

Friends of Chulmleigh Parish Church
Minutes of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 21 January 2020
7pm at The Old Bakehouse

Present: Kevin Avery (KA); Colin Burls (CB); Sylvia Croucher (SC); Paul Holmes (PH); Margaret Jury (MJ); Karen Povey (KP)

Apologies– Marion Mair (MM); Reverend Tony Rockey (TR)

1. Welcome

CB welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Minutes and Matters arising – December meeting

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

3. Matters arising

PH questioned the need to amend the Constitution as he would be quite happy to simply be co-opted each year as a Committee member. Discussed - agreed that co-opted members should become a Trustee at the following AGM.

4. Church clock

KA advised that the clock is currently working well but permanent repair will be required in the future. PH raised a question about the lighting of the church tower, there is, apparently, a switch to do this and it's probably a case of replacing the bulb.

AP – KP to contact the Rector

5. Outstanding Fees

KA and SC had reviewed all members who paid by standing order or cash. This highlighted that some of those who pay by cash have payments outstanding. SC included a polite reminder in their Christmas cards that this year's instalment is due by 6 April 2020 and it was hoped that this might prompt them to pay the previous outstanding instalment but KA advises nothing received to date.

6. Treasurer's report

Current account - £7282.85

COIF account - £31521.53

KP suggested that some of the funds in the current account could be transferred to the COIF account to earn some interest, albeit small.

7. Rectors report

In the absence of the Rector, regrettably we are unable to progress matters. On return home, KP had received an email from the Rector sending his apologies as he had to attend a PCC in Thelbridge.

CB had written to Sue Croft as a representative of the PCC. She confirmed that his letter was discussed at their meeting on the 14 January but that no decisions were made.

PH suggested that plans for the back of the church include installing a toilet and replacing the kitchen as well as levelling the floor, consequently, it makes sense to do all this at the same time which could be another reason for delay. SC has also heard that the toilet may be situated outside the North Door which would include a void and where there would also be sufficient drainage.

The Friends are keen to support this project and would consider making a contribution towards fees.

CB had received Andrew Dart's invoice for the 2-yearly inspection of all roof coverings and repair work which was quite minimal, dealing with slipped/defective slates. The total invoice is £551.52 including VAT of £91.92. SC suggested that the church usually pays these invoices as they are able to claim the VAT back on the basis that this is then put in to the Fabric Fund. The Friends then reimburse the church.

AP – KA to discuss with Nigel Gosling

It is accepted that TR must be very busy and, therefore, has been unable to or chosen not to attend the last few meetings. It was suggested that a representative does attend future meetings when he is unable to ie church warden, so that matters can be progressed in his absence.

AP – CB to write to the Church Wardens/TR

8. Safari Supper

PH had undertaken considerable investigation following our last meeting and had met with Sue Croft and Stella Parker who are both very willing to be involved with this fund-raising project. He circulated an outline of his findings and plans (see attached). The following venues were suggested:-

Starters – Church/church grounds to include sale of raffle tickets

Mains – Town Hall (PH to confirm provisional booking)

Puddings – London House or may be Kings Arms gardens

Coffee/shortbread – Kings Arms (PH to speak to Neil family) or Rectory

9. Correspondence

Invoice from Andrew Dart

10. Upper churchyard update

In TR's absence, PH confirmed that, as the mower was still available, he would continue to cut the grass for special occasions.

AP – CB to include reference to the churchyard in his letter to the Church Wardens/TR

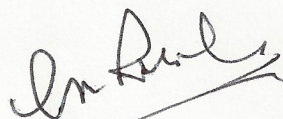
11. AOB

SC had noticed that the Friends leaflets at the back of the church are out of date and will rectify this, thank you Sylvia.

CB had received a phone call from Pauline at the Library to enquire if the Friends still wanted their web page. SC Proposed, MJ Seconded and all in agreement. An invoice for £35 will follow.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 31st March, 7pm at The Old Bakehouse

Meeting closed at approximately 8pm.



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