

# FRIENDS OF ST JOHNS CHURCH DENBY

## DRAFT MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING

Saturday 15 May 2021 at 10am

**In attendance:** Peter Swithenbank (chair), Martin Whitbread, Diane Brown, Ailsa Gardner, Sue Swithenbank, Andrew Marwood, Gill Tinsdeall, Emma Farrington and Vera Bell.

### 1. Apologies

Stephanie Hunter, Paul Jaworski, Martin Conlon, Dean Wyatt and Helen Stothard

### 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)

Bank balance stands at £3272.49 which includes the £1000 grant Kirklees Council Community Fund.

### 5. Works etc. (MC & PLS)

Martin is still waiting for a third quote for the roof repairs. Ailsa has found a roofer in Penistone and will talk to Martin regarding obtaining a quote from them. A burglar alarm is to be fitted on the 20 May 2021 – the code for the alarm to be sent to all FDC.

### 6. Project Planning (AG & SH)

Logo was shown and approved. Helen – providing facility to buy tickets online. This should hopefully be up and running next week.

### 7. Grants (DB & SH)

The cost of the next phase is around £35000. Diane has secured £6000. The £1000 awarded from the Kirklees Council One Community Fund has already been received. £5000 has been pledged from Bernard Sunley Foundation which we will draw down once we are ready to proceed. Bernard Sunley gave us £5000 for the previous phase of works.

A further application has been made to the National Lottery for £10000 – we should hear if this has been successful by the end of June 2021. The big lottery have already awarded £19333 so we are grateful for that. Diane has completed some more publicity through their website to try and raise the profile of the hall in an attempt to make our next bid successful but the competition is fierce. An application is also being made to the National Churches Trust for £5000 to help with the cost of the roof repairs.

### 8. Fundraising & Sponsorship (AG)

It is felt that fundraising and sponsorship would be easier if the hall was separated from the church. Peter is going to look into this.

There was a discussion around charges for weddings and whether or not we could obtain a licence for civil weddings. Ailsa has searched the internet but venues tend not to disclose their rates on their websites. We have 120 chairs but no tables. It was suggested that we ask Seatables to look at the space and advise on tables, seating arrangements etc. Storage

would be needed for the tables should we purchase. Round tables would be preferred and they do fold flat which is better for storing.

We would need to look at finish times, noise levels and parking. It was agreed that we would look into offering the space for DIY weddings and not to offer the same as Denroyd Farm.

Gill to speak to the couple who have made enquiries through Stephanie.

## **9. Bookings (GT)**

Gill has shown the facilities to a potential yoga class but they are yet to confirm. Annabelle's Tuesday evening keep fit class is underway and she has also started a gentle class on a Tuesday afternoon.

There are a few bookings including a 30<sup>th</sup> birthday party who are wanting a live band to perform and the Parish Council have re-started their meetings with 3 booked so far.

There was a discussion around cleaning duties and it was agreed to have a rota of volunteers. It was suggested that we have a key box to securely hold the church keys for ease of access. Peter is to purchase one and Andrew has agreed to install it.

## **10. Events (All)**

The village hall picnic event is arranged for Sunday 27 June 2021. A floor plan is prepared. Dean is to sort a bar and Sue confirmed that the Derby Ladies will help. Emma has posted the event on the group Facebook page.

There will be a plant stall outside to raise funds with the group asking for donations of plants. Details of who to contact can be found on the Facebook page.

The Hounds and Horses table top sale will take place on the 17 July 2021 and the auction is arranged for the 17 July 2021.

Auction July 17<sup>th</sup>: The group to approach Dean and Paul for help/advice on how it was organised previously when hosted at the George.

Group to ask Helen if she will oblige with producing flyers for the 2 events and Emma is to arrange a smaller meeting to organise the 2 events.

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

New website is not live as yet but the Facebook posts are up to date for all the up and coming events. Emma has also shared them through other community group Facebook pages.

It was suggested that Angela draft a summary of the minutes/news/updates to post on Facebook and that this be a regular occurrence, say on a monthly basis moving forward.

## **12. Any other business**

None.

Date of next meeting is Saturday 19 June 2021 at 10am via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 11.10am