

SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS BELFRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Committee meeting held at 6, Cavendish Road, Stowmarket, at 7.30p.m. on Friday February 3rd 2006.

Present: Winston Girling, Bruce Wakefield, Neville Whittell, Alan Moulton, Carol Girling. John Taylor was also present having been invited by the chairman.

Apologies for absence had been received from Chris Nunn and Michael Rolph.

Confirming Minutes: the Minutes of the Meeting held at Iken on October 7th, 2005, were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising: (Neville) no work started at Monks Eleigh. Bruce asked about Woolpit application for grant. This had been turned down by GMC. He also mentioned Fressingfield. Michael Rolph had reported that a test ring had taken place before Christmas to assess movement on lower frame tier, which was not excessive.

District Reports:

NE

Stoke Ash – (Winston) broken stay reported and will attend and sort out.

NW

Stowmarket – (Winston) White's and Nicholson's have now visited and reports awaited on potential rehang and augment to 10.

SE

Stonham Aspal – (Winston) has attended with Alan Moulton and band of ringers. Serious horizontal frame movement on entire outer frame alongside 7 and 8 has meant that it is not now safe to ring these bells. Minor problems with front six will be resolved so that these bells can be rung. Minimal frame movement around front 6 and also two tenors.

Framsden – (Winston) has attended with Alan Moulton and band of ringers. Oak support will be made to reduce movement in frame upright alongside tenor. Serious gudgeon wear on treble, second and fourth will be resolved if possible. In meantime recommended that back six only rung and for short periods.

Camsea Ashe – (Winston) letter received asking for advice re 2nd clapper which needs some engineering work on it. Suggested that professional quote be obtained. Tony Baines may be prepared to sort out.

SW

Little Waldingfield – (Winston) Advice sought from Church re current state of bell installation. Neville Whittell has agreed to attend and assess.

Sudbury All Saints – (Neville) are there any developments re proposed site meeting. David Salter setting this up but no details as to progress.

Assington –(Neville) PCC refuses to allow bells to be checked or rung. As far as is known no problems with tower or bells? Suggested that an eye be kept on situation locally and hopefully eventually things may change.

Technical Advisers Report - (Alan Moulton) Rattlesden and Felsham looking to rehang and English Heritage have visited both towers.

Applications for Grants: Woolpit – Mildenhall are some £800 short on their restoration amount and have asked if we can increase grant. Suggested offer £100.

Any other business: Alan Moulton said that he would be standing down as Guild Technical Advisor at AGM in April. He would stay on Belfry Advisory Committee and remain as Diocesan Advisor. Alan was thanked by the Committee for his contribution as Guild Advisor.

Date of next meeting: Saturday, 10th June, 2006, at 6.0p.m. at Kersey Church, short ring beforehand – venue to be confirmed.

The Meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

Winston S. Girling
Chairman

Belfry Advisory Committee Meeting – Kersey Church, 6.p.m. Saturday, June 10th 2006.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Confirming Minutes from 03.02.06
- 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