDA FOR 19TH October, 2007.

7.0p. At Bildeston.

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Confirming and signing Minutes from 15.06.07
- 3) Matters arising
- 4) District reports – NE NW SE & SW
- 5) Technical Advisors Report
- 6) Grants
- 7) Date and Place of Next Meeting
- 8) AOB