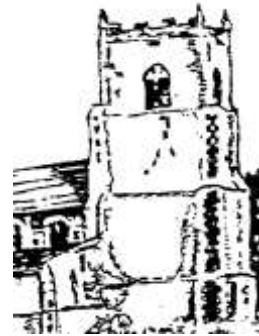


Minutes of the Meeting of
The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday 13th April 2017
St Mary's Church Community Room, Bacton

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Present

Sue Middleton (Trustee, Chair)
Sarah Spink (Trustee, Secretary)
Claire Bisset (Trustee, Treasurer)
Peggy Boyer (Trustee)
Dick Middleton (Trustee)
Helen Thomson
Mike Talbot
Janice Shea

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies had been received from Andy Friend, Norma Lambert and Rose Graham.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- The meeting was held on Thursday 9th February 2017. The minutes were accepted as a true copy (with a minor addition*) – proposed by Helen and seconded by Peggy. *It was noted that whilst Janice had offered her apology for absence, this had been omitted from the minutes.

3. Matters arising

- There were no matters arising.

4. Financial Report - Claire Bisset

- The balance of accounts on 31.03.17 stood at £17,917, of which £13,310 had been allocated.
- Over the full financial year, there had been a net inflow of £5,305
- Claire reported that an official request for the sum of £7,780 had been received from Brian Manley (Treasurer, PCC) in respect of rewiring and lighting costs. The funds had been allocated and would be paid by cheque.
- The possibility of transferring the Friends current account from Lloyds in Bury St Edmunds, to a Stowmarket bank or building society was discussed. It was agreed that Sarah would make enquiries with HSBC in Stowmarket and report back at the next meeting.

5. Doom painting and lighting update – Helen Thomson

- Helen updated the friends:

Parclose Screen. *There is no change with this from the last report in February. As you know it has been proposed that the screen be positioned on the west end wall behind the organ. It would be in two sections positioned to the right and left of the organ so that it is visible. The PCC gave their approval for this at their meeting on the 17th November 2016. A quote of no more than £3,000 has been obtained from George Monger (a local conservation specialist) to clean and mount the screen and he has added some more information to his original report. Revd David is currently progressing the faculty.*

Doom. *The electrical work started on 13th March and is now complete. The total cost of this work is £9,650.58 (inc. VAT). This was £7,478.10 for rewiring (which included the trenching to the chancel area, 66 bulbs, 4 Hi-Liters, 2 power supplies for the CCTV cameras and replacing the faulty heater in the toilet), £2,150.40 for the chandeliers and £22.08 for the chains on which to suspend the chandeliers. The PCC were very lucky, and very grateful, to have received a £5,000 donation towards the new fixtures and fittings from a generous benefactor. This leaves £4,650.58 which may be the amount requested as a grant from the PCC. The intricacies of the outside repair work necessary on the east end gable have now been agreed with all the concerned parties, and we are awaiting revised quotes from the builder through the architect. This means that the work on the Doom conservation itself can start as soon as we have raised the money necessary for the work. The estimate for this work (including electrical work) was in the order of £67,000 in July 2016.*

- Since the Friend's discussion regarding security cameras for the church at the last meeting, there are now two cameras in place.
- The church is now open to all between the hours of 10am and 4pm daily.

6. 2018 concert

- Sue confirmed that the concert will take place in November 2018.
- Support from the following people had been confirmed: Sue Holdich (Direction), Cath Lockwood (Production) and Dick Middleton (Treasurer.)
- Following a proposal from Dick, it was agreed that Sue and Sarah would write to the Chair of the PCC (Rev. Val White) regarding purchase of temporary staging and lighting. This would reduce costs for future productions and would be funded entirely by the Friends.

7. AGM

- It was agreed that the Friends AGM for 2017 would take place at 7pm on Thursday 8th June, in the St Mary's Church Community Room (subject to room availability.)
- Sarah agreed to contact Amanda Manley to ensure a notice to this effect is published in the May edition of the parish magazine.

- Sue informed the committee that she would be standing down as Chair at the AGM. In addition, she and Dick would be relinquishing their roles as trustees.

8. Any other business

- There was discussion regarding this year's metal detecting rally, to be held on 17th September.
- The Friends had been approached by the Clerk of the parish of Redlingfield, who requested help with how to organise and run a metal detecting rally. After discussion, it was agreed that Sarah would respond to the request, inviting a few representatives to shadow the Friends on our rally in September. Sarah would also offer Redlingfield members the opportunity to meet with Rose Graham for an informal talk before the rally (provided Rose was agreeable to this.)

9. Date of next meeting

- Thursday 8th June 2017, St Mary's Community Room, following AGM.