

The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton  
Minutes of the meeting held at Bacton Manor House  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022. 19:00

Present:

Paul Wigglesworth (Chair), Gail Wigglesworth, Philip Jeffries, David Chambers, Diana Chambers, John Kingsley, Vanessa Kingsley, Rosy Black, Kevin Laflin, Hazel Laflin, Katrina Laflin.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Paul welcomed the Friends to the meeting & thanked David & Diana for hosting the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Andy Friend (Treasurer), Martin Buckle, Helen Thomson, & Mike Hall.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Philip proposed & John seconded.

3 Matters Arising.

Andy had looked into lottery & pennies.org. The pennies.org is not an option for FOSM as retailers need to have the potential to raise £50,000.00 per year using the digital charity box.

We don't need a license to run a lottery but do need to be registered with Mid Suffolk. There is an initial fee of £40 then £20 per year thereafter. Paul to contact Andy to see about registering.

4. Financial Report: Presented by Andy Friend.

The balance of accounts at the end of February 2022 stood at £4446, all unallocated.

5. PCC Update: Presented by David Chambers

The three phase heating installation has been delayed due to the provider going out of business. The PCC are trying to change to another provider who can supply a three phase meter.

There will be events going on in the church over Easter.

There are items being stored in the church for the Ukraine Appeal. These will be sold at the garage sale on 02/04/2022.

## 6. Future Fundraising:

Jubilee June 2022

### Festival of Flowers

Arrangements are progressing for both the Festival of Flowers & the Fete. There are still some organisations that have not replied to emails about being involved. Philip to chase them:

Bowls Club

History Club,

Football Club

Community Workshop

Hazel to contact people on the church flower rota to invite them to take part.

Gail & Hazel are meeting several participants on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the church to discuss placings etc.

Rosy & Vanessa to provide refreshments during the afternoon.

### Fete

We have 8 request for a stall at the Fete. The church are also looking at running a few games. Philip to speak to Peter Smith re health & safety for the use of a small bouncy castle.

Philip is to bring his barrel organ.

Refreshments by FOSM Tea, Coffee, soft drinks & cakes.

Loos provided by Portable Space. We have asked them for 3.

David to organise PAT testing the FOSM urns.

FOSM are organising a raffle to be drawn at the fete. Prizes to be sought. John kindly donated a £100 voucher, Gail to ask if the shop would donate a hamper. Hazel to ask Heathers to donate. John & Vanessa to ask The Bull for a donation. Paul to speak to Emzo.

### Garage Sale.

There are now 14 firm bookings for the Garage Sale. Maps at £1 to be sold from Hazel's house on Pretyman Ave & Post Office. Vanessa to be at the church with refreshments & selling maps from approx 10-4pm. Hazel to shop for tea, coffee etc.

Church are to have a stall to raise funds for Ukraine.

## 7. Any Other Business

Andy looked into FOSM using Paypal but doesn't look a viable option for us. Looking at future fundraising a Craft Fair on 26<sup>th</sup> November to be explored. This would tie in with the PC Christmas Light Switch on. Hazel & Vanessa to co ordinate.

FOSM to have a stall at Bacton Fayre. Vanessa is available to run it.

John has been very busy helping to clear the graveyard of vegetation etc.

## 8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022, 19:00

The meeting closed at 20:20