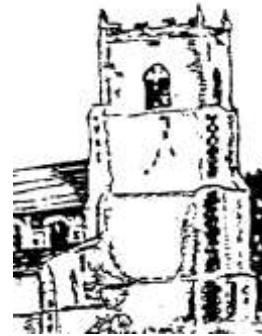


**Minutes of the Meeting of**  
**The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**St Mary's Church Community Room, Bacton**

Charity Number 1106579 [fosmbacton.org.uk](http://fosmbacton.org.uk)



**Present**

Sue Middleton (Chair)  
Sarah Spink (Secretary)  
Claire Bisset (Treasurer)  
Simon Holdich  
Peggy Boyer  
Janice Shea  
Dick Middleton

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

- Apologies had been received from Andy Friend, Norma Lambert, Richard Peaty, Mike Talbot, Helen Thomson and Rose Graham.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

- The minutes were accepted as a true copy – proposed by Simon and seconded by Claire.

**3. Matters arising**

- There were no matters arising.

**4. Financial Report - Claire Bisset**

- The balance of accounts on 30.09.17 stood at £15,628 of which £5,500 had been allocated.
- The metal detecting rally had generated £4657 net profit for the Friends.

**5. Metal detecting rally 2017 - review**

- The Friends agreed that the September 2017 rally had been a resounding success and that they would like to repeat the event in 2018
- Simon agreed to look into possible sources of land for a 2018 rally, but could not guarantee success.
- It was agreed that a simplified registration system would be welcome next year. Online banking of registration fees would be particularly helpful, as fewer registrants now use cheques.

- There was discussion around 'sharing the load' with regard to the registration process in 2018, as this is extremely time consuming.

## **7. The future of the Friends**

- Sue Middleton stood down as Chair of both the Friends and Trustees. Claire agreed to submit any necessary information to the Charities Commission.
- Sarah Spink was appointed Chair – proposed by Simon and seconded by Sue.
- Simon was appointed secretary – proposed by Sarah and seconded by Janice.
- There was much discussion around the recruitment of new members and ideas for future events. These included: chocolate bingo, a quiz night in the Bull, advertisement in the village magazine, submission of a light-hearted summary of this year's metal detecting rally (again to the village magazine.)
- It was decided that the Friends would extend the time between committee meetings to two months, until the AGM next June.
- It was also agreed to move committee meetings to the second Thursday of the month, to accommodate as many committee members as possible.

## **8. Any other business**

- The Friends have agreed to loan the sum of £400 for use as the float for the 2018 concert. The loan is fully returnable and will be paid to Dick Middleton in his capacity as Treasurer of the concert committee.
- On behalf of the Friends, Simon extended his warmest thanks to Sue Middleton, for her tireless enthusiasm and commitment to the Friends over many years. It was agreed unanimously that her presence would be sorely missed by the remaining Friends.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017, St Mary's Community Room, Bacton at 7.30pm