

FRIENDS OF ST JOHNS CHURCH DENBY

DRAFT MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING

Saturday 10th April 2021 at 10am

In attendance: Peter Swithenbank (chair), Martin Whitbread, Ailsa Gardner, Sue Swithenbank, Gill Tinsdeall, Martin Conlan, Paul Jaworski, Emma Farrington and Helen Stothard

1. Apologies

David and Jane Charlesworth, Stephanie Hunter, Angela and Andrew Marwood, Vera Bell, Dean Wyatt and Diane Brown.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Financial Report (PJ)

FDC funds currently stand at £2,227. Denby Church funds are £2,023.

5. Works etc. (MC)

Martin C. has had one quote for the work needed to the Church roof for between £6,000 to £7,000 minus VAT, and is expecting 2 more quotes shortly. Martin will send the quotes to the PCC. Scaffolding, missing tiles, replacing the flashing, all help to make it an expensive job. It is work required doing urgently as there is already an infestation of Jackdaws and the roof is leaking. Andrew has offered to supply any metal work free of charge which will be welcome.

Diane can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 from the Church of England Fund for this essential work.

Peter has had two quotes for a new alarm system, of £320 and £340 + VAT respectively. It was agreed to go with the cheaper quote and split the cost with the Church PCC.

6. Project Planning (AG, JJ, & SH)

Helen, Ailsa, Emma and Gill agreed to form a subcommittee to discuss a brief for a Logo which Helen can then work on.

The constitution will be dealt with later in the year.

7. Grants (DB)

Diane has applied for a grant of £1,000 from Kirklees Council and a grant of £5,000 from the Bernard Sunley Appeal. Diane will be able to apply for a £10,000 grant from the Lottery soon.

Peter will ask Luke to give an itemised quote for work on the entrance hall for grant applications.

8. Fundraising & Sponsorship (AG)

The hall is booked for the 27th June, 12 noon till 6pm, for afternoon teas in the hall and outside in the grounds, with stall holders set up inside. An Auction is booked for July 17th and we need to publicise both these events shortly to get maximum donations and attendance.

9. Bookings (GT)

The Denby Ladies Group have booked their coffee mornings for the rest of 2021. The school Year 5 leavers have booked their leaving event. Arabella Hirst has booked the Toddler Group in for Friday mornings. An afternoon Keep-Fit class and an evening class will start on 18th May. Denby Knitters would like to use the hall for possibly one evening a fortnight. Tickets for An Evening with The Yorkshire Vet on 2nd October were quickly sold out.

A decision on Janitor duties will be taken at the next meeting.

10. Events

Covered in item 8.

11. Communications (MW, JC, EF & SH)

Helen will meet with Gill, Ailsa and Emma to discuss promoting the Hall and its events.

The Facebook and Instagram pages are running smoothly and once covid restrictions allow more use of the hall, events can be publicised on these pages.

Internet streaming is not viable at the moment.

12. Any Other Business

Joyce sent a thank you card to the FDC for their gifts which Pete read out to the group.

A list of key holders of the Church is required.

Date of next Meeting

The next meeting is the 15th May at 10am on Zoom.

The meeting closed at 11am.