

SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS BELFRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Committee meeting held at 10, Mitre Close, Woolpit at 7.30p.m. on Friday June 10th 2005.

Present: Alan Moulton, Winston Girling, Bruce Wakefield, Chris McArthur.

Apologies for absence had been received from Neville Whittell, Julian Colman, Chris Nunn, John Pereira, David Greenfield, Michael Rolph

The minutes of the previous meeting held in February were agreed.

Matters arising: None.

District Reports:

NE

Westhall – (Michael Rolph) Peter Clifton has rehung 2nd on ball bearings and bell goes very well.

Wrentham – (Alan Moulton) out of action because of tower and frame movement, Alan visiting and reports will be completed.

NW

Mildenhall – (Alan Moulton) test ring being arranged following rehang of front 6 bells.

Wickham Skeith – (Winston Girling) bells have been pealed following restoration and went very well.

Old Newton – (Winston Girling) are raising money for treble to be added to make 6

Hopton and Gislingham - (Alan Moulton) are fund raising to restore bells.

Hepworth – (Alan Moulton) Stephen Young is arranging open day to begin raising funds to restore these 5 bells.

SE

Parham – (Chris McArthur) Hayward Mills are looking to start work in October.

Framsden – (Winston Girling) will carry out much needed maintenance on bells and also restore chiming apparatus at request of Church.

Campsea Ashe – (Winston Girling) request for maintenance which David Greenfield has agreed to do.

Bramford – (Chris McArthur) are now able to ring normally.

SW

Sudbury All Saints – no further news.

Woolpit – (Alan Moulton) new bell cast as chiming bell to later be one of two new trebles if augmented to eight in the future.

Felsham and Rattlesden (Alan Moulton) restoration will go ahead at these towers.

Technical Advisers Report: none

Applications for Grants

Fressingfield – application received. Much concern as intention to retain wooden frame. Various reports state that unlikely to work in view of poor state of this frame. BAC suggested a small grant so that we can inspect work and point out that much more would have been available had bells been put back in a new steel frame lower in the tower.

Any other business: Alan Moulton suggested an addition to grant conditions to specify correct clapper specifications for bells as some bellhangers were not supplying correctly sized

clappers and these were causing problems at some towers. Winston Girling suggested that a further addition might be considered which would only allow grant payments to be made direct to bellhangers, a practise adopted by other grant agencies.

Date of next meeting: October 7th 2005 at 7.30p.m. at Iken Church.

Winston S. Girling
Chairman

Belfry Advisory Committee Meeting – Iken Church, 7.30p.m. Friday 7th October 2005.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Confirming Minutes from 10.06.05
- 3) Matters arising
- 4) District reports – NE NW SE and SW
- 5) Technical Adv report
- 6) Grants
- 7) Date and place of next Meeting
- 8) AOB