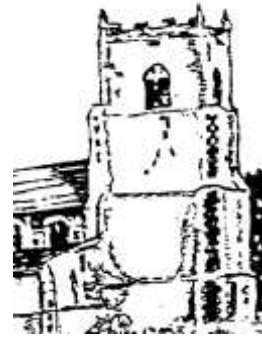


**Minutes of the Meeting of
The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday 8 February 2018
St Mary's Church Community Room**

Charity Number 1106579 fosmbacton.org.uk



Present

Sarah Spink (Chair)
Andy Friend (Membership secretary)
Rev. Val White
Rev. David White
David Chambers
Janice Shea
Helen Thomson
Richard Peaty
Simon Holdich (Secretary)

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Sarah welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Apologies had been received from Claire Bisset (Treasurer), Peggy Boyer, Mike Talbot and Rose Graham.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (on Thursday 14 December 2017),

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

3. Matters arising

- None

4. Financial Report

- A report previously circulated by Claire showed a balance of £10,740 at the 31st of January, all unallocated. In January a grant of £5,500 had been made to the PCC Fabric Fund. In the financial year to date our grants have totalled £13,280. The report was noted.

5. FOSM - Time to call it a day?

- Sarah said that she didn't intend to stay on as chair after the annual meeting, though she would still like to be involved in future. She said Claire had indicated *her* intention to stand down as treasurer, after 9 years, because of work and family commitments. The secretary also said he wanted to give up that position. No candidates had come forward to take over the roles.
- The matter of a forthcoming PCC fundraising quiz for church maintenance and restoration work, on which the Friends hadn't been consulted, was raised. David Chambers, lay chairman of the PCC, said this was a one-off and the advertisement of the event had perhaps been poorly worded.
- Poor communications between the PCC and FOSM featured in the course of a long discussion, as did the closure of Friends of Cotton Church (which allowed the possibility of adopting some of their fundraising ideas, should FOSM survive).
- It was **agreed**, on a proposal by Richard Peaty, seconded by Andy Friend, that we should seek once more to recruit new members and officers before the charity's annual meeting in June.
- In particular, it was **agreed** that Helen would compose advertisements to go in the Parish and Community News magazine; that Andy would prepare fliers for the church and for distribution at the quiz night, and also place a notice on social media; and that Richard would use the quiz night to deliver a spoken appeal for volunteers.

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6. Any other business - none.

7. Date of next meeting

- Thursday 12 April 2018.