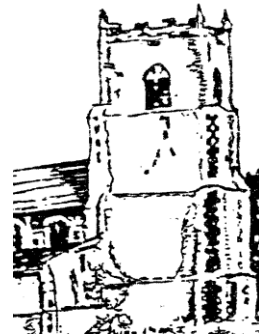


**Minutes of the Meeting of
The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday 11TH August 2016
St Mary's Church Community Room**

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Present

Sue Middleton (Trustee, Chair)
Sarah Spink (Trustee, Secretary)
Simon Holdich (Trustee)
Dick Middleton (Trustee)
Richard Peaty (Trustee)
Andy Friend, (Trustee)
Helen Thomson
Claire Bisset (Trustee, Treasurer)
Janice Shea

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that apologies had been received from Rev David White, Peggy Boyer, Rose Graham and Mike Talbot.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- Meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2016. The minutes were accepted as a true copy – proposed by Helen and seconded by Simon.

3. Matters arising

- Helen reported that the Church Buildings Council has accepted that a structural engineer is not required for examination of the gable end of St Marys. However, the structure still requires investigation.
- Dick informed the Friends that application for a major grant for the church tower has been refused. Brian Manley has confirmed that no work will be carried out in this area this year. The Friends had pledged funds (in the region of £8,000 - £9,000) for work to the tower. The PCC may request our permission to reallocate this money to the Doom restoration project. At the time of writing, no official request for monies had been received by the Friends.

4. Financial Report - Claire Bisset

- Balance of account on 31.07.16 stood at £14,639.00

- Claire reported that the Friends' insurance* is due for renewal on 2nd September. A quote of £330 has been received from an ecclesiastical provider. Claire to investigate alternative providers.
- A new signatory is required for cheques, as Ann Kent needs to be replaced. Sarah Spink to become new signatory for both current and deposit accounts.
- There was discussion about changing bank accounts from Lloyds in Bury St Edmunds, to a local Stowmarket bank. TSB and HSBC were both raised as possibilities, depending on the type of account they are able to offer.

*Employer's Liability, Products & Public and some Property Liability cover.

5. Metal detecting – Simon Holdich

- There was lengthy discussion of all aspects of the metal detecting day.
- A provisional timeline was completed (attached) – to be finalised by Sue and Sarah.
- Responsibilities were allocated to members of the committee (attached).
- It was agreed that any email correspondence (regarding the metal detecting day) would be copied to all committee members.

6. Any other business

- Sue had corresponded with Pam Desmond, chair of Wyverstone Friends, regarding the Christmas concert to be held on 3rd December.
- Sue, Helen and the bandmaster are due to meet on 12th August to discuss various aspects of the concert, including: length, content, payment of fees etc. There was discussion regarding the fairest way to divide net income between the two villages. No conclusion was reached.
- Helen updated the Friends on the situation regarding the Doom and faculties. Helen kindly summarised this information in an email circulated to all Friends after the meeting.

7. Date of next meeting

- Thursday 13th October 2016, 7.30pm, Cromwell House.
- Janice offered her apology for absence, in advance of the next meeting.