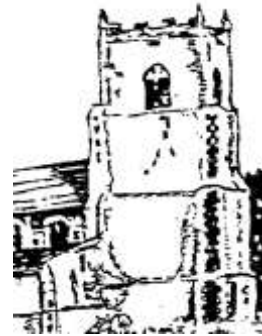


**Minutes of the Meeting of
The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday 7th September 2017
St Mary's Church Community Room, Bacton**

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Present

Sue Middleton (Chair)
Sarah Spink (Secretary)
Claire Bisset (Treasurer)
Rose Graham
Simon Holdich
Peggy Boyer
Helen Thomson
Mike Talbot
Janice Shea

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies had been received from Andy Friend, Norma Lambert and Richard Peaty.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- The meeting was held on Thursday 15th June 2017. The minutes were accepted as a true copy (with a minor addition*) – proposed by Helen and seconded by Mike. *It was noted that whilst Mike was present at the meeting, this had been omitted from the minutes.

3. Matters arising

- Sue reported that there would be no concert in St Mary's Church this year. There were no other matters arising.

4. Financial Report - Claire Bisset

- The balance of accounts on 31.08.17 stood at £13,806 of which £5,500 had been allocated.
- Metal detecting registrations had resulted in £2,880 being banked since June, with an additional sum of £960 yet to be banked. It was noted that expenses for metal detecting were yet to be deducted, including the £252 cost of portable toilets.

5. Meeting with PCC – Sue Middleton

- Following the Friends' discussions around ways to facilitate performances in St Mary's Church, Sue wrote to the PCC on the subject of removable staging and lighting. In response, she was invited to attend a meeting of the PCC Fabric Committee, chaired by David Chambers. She and Helen attended.
- The long-term vision / 10-year strategic plan for the church was discussed. This will incorporate lighting, heating etc but will take 12-18 months to complete. The PCC feels that any permanent changes to the church to facilitate community use should be incorporated to the overall long-term strategy. Therefore, the Friends will defer any suggestions until such time as the plan is complete.

6. Metal detecting: final preparations

- The Friends finalised all plans for the metal detecting rally to be held on 17th September.

7. The future of the Friends

- The current chair (Sue Middleton) will be standing down after the October meeting of the Friends. It was agreed that the majority of this meeting would be devoted to discussion on how the group should progress.
- Helen agreed to make contact with Coral Smith, who had attended the Friends AGM in June.
- It was suggested that an advertisement in the village magazine may be a way to attract new members to the group.

8. Any other business

- There was no other business.

9. Date of next meeting

- Thursday 5th October 2017, St Mary's Community Room, Bacton.