

The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Minutes of the meeting held at St Mary's Church, Bacton.
Thursday 13th January 2022. 19:00

Present:

Paul Wigglesworth (Chair), Andy Friend (Treasurer), Gail Wigglesworth, Martin Buckle, Katrina Laflin, Kevin Laflin, Hazel Laflin, Phillip Jefferies, David Chambers, John Kingsley, Vanessa Kingsley.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Paul welcomed the Friends to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Rose Graham, Helen Thomson,

Diana Chambers, Carlton and Carole Jackson, Peggy Boyer and Mike Hall. Rose Graham has also retired from the committee but is willing to help out if needed.

2. There were no candidates for the position of secretary. Gail agreed to take the minutes until a new secretary can be found.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were amended due to an error regarding the date of the meeting. Andy has amended the minutes on the website.

4. Matters Arising

Sarah had sent an email stating that the Ipswich Community Wind Band are unavailable for the Jubilee event.

5. Financial Report: Presented by Andy Friend

The balance of accounts at the end of December 2021 stood at £4187, all unallocated.

Due to the secretary resigning there are changes to the banking mandate. Paul to be added as a signatory.

Paul, Hazel & John have agreed to take on the role as trustees.

The cost of running the website is to be increased to £8.50pm + VAT

6. PCC Update: Presented by David Chambers

The tower needs re-leading from 2023. This work is to be planned within the next 8 years, whilst the scaffolding is in place the brickwork around the tower will also be

repaired with an estimated cost of £60,000. The PCC are also looking at making the internal access to the tower safer with an estimated cost of £40,000.

The PCC are also looking to replace the wire mesh gates at the entrance to the church with glass doors.

The bridge across the ditch is in need of repair. The PCC have made short term repairs but it was suggested that any long term repairs may be the responsibility of the Parish Council or County Council.

7. Future Fundraising:

Jubilee June 2022

Hazel & Gail are to take on the organising of the Festival of Flowers. They will liaise with Phillip & report back to the committee.

Hazel mentioned a bingo event on the evening of the 03rd June. Other ideas also being explored.

Lottery.

Andy to look into the regulations for running a lottery.

Pennies.org.

Andy to look into with regard to implications re VAT.

David has contacts at Blackwood Clarinets who are happy to play a concert for a fundraiser. Agreed to bear in mind for future.

Hazel is going to organise a garage sale towards the end of March beginning of April.

8. Any Other Business

David is kindly storing notelets, backdrops & urns which belong to The Friends. It was suggested that the notelets could may be available to sell at the Festival of Flowers.

FOSM are to have a stall at the Jubilee event on Saturday 04th June 2022. Ideas at next meeting

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10th February 2022, 19:00

The meeting closed at 20:10