

The Friends of St Mary's church, Bacton

Minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 19th November 2022 @ 7pm

Held in St Mary's community room

Present:

Hazel Laflin (Acting chair), Andy Friend (Treasurer), Philip Jeffries, Vanessa Kingsley, John Kingsley, Kevin Laflin, David Chambers, Katrina Laflin.

1. Welcome and apologies:

Q received from: Paul and Gail Wigglesworth, Helen Thomson, Rosy Black and Diana Chambers.

2. Minutes of previous meetings.

AGM 11-08-2022 - Proposed Philip, Seconded Andy, Approved unanimously

Business Meeting 11-08-2022 – Proposed John, Seconded Vanessa, Approved unanimously.

3. Matters arising:

There were no matters arising

4. Financial report: Presented by Andy Friend.

Balance of unallocated funds at the end of October 2022 stood £7,750. There were no allocated funds.

Quiz held on 7th October raised £228 from table entries, £150 from raffle, total of £378

A question of, how can we best use this money and how to publicise it so that people who donate, where the money is being spent. It was suggested that we should put an article in the Parish magazine in addition to the information available on the website. Andy to draft an article for the Parish Magazine when we have decided where to allocate our funds.

5. P.C.C. update:

Nothing had been received from Rev. Carl.

Locks are being changed & new keys. Hazel will ask if this is something that the friends can pay for. Hazel will also ask about the friends paying for the re decorating of the community room & anything else that they may need.

David Chambers spoke on behalf of the Fabric Committee. 'The Footbridge' The Parish Council have paid for the planning application. Estimated costings of £10,000 for work on the bridge & £5,000 for the ironwork. The friends are unable to contribute directly to this work as the constitution of the Friends, states, we are a committee raising money for the upkeep & to preserve just the fabric of this historic building. The Parish Council have asked the P.C.C. if they could take over the responsibility of the bridge by leasehold so as they can then pay for the repairs as at present the Parish Council are not able to contribute towards this.

It was discussed that if the Friends could contribute to some appropriate projects, even retrospectively, this would free up PCC funds for the footbridge.

Members of the committee are very concerned of the Health & Safety of pedestrians using the bridge & feel work should take place as soon as possible.

Hazel to raise this discussion at the upcoming PCC meeting.

6. Future fundraising:

The quiz on 7th October had raised £378 and the committee wished to record their thanks to Hazel and Kevin for organising this and providing the prizes.

Garage sale 1st April 2023 (Always to be held on 1st Saturday of April). Kevin & Hazel will organise. Vanessa & John will do refreshments in the church.

Quiz 12th May 2023 Hazel will organise.

Philip Jeffries mentioned the weekend of the King's coronation on **May 6th 2023**. This will be discussed @ Parish Council meeting on 14th November. He felt this could be another fund raiser for us. We will hold another draw as the draw this year was very successful. Hazel to approach people for the prizes in the new year. List to be given to Philip end of February for printing of tickets.

Vanessa to implement the distribution of tickets in envelopes & to be given to the committee members to put through the letter boxes of Bacton residents.

David Chambers mentioned a fete, to be held on the Bacton Manor lawn in June. A date of **17th June 2023** was agreed.

Lights switch on Sunday 27th November. Rev. Carl is showing the film 'Frozen' Vanessa helping Katrina & myself with the refreshments & any other committee members available would be appreciated. Katrina & Hazel will organise a couple of crafts.

A proposed concert by a Clarinet Choir on 2nd June was noted.

Hazel, proposes to do another Quiz in October.

7. Any other business:

There was no other business.

8. Date of next meeting:

12th January 2023

The meeting closed at 20.00