

The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Minutes of the meeting held at St Mary's Church Bacton.
Thursday 11th January 2024 19:00

Present:

David Chambers(chairman),Gail Wigglesworth (secretary), Andy Friend (treasurer), Paul Wigglesworth, Philip Jeffries, Hazel Laflin, John & Vanessa Kingsley.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies had been received from Diana Chambers, & Helen Thomson.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved & signed

3 Matters Arising.

No matters arising.

4.Financial Report: Presented by Andy Friend.

The balance of accounts at the end of December 2023 stood at £7701 of which £7680 is in the account & £21 petty cash. .

Allocated funds none

Unallocated funds £7701

The Christmas Concert raised £1050. David thanked Philip for sponsoring the event. It was noted that the church was extremely cold for the concert & if we were thinking of holding any other events in the church in the winter then additional heaters would be required.

The Friends have received £100 from Community Circle Cafe, David is to send thanks to them for their generosity.

Andy mentioned Gift Aid Donation Scheme where any small cash donations can now also qualify for Gift Aid.

5.PCC Update:

Hazel invited any committee members to attend the fire safety training on Tuesday 6th Feb at 7pm in the church.

The Parish Council have now agreed to make a grant towards the repairs to the footbridge.

6.Future Fundraising

It was noted that The Friends made a good amount of funds by holding concerts last year. It was agreed that this is the best way for The Friends to move forward with our fundraising.

It was agreed that our fundraising for this year will consist of:

Spring Concert - 03rd May

Summer Draw – to take place at Bacton Fayre

Christmas concert - 08th December

Draw tickets will be distributed around the village before the Fayre & the remainder being sold at the Fayre.

There may be a possibility of joining with the village hall to host a joint craft fair in November.

7.Any Other Business

None

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 08th February 19:00 in the church community room.

The meeting closed at 19:58.