

THE FRIENDS OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW
DONHEAD ST ANDREW
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2020
10.15 AM
IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Mr Michael Hockney, Chairman
Mrs Danuta Tagg FCA, Hon Treasurer
Mrs Edrys Barkham

Mr David Hammersley

Mr George Lisle

Members of the Friends, the Church Electoral Roll and village community

Sir Simon Cooper - Church Warden

The Reverend Kevin Martin - Assistant Curate

Mrs Lynda Appleby
Mrs Alexandra Boyle

Mrs Elizabeth Campbell

Lady Cooper
Mrs Janet Elson
Mrs Zillah Gillespie
Mr & Mrs David Hammersley

Colonel and Mrs John Hill

Dr Elizabeth Hockney

Mr Michael Jodrell

Dr Jenny Lisle

Mr Hugh Macdougald

Mr & Mrs John Middleton

Mr Ian Robertson

Major Roly Shaw

Mr Alistair Stoker

Mr Gerald Tagg

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Michael Hockney, welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited questions and comments at any stage during the proceedings.

2. Notice Convening the Annual General Meeting

A notice was circulated to all members of the Friends during the month of January 2020, inviting them to attend the 2020 AGM of the Friends of St Andrew's Church on Saturday 14th March 2020, at 10.15 am.

3. Apologies for Absence

The Chairman confirmed that there were 12 apologies for absence received before the meeting.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th March 2019, were approved without further amendment.

5. Matters arising not covered later in the Agenda

There were none.

6. Report on the Friends' Committee Meetings in 2019

In 2019 the Committee met six times. This was in addition to Committee members playing an active role in planning and running fundraising events.

The signed Minutes of all Committee meetings are available for members of the Friends to view.

7. Financial Reports by the Hon Treasurer

The Hon Treasurer, Danuta Tagg, circulated copies of the financial summary for January to December 2019 and gave a visual presentation showing the sources of funds raised in that year and in the period January to February 2020.

Further slides compared the amount and sources of funds raised each year since 2012 and the amount and sources of the total funds raised to date.

The Hon Treasurer also reported on the Chair Appeal. In 2019 individual chairs continued to be sponsored by village families and people who had previously lived in the village.

Mr George Lisle proposed acceptance of the Report and this was seconded by Mr David Hammersley. The Reports were signed by the Chairman and Hon Treasurer.

8. Report by the Chairman of the Development Committee

Mr George Lisle, Chairman of the Development Committee reported that, apart from a small list of snaggings, the Development Project had been completed by October 2019.

He was pleased to report that both the professional team and contractors have performed well on this project. The standard of workmanship is high. The use of the church from October 2019 onwards in a variety of ways has demonstrated that the original brief has been met.

9. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that 2019 had been another successful year for fundraising for the Development Appeal; in fact it was the most successful year in the history of the Appeal with £242,000 raised. As a result of this, the Development Project had been fully funded.

Looking back over the eight years of the Appeal, it was interesting to note that St Andrew's Church received funding from trusts and foundations:

- with a focus on helping churches equip themselves with better facilities, eg kitchens and lavatories
- which provide funding for resources to make the church a centre of the local community;
- that only helped churches with either a Grade I or Grade II* listing
- which only support Wiltshire-based projects

- which focus only on churches that require urgent repairs.

The Chairman wished to record our thanks to all the Trusts and Foundations that had made possible the realisation of the PCC's Vision for the future of our church serving its rural community. They had contributed over 60% of the money raised. In particular to the charitable trusts that had made two or even, in one case, three grants to our Appeal.

The rest was from our own efforts - events and activities, an appeal to current and former villagers and the PCC's contribution of £78,000 from the sale of a painting, a small share of the Church Fete proceeds and the rest from Fabric Reserves.

The Chairman thanked the following for their support:

- those who organised and helped at events and activities
- Elizabeth Campbell and Jane Hill for running the events Box Office
- Roly and Dee Shaw for running the Fine Wine Raffle at events
- Michael and Chris York for masterminding the Quiz Supper
- Chris York and Ian Robertson for running the Village Produce Stall
- the Friends Committee
- Danuta Tagg and Valerie Walters for their administrative and financial skills
- Alistair Stoker for his support as PCC Treasurer
- Gerald Tagg for his technical and digital wizardry as our Web Master
- Ludwell Village Store, Ansty Farm Shop, Valley News and the Blackmore Vale Magazine for promoting our events
- Over 200 villagers who have helped over the last year in some way or other.

The Chairman then went on to pay a particular tribute to Valerie Walters, the Hon Secretary of the Friends for fourteen years, who had decided to stand down. Her contribution to the Friends and to the Development Appeal had been so important and so valuable. A token of thanks to her would be delivered to her home later that day.

In conclusion, the Chairman expressed everyone's disappointment that the Covid-19 virus has resulted in the cancellation of the wonderful programme of community activities planned for our first full year after re-opening. In particular, Pen Hadow, Art Themen and his Jazz Trio, the exhibition on the persecution of people of faith in the 21st century, the inaugural organ recital and the monthly community Coffee Morning.

10. Election of Officers

Sir Simon Cooper proposed that the Chairman and Hon Treasurer be re-elected for another year. This was seconded by Colonel John Hill and carried unanimously.

11. Election of Committee Members

The committee was re-elected *en bloc*, as proposed by Dr Elizabeth Hockney and seconded by Lady Cooper.

12. Any Other Business

Mr George Lisle wished to thank the Chairman for his efforts with fundraising and running the committee.

13. Proposed Date of Next AGM

Saturday 20th March 2021 at 10.00 am