

FRIENDS OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, HIGH HALSTOW ON 15TH MAY, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Prichard, Chris Peek, Maggie Ryan, Chris Cook, Jane Cook, June Collins, Raymond Collins, Maureen Wellard, Carole Cocup, Mike Meredith, Di Welch

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Tamsin Stowers, Rev. Stephen Gwilt, George Crozer, Wendy Brunt, Ann Judges, Fred Beringer, Hazel Beringer

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4TH JUNE, 2018

The Minutes, having been circulated in advance, were taken as read and duly signed as a record of the Meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mike Meredith reported that it was very encouraging to know that £4,000 has been raised for the Friends of St. Margaret's this year. The Newsletter has been circulated to Members, the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council. Mike Meredith expressed his very grateful thanks to everyone that worked hard so that last year was the most successful for fund raising for the Friends of St. Margaret's. The Chairman stated that in the areas of Finance, Involvement, Membership and Community, the results are all positive with successful outcomes. There will be similar events in the coming year. Mike Meredith said that the Knit and Natter Group would hold a scarecrow making workshop on 5th June, to make a scarecrow. He encouraged the Members to seek to advertise the Friends so that others would join for a minimum fee of £2 per month. Mike Meredith went on to mention the Coffee Tree initiative, which had helped raise funds for the Friends. The Coffee Tree would run from October to April each year and could take place in many different places.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Raymond Collins gave the Financial Report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. Raymond thanked everyone who had subscribed to the Friends and to those who had worked tirelessly to ensure that very event was successful. Grant Applications had been made to the High Halstow Community Lottery, the Friends of Kent Churches and to the Headley Trust. A gift of £2,000 had been received from the Headley Trust to help pay for the restoration of the windows and had been paid directly to the PCC. An application the Heritage Lottery Fund was to be held in abeyance for the time being. In further discussions, the matter of Gift Aid was mentioned, so that twenty five per cent of any donation could be claimed back from the Inland Revenue. The Annual Audit of the Accounts had been completed and signed off.

WEB MANAGER'S REPORT:

The web site was virtually up to date. There was discussion regarding putting the Minutes of the Meetings and Financial Reports on to the web site, but the web site would need to be protected by a password and for Members only. A further discussion took place about ensuring that there were links from the Friends web site to the "Church Near You" web site.

ELECTION OF THE NEW COMMITTEE:

It was reported that Wendy Brunt has resigned from the outgoing Committee. The following Members were nominated and duly elected, without the need for a vote. Mike Meredith, Maggie Ryan, Chris Cook, Jane Cook, Tamsin Stowers, Carole Cocup, Ann Judges

The Committee also comprises of the following Members:-

Ex officio:

Rev. Stephen Gwilt

Parochial Church Council Representatives:

June Collins

Di Welch

Parish Council Representatives:

Raymond Collins

Vacancy

The new Committee would be holding its first Meeting immediately after the Annual General Meeting in order to elect a Chairman, a Treasurer and a Secretary for the Committee.

DATA PROTECTION:

The Statutory Regulations for Data Protection have been studied. The Officers of the Committee are the only people who hold details of the Members of the Friends of St. Margaret's. Every communication sent out electronically is sent to Members individually. The Treasurer is the only person who holds the details of Members' subscriptions.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FABRIC REPORT:

The priority is to continue to restore and repair the windows in the Church. The condition of the roof is being investigated. Everything else is progressing and further Planning Permission for the roof is not needed until 2026. There are queries about the state of the rest of the roof, with concerns regarding the wood work in the Nave.

The Good News is that the asbestos removal will commence on Wednesday 22nd May and that approval has been granted for the windows in the Church to be repaired and restored.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business the Annual General Meeting was closed at 8.20 p.m.

SIGNED:A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Marsh', written in a cursive style.**DATE:1.06.2020**

Approved as accurate record. AGM. 1.06.2020.