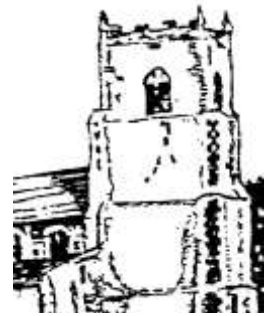


**The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday 14th April at Mill House Farm**

Registered Charity Number 1106579

Minutes



Present:

Simon Holdich (Trustee, Chairman)
Peggy Boyer (Trustee)
Rose Graham (Trustee)
Sue Middleton (Trustee, secretary)
Dick Middleton (Trustee)
Richard Peaty
Mike Talbot
Helen Thomson

Welcome and apologies. Apologies were received from Pip Wright, Janice Shea Rvd Liz Varley Norma Lambert (Trustee) Angela Friend, Andrew Friend (Trustee, Membership Secretary) Anne Kent, Claire Bissett (Treasurer)

Minutes of the meeting on February 10th – all in favour and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising

Financial Report:

Claire had prepared Treasurer's Report Accounts to April 2011 which was circulated. The balance in the accounts is **£6,284** of which £4,284 is in the current account and £2,000 in the investment account. The income for the year to date is £8,113 with expenditure and grants of £16,791, leading to a **net outflow of £8,679**. The **net income is £7,300** All accepted the report.

- **Internet Banking** The Treasurer had suggested that the Friends adopt internet banking. After discussion it was agreed that the Treasurer should have access to monitor the Friends' Bank account on the Internet but she should not have access to effect transfers of money or to make payments from the Friends' account. The Charities Commission requires that a charity has an arrangement whereby two signatures are required on a cheque to make a payment, and thus it was agreed that it would not be politic to gainsay this policy. It was noted that banks will at some stage stop customers from using cheques: when this happens, no doubt an alternative form of payment mechanism will be introduced, and in any case, we can expect guidance from the Charity Commission. The matter can then be discussed again.
- **The motion was passed that the Treasurer should arrange for internet access to the account to enable her to monitor the account, but not to enable her to make transactions.**

In Claire's absence Simon thanked her for her very clear report.

Company of Friends Village Variety Show 25th and 26th March 2011.

All agreed that it was a very good production. It was thought that the profit would be £800+ which would be divided between the Friends of St George's and St Mary's. A few raffle prizes were unclaimed. These would be kept for future events. Simon would send a letter of thanks when the donation was received.

Ruby and her Horses May 20th

Rose had been disappointed that the pictorial advertisement for Ruby and her Horses which had been sent in to the Parish Magazine as a full page had been shrunk to a quarter page in the commercial section. She was assured the full size advertisement would appear in the May magazine. Sue suggested putting a flyer in the May issue, explaining the show. It was decided that if Terry Spalding agreed, to collect the magazines, put in the flyer, and if necessary deliver them to the distributors. It was proving difficult to put up the advertisement in some villages, as they had locked notice boards.

- Sue and Anne to provide sausage rolls
- Helen to provide vegetarian rolls
- The wine, glasses and licence were organised
- Rose was going to try out the film on the projector to test the light levels, so that any problems can be addressed, maybe by using side screens, or blacking out some windows.
- The Bumpstead Boys to give a book for the draw prize.

Simon thanked Rose for all her hard work in organising this event. It was agreed it had entailed a great deal of effort.

Community Room Report and Last Progress Report

Helen had circulated a final report on the SNAP Project. All the construction work is more or less completed.

- The electrician was waiting for spare parts,
- Awaiting Essex and Suffolk water to do the Mains.
- R and D Construction are completing the sewerage.
- The carpet laying is about to be completed
- Valiant had booked a cleaner.

The last meeting of the SNAP committee had taken place. However Helen pointed out that there is still considerable work to be done on the SNAP community projects. Revd Liz had a very successful meeting of interested parties and Volunteers to start to progress. Simon thanked Helen for all her hard work. The secretary is to write a letter on behalf of Simon to thank Valiant for their high standard of work. Revd Liz had a successful well attended meeting with interested parties and volunteers to progress the use of the community room. A variety of ideas were suggested. Liz wanted solid plans to be put in place which could be added to as the plan progressed. There were some concerns about leaving the church open. Dick had spoken to a few mothers outside school who were interested in having somewhere they could have coffee after delivering the children to school.

AGM June 30th 2011 7.30

The community Room is booked for the AGM. Sue to put an advertisement in the May Parish Magazine. It was agreed to provide wine. Simon said that he was keen to stand down as Chair this year and hoped that other Friends would give thought to standing for Chair before the AGM.

Any other Business

RVD Liz had thanked Simon for his letter to the PCC regarding a joint meeting to look in to future plans for the church. The County council had copies printed of the film 'Akenfield' which could be kept in mind for a future event. There being no other business the meeting closed. Simon and Sue were thanked for his hospitality.

Date and Venue of next meeting May 12th at 7.30 At Cromwell House

Dates for the diary:-

May 12	Friends Meeting
May 13 th	Opening of the Community Rooms
May 20 th	Ruby and her Horses - St Marys Bacton
June 25	Julia Lall's Inauguration, St Edmundsbury Cathedral
June 30th	Friends AGM
September 18 th	Metal Detecting