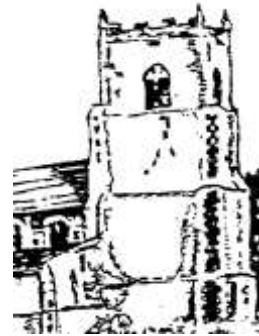


**Minutes of the Meeting of**  
**The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**St Mary's Church Community Room, Bacton**

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



**Present**

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

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

- Apologies had been received from Diana Chambers, Mike Talbot, Helen Thomson, Mike Hall and Rose Graham.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

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

**3. Matters arising**

- The Friends expressed their thanks to Helen, Mike Hall and Simon for their hard work delivering leaflets throughout the village.
- Sarah agreed to send a letter of appreciation to Peter Gipson, thanking him for his work on the 'Farewell to Arms' concert, which raised funds for the Friends at the end of 2018.
- Sue and Sarah signed the Friends' safeguarding policy, which will be published on the website and retained by the secretary. There was discussion around the need for a designated safeguarding lead to be named in the policy.
- The Rectory has been let for a period of six months.

**4. Financial Report – Andy Friend**

- The balance of accounts at the end of February 2019 stood at £13,487 all of which is currently unallocated.
- Sue, Sarah and Andy are now signatories on the Friends' bank account. Any two may sign cheques.
- With three signatories now in place, Andy will arrange to have previous signatories Sue Middleton and Claire Bissett removed from the account.

**5. PCC update – David Chambers**

- The Rectory has been let for six months and recruitment of new clergy is unlikely to take place before July.
- A faculty is in place to cover repairs to the south aisle timber flooring, and repairs and repainting of the wall of the south aisle. The PCC is currently seeking approved contractors to carry out the work. It is hoped this work will be completed by Christmas.
- An invoice for repairs to the chancel arch is yet to be received.
- On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, the church will be hosting an Easter egg hunt for the local community.

## **6. Future fundraising**

- Simon is awaiting a response from James Black regarding a potential metal detecting site. If a suitable site is identified, proposed dates for the rally are Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- It was agreed that Sarah will liaise with Zoe Edmunds of the Ipswich Community Wind Band, regarding a concert to take place between October and early December.
- The Friends discussed the possibility of a sporting event in the village, along the lines of a test match or 'Bacton Olympics'. Sarah agreed to email Peter Gipson regarding the possible use of the scout hut and adjoining field to host the event.
- The Friends agreed to host a quiz night in late May or early June. David agreed to contact John Evans to request a list of quiz questions if he is willing to provide these. All details to be confirmed at the next meeting, for inclusion in the May parish magazine.

## **7. Any other business**

- A new direct debit instruction had been received from Maurice Elliston.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019, St Mary's Community Room, Bacton at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm