

Friends of Chulmleigh Parish Church
Minutes of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 3rd September 2019
7pm at 24 Land Park

Present: Kevin Avery (KA); Colin Burls (CB); Sylvia Croucher (SC); Marion Mair (MM); Karen Povey (KP) Reverend Tony Rockey (TR)

Apologies–Margaret Jury (MJ);

1. Welcome

MM welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Minutes – April meeting

There being no issues, the Minutes were duly signed off by MM

3. Matters arising

None

4. Rector's update

TR had been in discussion with Andrew Dart and the next roof inspection is scheduled for the Autumn when Andrew will also inspect the masonry. The relevant elements of the Quinquennial report have also been shared with Andrew and he will endeavour to review these during his inspection.

Steve Gilson will be arranging an inspection of the bell frame.

The Awards for All application was submitted in August, but it is likely to be 10-12 weeks before any outcome is known

SC sought clarification regarding the masonry issue and TR advised that it was on the south east corner of the castellations. A piece of masonry has a crack which will need to be removed, pointed and pinned back.

CB enquired about the fuel tank and TR confirmed that as the existing boiler has been refurbished, and there is no requirement for it to meeting current regulations, it is considered that there is no further action for the time being.

5. Treasurer's report

The Current account balance is £5064.04

The COIF account balance is £31,427.53

There were a small number of subscriptions paid at the AGM but not many others coming through.

AP – KA to provide a list of members, who haven't paid this year's subscription, for the next meeting.

KA's term ended at this year's AGM however, he has kindly agreed to stay in post for the time being. It is very much a paper-based role although some IT knowledge is required for the 'Returns' such as Gift Aid.

As membership has reduced quite considerably due to either members' passing away or moving away, we discussed ways we could recruit new supporters. The following suggestions were made:-

- Article in the Cross Reference and Molton Monthly magazines with emphasis on the urgent need for more income.
- Repeat the mailshot undertaken a few years ago which resulted in one off donations as well as a few new members.

AP – KP to devise some wording for the magazine article and investigate the costs for including an item in the Molton Monthly.

7. Correspondence received

KP passed a cheque to KA from one of the members. She had sent a letter of acknowledgement

8. AOB

MM announced that she would need to step down in her role as Chair of the committee due to personal commitments. This was fully understood by all present and CB offered to take on the post. Proposed by KP, Seconded by KA and All in favour. MM is happy to remain on the Committee which is good news.

At the AGM, Paul Holmes expressed an interest in joining the Committee but not able to take on any official roles. CB to discuss with him and invite to next meeting. He can be co-opted on as a Committee member, although not as a Trustee until the next AGM.

CB enquired about the Church clock which he felt was running sweetly however, KA advised it is running slightly slow and he is trying to find a solution to resolve the issue as opposed to paying Smith of Derby around £2k to repair as our agreement with them is for maintenance only.

Christmas Card – SC has very kindly agreed to progress this once again and KP suggested the image of the Monument that the Friends helped to restore might be a suitable image this year. All in agreement.

AP – TR to email SC with a suitable photograph

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd October, 7pm at The Old Bakehouse

Meeting closed at 8pm.

William Beales

22nd October 2019.