

## The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton

Minutes of the meeting held at St Mary's Church, Bacton

Thursday ~~14<sup>th</sup> October 2021~~, 7.00pm

11th November 2021

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### Present

Paul Wigglesworth (Chair)	David Chambers	Garry Spink
Andy Friend (Treasurer)	Kevin Laflin	Mike Hall
Sarah Spink (Secretary)	Gail Wigglesworth	
Lisa Denton	John Kingsley	
Sue Holdich	Vanessa Kingsley	
Simon Holdich	Katrina Laflin	

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed the Friends to the meeting and reminded everyone about the code of conduct at future meetings.

Apologies had been received from Rose Graham, Helen Thomson, Richard Peaty, Philip Jeffries, Hazel Laflin, Diana Chambers, Martin Buckle, and Carlton and Carole Jackson.

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were accepted as accurate – proposed by Andy and seconded by Sue.

### 3. Matters Arising

Andy confirmed that the Friends website carries full instructions for anyone wishing to donate to the charity via Amazon Smile. Andy will provide Amanda Manley with a small item for inclusion in the next parish magazine.

### 4. Refreshments at future Friends meetings

There were concerns that the availability of refreshments at Friends meetings could lead to meetings starting late. It was agreed that committee members should ensure they join future meetings in sufficient time to get their refreshments before the start of the meeting.

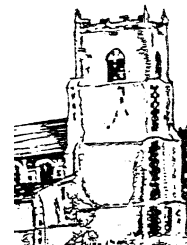
The Friends were asked to vote on whether it was appropriate for alcohol to be available at future meetings. Votes were split 6-6, leaving the Chairman to cast the deciding vote. This was in favour of a ban on alcohol consumption before and during future meetings.

At this point Simon Holdich, followed by Sue Holdich, left the meeting, both resigning as committee members and Trustees of the Friends.

### 5. Financial Report: Presented by Andy Friend

The balance of accounts at the end of October 2021 stood at £4797, all unallocated.

David asked the friends to consider meeting the cost of £1000 + VAT for the installation of heaters under the pews in St. Mary's. The proposal was seconded by Gail and approved unanimously. Andy agreed to arrange a transfer of funds to the PCC Fabric Committee.



## **6. PCC Update:** Presented by Mike Hall

Mike explained that work to introduce three phase electricity into St. Mary's could not be undertaken during term time because of health and safety restrictions. The work will therefore need to coincide with school holidays.

The crack in the west wall of St. Mary's is being monitored and documented monthly. Although the crack has been observed to widen in damp weather, no action is planned at present.

## **7. Future Fundraising:**

### **a) Working party approach**

- It was agreed that a working party approach to future fundraising would not be necessary.

### **b) Jubilee June 2022**

- Bacton Parish Council will be meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to discuss plans for the 2022 event further. The parish council has committed to donating £3000 towards the costs of the four-day event.
- Philip Jeffries has mentioned a festival of flowers to Rosy Black and received a positive response. Mike agreed to liaise further with Rosy and the W.I. then feed back to the group.
- Vanessa agreed to liaise with Bacton Primary School.
- Katrina agreed to liaise with Bacton Pre-school.
- Gail agreed to liaise with the Rainbows and Brownies.
- Philip will liaise with the Bacton Horticultural Society.
- The Friends agreed that the theme of the Festival of Flowers would be 'The Reign of Queen Elizabeth II.'
- Sarah confirmed that she was awaiting a response from the Ipswich Community Wind Band re. their availability to perform on the evening of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

### **c) Craft fayres**

- Lisa reported back to the group following a visit to a craft fayre in Needham Market.
- The best months to hold a fayre are May and September/October
- Stall holders should be charged in the region of £20-30 per stall and require around three to four months' notice.
- Income for the charity can be increased significantly through provision of refreshments and running a raffle.
- Vanessa agreed to ask Bacton Primary School about the possibility of using the school hall for a Christmas fayre in October/November 2022

### **d) Bacton weekend coffee mornings**

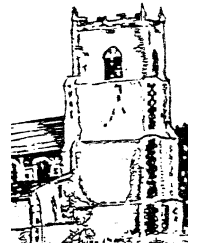
- The Friends agreed to revisit this idea in the new year.

### **e) Metal detecting**

- Paul confirmed that a farmer in Stowmarket was agreeable to the Friends using his twenty acres of farmland for metal detecting.

### **f) Ink cartridge recycling**

- Sarah agreed to investigate the recycling of ink cartridges for charity and feed back to the group at the next meeting.



## **8. Any Other Business**

- Several future fundraising initiatives were discussed by the group, for consideration at a later date.
- Andy agreed to add the Chair as a trustee of the charity.
- Andy agreed to refresh and update the Friends leaflet in preparation for a potential leaflet drop in early 2022.
- The Friends wished to express their sincere gratitude to Simon and Sue Holdich for their contributions to the success of the charity since its inception. Their presence at future meetings would be greatly missed.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm