

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S BACTON

March 14, 2013 (charity no: 1106579)

1. The meeting was held at the home of Helen and Gordon Thomson. The chairman, Simon Holdich welcomed those attending: Helen Thomson, Claire Bissett (treasurer) Janice Shea, Penny Harris, Peggy Boyer, Norma Lambert, Mike Talbot, Rose Graham, Andy Friend, Liz Varley (rector), Ann Kent. Apologies were received from Dick and Sue Middleton, Pip Wright, Angela Friend and Richard Peaty.
2. The minutes of the last meeting on Feb 14 were approved as a true record.
3. Matters arising: Liz Varley reported that the Faculty for the angels project had now been submitted for consideration on March 22.
4. The financial report was circulated with little change from the previous month.
5. Thank You Event. A draft of the guest list was discussed and more names added. **However Simon Holdich, Helen Thomson and Ann Kent will need to finalise the names of invitees and partners.** Invitations will be distributed by Friends members wherever possible. News about how the money has been spent is included on the invitation. **Ann Kent and Sue Middleton to organise the refreshments, but help will be needed from committee members.** As previously discussed the food and drink will be provided by individual Friends and not be taken out of fund raising proceeds. Simon Holdich asked if Ann Kent or Sue Middleton **could give a brief presentation** on the Angels Project.
6. Metal detecting. Arrangements are in hand for this event at Bacton Hall on September 15. **Simon said he would limit invitations** to club members or individuals already known to him from previous events.
7. The date for the AGM was decided as 7.30 p.m. on June 13 in St. Mary's Church and Community Room and **a notice will be put in the parish magazine.** Simon gave formal notice of his intention to stand down as chairman.
8. Any other business. Simon asked the committee to approve a grant of £7,950 to the PCC fabric fund, and this was agreed by a quorum of Trustees . (The Trustees have since voted to approve this grant) Money would be released from the deposit account. The grant was for repairs to the north aisle window and upper flint wall, and additional repairs to the tracery springer. The balance was paid by a £5,000 grant from the Historic Suffolk Churches Trust and the work was carried out by Suffolk Masonry Services. Liz Varley reported that the quinquennial inspection was due to be carried out on the following Monday (March 18). She hoped that the results might be available before the next Friends meeting. Ann Kent commented that when Bacton Middle School is closed around 2015, the village will no longer be able to use the school hall for activities such as concerts and talent shows. Innovations such as movable pews, lighting and staging for the church might need to move higher up the wish list.
9. **Next meeting: April 11, community room, 7.30. p.m.**

Simon Holdich