

Friends of St Margaret's Church

Minutes of the meeting 27th June 2016

In Attendance:

Fred Beringer (FB)
June Collins (JC)
Lesley Munday (LM)
Gary Thomas (GT)
Di Welch (DW)
Mike Meredith (MM)
Ann Smith (AS)
George Crozer (GC)

1 Apologies:

Wendy Brunt (WB)

2 Election of Officers.

- a. Chairman. – GT unopposed. Proposed – LM, Seconded – MM.
- b. Treasurer – GT unopposed. Proposed –FB, Seconded –LM.
- c. Secretary – AS unopposed. Proposed –GC, Seconded –DW.

3 Minutes of Meeting Dated 25.04.2016.

Minutes were mislaid and deferred to the next meeting

Act GT.

4 Matters Arising For Items Not On Agenda

Not applicable.

5 Bank Balances

Bank Account

Bank Account Balance £8932.20 Cash Balance £0 (As at 15.06.2016)

6 Bank Mandate

Current signatories GT, MM, & SG. Still to action change adding LM.

Act GT

7 Subscriptions/Membership

One less subscription since the last meeting (21 from 22 monthly payments)

Monthly subscriptions received

April	160.00
May	160.00
June	137.00

GT had received a communication from Chris Peak in which she offered him help with Admin and communication with Members. She also offered to help in attracting new members. Her offer was accepted. GT to discuss any admin assistance. AS to pass

minutes to CP to form basis of a Members Newsletter which will include information about planned events and requests for assistance. It was agreed that the FoSt.M's policy was not to seek enhanced membership donations from existing members. CP to write newsletter and submit to GT prior to circulation. Circulation by e-mail or Hand. Postage costs to be avoided.

**Act GT.
AS, CP.**

The registration for Gift Aid has begun and the forms will be submitted to Inland Revenue shortly.

Act GT

8 Website

To add minutes.

Act GT

Four page colour supplement on Scarecrow Festival to be added to next HHT. **Act GT**

9 Fund Raising Activities

a. Scarecrow Festival 'March of the Scarecrows'

i. Funds raised. –

Bucket collection on day - £85.92

Bar donations - £25.08

Shop donations - £130.

Sugar Babes donation - £11.

Total - **£252.00**

ii. Agreed that it had exceeded our hopes both financially and as a community activity. GT proposed it be held annually. All **agreed**.

iii. "Facebook" was believed to have been instrumental in publicizing the event and the HH Appreciation Page would be used in future when appropriate.

Act GC

iv. SG had offered to host the display at the Church Summer Garden Party, (1.07.2017). **Accepted**. MM proposed two week display in gardens prior to Garden Party and two weeks after in Churchyard. All agreed. JC to liaise with PCC Social Committee.

Act JC

b. Cuxton Music Group Concert in Church 13.07.2016.

i. Tea & Coffee to be served. Donations invited.

Act JC

ii. Bank Mandates available.

Act GT

c. Applause.

Still awaiting a program. Will need to be an indoor event

Act GT

d. Christmas Tree Festival 10.12.2016.

Usual format.

Act GT

e. Fridge Magnets/Bookmarks etc

Too expensive for just 23 members. Agreed to abandon project.

f. Cake Festival 12.03.2017.

Usual format. Agreed to revert to Sunday as preferred by judges.

Act JC

Promotion of the event including "Facebook" deferred to next meeting.

10 Grant Applications

a. Urgently needed electrical work had been carried out following a safety inspection of the Church. A bill for £6000.00 was anticipated. A verbal request from the PCC for a £2000.00 contribution was agreed in

principle subject to the receipt of a formal letter requesting the sum and a copy of the bill.

- b. Other building needs were discussed including the roof and the temporary repairs that had been carried out but the Planning consent for which had now expired, the roof beams which were suspected to be in need of work but not yet surveyed and the windows. It was agreed that it was for the PCC to identify and prioritize these projects and a proposal that GT should attend a PCC meeting to gain clarification was **agreed.** **Act GT**
- c. The Quinquennial Review a copy of which is held by JC and is also available on the Diocesan web site will offer an expert assessment of the Church building.

11 Date of Future Meetings

- a. 26.09.2016
- b. 9.01.2017
- c. MM proposed, seconded JC, that the next meeting should be held in the Church. Considerable discussion was followed by a vote agreeing the proposal on a trial basis.

12 Any Other Business

None