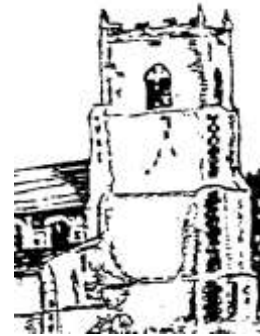


Minutes of the Meeting of
The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday 8th November 2018
St Mary's Church Community Room, Bacton

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Present

Sue Holdich (Chair)
Sarah Spink (Secretary)
Andy Friend (Treasurer, Membership Secretary)
Richard Peaty
Mike Hall
David Chambers
Janice Shea
Simon Holdich

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies had been received from Pip Wright, Diana Chambers, Mike Talbot, Helen Thomson, Claire Bissett and Rose Graham.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- The minutes were accepted as a true copy* – proposed by Andy and seconded by David.

*Subject to one minor amendment.

3. Matters arising

- David reported a scaffolding tower will need to be used for two days to repair the plasterwork damaged by the earlier scaffolding. This will also be used to repair previously unseen cracks on the Chancel arch as part of the overall Doom restoration process.
- Grants for the doom restoration (excluding the additional unplanned repairs) have all been claimed and approved, although some monies are yet to be received by the PCC.

4. Financial Report – Andy Friend

- The balance of accounts on 31.10.18 stood at £12,368 all of which is currently unallocated.
- Net inflow for the year to date is £1,154
- It was agreed that a leaflet inviting new standing orders would be printed and delivered to every household in Bacton. The delivery will coincide with the PCC's leaflet delivery in the second week of December. **Andy will email a draft leaflet to the Friends for approval, prior to passing on to Amanda Manley for printing.** The

Friends agreed to pay for these printing costs and to assist the PCC with their leaflet deliveries.

- The Friends' agreed to remain with Lloyds Bank and it was noted that the list of current signatories needs to be updated. It was agreed that Sarah and Sue will be added as signatories; **Andy will send them the relevant documentation for completion.**
- It is a requirement of the Friends' public liability insurance that a safeguarding policy is in place. **Mike will provide a copy of the policy used by the Good Neighbour Scheme** (which was approved by Community Action Suffolk) for discussion at the next committee meeting.

5. PCC update – David Chambers

- David reported that reduction in the vegetation surrounding St Mary's has improved its visibility from the road. Further work is required, including clearance of the neighbouring ditches, and this will be funded by the PCC.
- The flooring in the South aisle of the church is rotten, unlevel, and presents an immediate hazard to church goers. No faculty is required before work can commence to replace the floor, however the DAC must be informed. No quotes for this work have been received. The Friends agreed to wait for a minimum of two quotes to be received by the PCC, before considering making an offer of financial support.
- A formal faculty has been submitted in relation to floodlighting and the relocation of pews in St Mary's. The DAC will meet to discuss this and a decision is expected within a maximum of three months.

6. Future fundraising

- **Farewell to Arms Concert:** Sue reported successful ticket sales, with all profits to be paid to the Friends.
- **Ipswich Community Wind Band:** it was agreed that **Sarah will contact Zoe Edmunds of the ICWB**, requesting specific details on their availability, and staging and rehearsal requirements. The Friends are keen to finance a spring concert if possible. **Sarah will email all details received to the Friends and PCC for comment on suitability.**
- The Friends agreed to discuss a potential metal detecting rally for 2019 at the next committee meeting in the New Year.

7. Any other business

- Andy reported multiple updates and improvements to the Friends webpage, including a GDPR-compliant membership page, and a new privacy policy. Andy will contact all members, informing them of their rights under the GDPR.

8. Date of next meeting

- Thursday 10th January 2018, St Mary's Community Room, Bacton at 7.30pm