

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of
The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton**

**Thursday 14th January 2016 in St Mary's Church
Community Room**

(Registered' Charity No.1106579)

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Present

Sue Middleton (Secretary)

Ann Kent (chair)

Claire Bissett (treasurer)

Richard Peaty

Simon Holdich

Peggy Boyer

Sarah Spink

Karen Hayden

Helen Thomson

Janice Shea

Andy Friend (membership secretary)

Ann welcomed everyone to the meeting and the following offered their apologies
Pip Wright, Mike Talbot, Barbara Bilston, Garry Spink, Hazel Laflin, Keith Parsons.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on December 10th were taken as read Agreed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

Andy is continuing designing the Friends web page, which members agreed would be called www.fosmbacton.org.uk. The cost would be £60 per year. Andy explained that Friends' events put on the web page would appear when people were searching for events - ie the Metal Detecting Day. Ann thanked Andy for all his work.

The name of the Orwell Park Estate Manager is Ben Crossman

4. Financial Report - Claire Bissett

The balance stood at £21,069, at the end of December. £18,350 has been allocated for the Tower, the Dry Rot, alarm, the outside lighting and the Doom painting. £2,719 remains in the account.

5. Wine Tasting Evening, February 20th - Ann Kent

David Hammond is the wine master for the event on Feb 20th. Garry Spink is liaising with David about the purchase of the wine, which Garry can purchase at 10% discount on sale or return basis. Food will be pate, bread and cheeses, vegetarian option, and crumbles and cream. There will be water and savoury snacks on each table. There will be a raffle. Peggy agreed to run the raffle. Ann encouraged members to sell tickets, of which there are 80.

Crumbles to be provided by Sue Middleton (2) Sarah Spink, Helen Thomson, Sue Holdich, Ann Kent (2) Peggy Boyer, Alex.

6 PCC. Report - Dick Middleton

The PCC reported a leak in the South aisle. This had been previously mended by Valliant, so there no cost would be incurred. The alarm had been installed. Brian Manley would be applying to the Friends for £1,250. There seemed to be a problem with the positioning of the automatic outside lighting. The dry rot treatment had been completed, but no estimate or invoice had been presented by the Architects.

Also there was no estimate for the work on the Doom. An estimate for the total work would be required before presenting for Grants.

7. Interviews of Candidates Revd Lorraine Dawson, Revd Val White
Members were invited to attend a social evening at Cotton Village Hall on Monday 18th January at 6.30 pm - 8.30, to meet the two prospective candidates. It would be helpful to let Ann or Pat Last know if attending, for catering purposes.

8. Any other Business

There being no other business, Ann thanked members for attending

* Date of next meeting Thursday 11th February at 7.30 in the Community a Room.