

Friends of Chulmleigh Parish Church
Minutes of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 22nd October 2019
7pm at The Old Bakehouse

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

Apologies– Reverend Tony Rockey (TR)

1. Welcome

CB welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Minutes and Matters arising – September meeting

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

Church Clock – KA has undertaken a temporary repair job. He feels the quote for repair from Smith of Derby is prohibitive and will endeavour to work on the clock in the next quarter.

Outstanding fees – KA has emailed a list to KP and they will go through together to highlight non-payers so that a gentle reminder can be included in their Christmas card.

New Members – Molton Monthly agreed to include an article in their magazine free of charge. CB and KP have devised an item with quotes and photographs and submitted for inclusion. Hopefully it will be included in the November edition.

AP – KP to email article to Sue Croft for inclusion in Cross Reference

3. Co-option of new Committee Member

Paul Holmes had expressed an interest in joining the Committee at the AGM and was invited to this evening's meeting. Whilst there is a contravention to the Constitution this was put to a vote with 6 in favour and 1 abstention. Accordingly, we welcome Paul to the Committee.

AP – Consider amending the Constitution to allow for Committee members to be co-opted (CB)

Kevin Avery has also completed his time as a Trustee and was willing to stay on as a Treasurer until a replacement was found. However, at the meeting, he agreed to remain in post for a further year and consider further tenure as a Trustee at the next AGM. All in favour.

4. Rector's update

Please accept my apologies for the meeting.

We have had some good news in connection with the Awards for All grant. We have been awarded the full £ 10k for public consultation and development of proposals to enable us to better serve the community. The work on this is due to start in January 2020.

On another note we are also looking into the possibility of obtaining a grant from the section 106 monies to improve the access to the lower church yard with an extension to the lower path and seating to form a memorial garden. This has already gained approval in principle at District Council level but will need County Council approval.

Thank you to the Friends of Chulmleigh Church for their help and support with the maintenance of the building.

PH asked who undertook the building inspection and CB believes it is an architect in Barnstaple, Jonathan Rhind.

PH had noted that there is a window frame in the south west corner that has significant cracks which have worsened over the past couple of years. This may be included in the Quinquennial report.

Items to carry forward from Rector's report:-

Update on roof inspection by Andrew Dart - 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.

Update on bell frame by Steve Gilson - Steve Gilson will be arranging an inspection of the bell frame.

5. Treasurer's report

The Current account balance is £6122.64

The COIF account balance is £31,474.87

MJ had heard from a member whose cheque had not been banked. KA had confirmed non receipt and there was no response from Lesley Drew (former Treasurer). A replacement cheque is being organised.

6. Correspondence received

No correspondence received but KP confirmed that the website and Cross Reference magazine had been updated with the change of Chair.

7. AOB

Christmas Card – SC had kindly produced 3 samples and agreement reached on the DL version.

AP – KP/KA to provide a list of current members for SC to finalise the card and organise printing.

Coffee Morning – CB had received details of our allocated coffee morning for 2020 – 23 May

AP – all to note in your calendars/diary so that we have plenty of help on the day

Fundraising – PH suggested a specific objective, different to the previous appeal, possibly for the roof and CB said there was a long outstanding query regarding the lead.

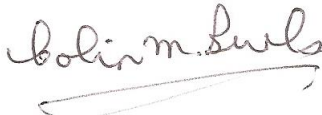
SC suggested awaiting the outcome of the Awards for All application which might throw up some ideas.

PH asked if there was a programme of fundraising events because, generally, fund raising happens by default from individual initiatives. A safari supper and monthly raffle were discussed. It was noted that supporters of the Friends are not necessarily church members.

AP – all to think about ideas to share at the next meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd, 7pm at The Old Bakehouse

Meeting closed at 7:53pm.


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