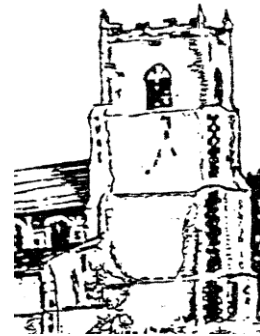


**Minutes of the Meeting of  
The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
St Mary's Church Community Room**

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**Present**

Sue Middleton (Trustee, Chair)  
Sarah Spink (Trustee, Secretary)  
Rev David White  
Simon Holdich (Trustee)  
Rose Graham  
Dick Middleton (Trustee)  
Richard Peaty (Trustee)  
Mike Talbot  
Peggy Boyer (Trustee)  
Andy Friend, (Trustee)  
Helen Thomson

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

- Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Friends to Rev David White.
- Apologies had been received from Rev Val White, Norma Lambert and Janice Shea.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

- Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016. The minutes were accepted as a true copy – proposed by Helen and seconded by Andy.

**3. Matters arising**

- David reported that we are now very close to having a full rota for the daily opening and closing of St Marys.
- Brian Manley is organising the rota, to include stand by cover. He will inform all volunteers of their roles and responsibilities, security necessities etc.

**4. Financial Report - Claire Bisset**

- Balance of account on 30.06.16 stood at £13,882.02

**5. Thank you event report – Sue Middleton**

- Sue expressed thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the recent thank you event.
- The event was well received by the attendees and considered good publicity for the church and the work of the Friends.
- Cost to FOSM was in the region of £92
- Sue suggested that it may be a good idea to repeat the event every 2-3 years.

## **6. Meeting days**

- After discussion, it was decided to continue to hold Friends meetings on the second Thursday of each calendar month.

## **7. Doom painting update – Helen Thomson**

- Helen reported that a letter had been received from the Church Buildings Council expressing concern over the underlying cause of deterioration of the Doom Painting.
- The CBC suggests that the area should be examined by a structural engineer before proceeding with any repair. This would be a costly exercise.
- Mike Hall (secretary, PCC) is in discussion with the architects to clarify the situation further.
- David expressed hope that the CBC may still agree to proceed in the future.
- Sue confirmed that the Friends will provide funding, as originally agreed, when appropriate.

## **8. Metal detecting – Simon Holdich**

- Simon reported that confirmed numbers of detectorists is now into the 80s.
- There had been a suggestion to claim Gift Aid on proceeds - Dick confirmed that this was not possible.
- Simon wished to establish that there was a plan in place for “who does what” on the day itself and in the planning stages – catering, rotas, booking of portaloos etc. Sue confirmed that we hold an operation order from previous years, which addresses all these issues.
- The site for this year is Willow Farm, but details of buildings available are currently unknown.
- Richard reported that the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee now own marquees, available for community use. Sue proposed that we book one for metal detecting day, hopefully fee-free. Alternatively, a donation could be offered (in the region of £50) after the event.
- Sue to contact Philip Jefferies re. chairs, tables, trailer etc.
- Rose has contacted the archaeology dept. and we now have an event number. Andy agreed be photographer and reporter on the day. Peggy to run the prize draw and Mike to cover the finds table.

- Andy confirmed that details for the metal detecting, including email address, are now on the FOSM website.

### **9. Christmas concert**

- To be held at St Marys on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016, in conjunction with Wyverstone.
- Sue to liaise with Ann Kent over details so far.
- It was agreed that a meeting is required, to discuss how ticket sales and proceeds are to be divided between the two villages.
- Sue proposed that the concert should offer wine only, no nibbles. It is yet to be decided whether drinks will be included in the ticket price. Alternatively, a licence to sell alcohol could be obtained at a cost of £21 (Andy.)

### **10. Any other business**

- After much discussion, it was decided that the Friends would not pursue the idea of holding a stall at the Bacton Fayre this year. All were in agreement that we are desperate to attract new members.
- Mike asked about the situation regarding a piano or keyboard for the church. David confirmed that he has written a report for the PCC, which he is yet to present. The PCC will make the final decision over whether or not to make a purchase. David confirmed it would be an electric piano and not an acoustic version.
- Approval has been received for repairs to the church tower. Brian Manley will request the money pledged by FOSM when required.
- The British Legion has made a request to move the women's section Standard into St Marys. The PCC has agreed to this, but a faculty is required. A new bracket is needed, to hold three standards – a faculty is already being sought for this. The Standard needs to be in place in St Marys by 5<sup>th</sup> September.
- A faculty is also being sought to allow coppicing of the yew trees surrounding the church. There is concern over the proximity of the (highly poisonous) berries to the school playground.
- Helen confirmed that there would be an event to celebrate the end of World War I at some point in 2018. A committee will be formed in early 2017.

### **11. Date of next meeting**

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> august 2016, 7.30pm.