

The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday, April 12th 2012
in the Community Room

Registered Charity Number 1106579



Minutes

Present:

Simon Holdich (Trustee, Chairman)
Peggy Boyer, (Trustee)
Rose Graham (Trustee)
Ann Kent
Sue Middleton (Trustee, Secretary)
Norma Lambert, (Trustee)
Richard Middleton (Trustee)
Richard Peaty
Helen Thomson
Janice Shea
Revd Liz Varley

Welcome and apologies. Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Andy Friend (Trustee, Membership Secretary) Angela Friend, Penny Harris, Claire Bissett (Treasurer), Pip Wright,

Minutes of the meeting on March 8th 2012 – all in favour and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising:

The final figure of the donation from the pantomime was still not known.

The date for the joint meeting with the PCC is 26th June. Liz said that she would find out when the next quinquennial was due. Any decisions on how to spend Friends' money may depend on the results of the quinquennial, as there could be urgent work required. It was thought that all the urgent requirements from the previous quinquennial had been completed. Other ideas for future projects included the re-tiling of sections of the floor before new carpet could be laid, making the choir stalls and front pews movable, and the rood screen moved. Friends should email Sue with any ideas they may have regarding the improvement of the fabric of the church, so that ideas could be assembled at the meeting immediately following the AGM.

Changes to the constitution

- **Changes to the Election of Chairman and other officers**

It was agreed that a time limit should be placed on the length of tenure as chairman, as it would be less daunting if the term of office was set at a year or two. After discussion it was decided to limit the tenure to two years. Concern was raised that the position of chairman required it to be a trustee, and some people were reluctant to take this on. It was pointed out that the Friends' Public Liability insurance covered trustees' liability. It was agreed that the position of chairman should become less onerous, and the position required the chair to be only a facilitator and enabler. It was agreed at this stage not to require a limited length of tenure for the other posts as it would be impossible to fill all the posts.

It was agreed that the following change to the constitution should be considered at the AGM: that the following sentence should be added to paragraph F of the constitution: "The chairman shall hold office for no more than two consecutive years". Helen proposed and Rose seconded, and all agreed on the change which would be implemented at the AGM on 21st June

Any other Business –

Metal Detecting – Helen and Rose had walked the fields and marked landmarks on the map to enable finds to be plotted more accurately. There was a water source and electricity. There would also be provision of a generator. Toilets would have to be hired in. Helen to investigate, but it was thought that the cost would be no more than £200 for two toilets. For Health and Safety purposes, transport should be available for emergencies.

Dick agreed to send notice of the AGM for entry in to the May Parish News and a notice to be put on the notice boards by May 30th. Sue is to book the community room through Linda Last for the AGM.

**The AGM, followed by a meeting of the Friends
to be held on June 21st 2012 in the Community Room St Mary's at 7.30**

Dates for the diary:-

AGM and Friends Meeting June 21st 2012

Metal Detecting September 2nd 2012