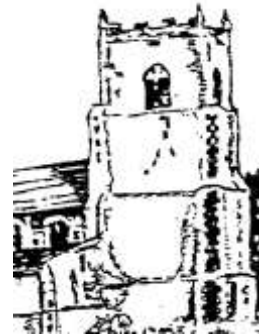


**Minutes of the Meeting of**  
**The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
**St Mary's Church Community Room**

Charity Number 1106579 *fosmbacton.org.uk*



**Present**

Sarah Spink (Chair)  
Claire Bisset (Treasurer)  
Andy Friend (Membership secretary)  
Mike Talbot  
Diana Chambers  
David Chambers  
Janice Shea  
Helen Thomson  
Rose Graham  
Peggy Boyer  
Richard Peaty  
Simon Holdich (Secretary)

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

- Sarah welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Apologies had been received from Norma Lambert..

**2. Minutes of the last meeting** (on Thursday 5 October)

- The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and a copy was signed by Sarah.

**3. Matters arising**

- There was further discussion on the desirability of another Metal Detecting Rally, with several members offering help with the organisation should a suitable area of land present itself.

**4. Financial Report - Claire Bisset**

- Balance as of 20 November 2017 stood at £15,946. £5,500 was going to the PCC to help fund work on the Doom, the repositioning of the Parclose Screen and the installation of CCTV, leaving £10,446 unallocated. Noted that a donation of £150 from the Bacton Fayre Committee had yet to reach the accounts.

## **5. PCC Update**

- Sarah introduced David Chambers, a churchwarden and the lay chairman of the Parochial Church Council, who had recently met Simon and her. She had invited him to talk to this meeting of the Friends - about the PCC's aims and the relationship between the two groups.
- David said the PCC appreciated all the Friends had done – there should be no question about that.
- He said the PCC was currently working on 5/10 year plans for St Mary's – for its mission and for the fabric of the building – which *may* be ready by Easter and which it would share with the Friends.
- He said the PCC positively welcomed the use of the church by the wider community, though its status as primarily a place of worship had to be respected.
- More space at the front of the church – which the Friends have pressed for to allow the staging of concerts, etc. - may also serve the purpose of worship, he said, suggesting that an experiment with different seating and heating arrangements might be possible. However, several people still had to be taken along with the idea and there would be practical difficulties..
- A general discussion followed. In which it was observed that the next quinquennial report on the fabric of the church is due next year.

## **6. Any other business**

- There being no other business, Sarah thanked David and Diana Chambers for their contributions, and said she would like members to come back in February with ideas for fund-raising events.

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

- Thursday 8 February 2018.