

# FRIENDS OF ST JOHNS CHURCH DENBY

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 8pm

**In attendance:** Peter Swithenbank (chair), Andrew Marwood (minute taker), Barbara Conlon, Andrew Marwood, Vera Bell, Diane Brown, Sue Swithenbank, Gill Tinsdeall, Martin Whitbread, Ailsa Gardner.

### 1. Apologies

Martin Conlon, Angela Marwood, Dean Wyatt

### 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 (DB)

As at the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 there stands £24,068.58 in the Friends fund with the church funds totalling £196.76. Please see Diane's financial reports.

### 5. Grants (DB)

Diane confirmed that we have £5000 to draw down from the Bernard Sunley foundation, however we will need to present invoices for the lighting project before funds will be released.

Diane has applied to the wind farm grants, however we need to obtain several valid quotes for the entrance project in order to get the funding. .

Again, Peter confirmed for the second month running that the church still needed to give authority and that he had heard nothing yet regarding the 2 faculties applied for.

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

On the basis that we have received no timely objections from the church then we intend to proceed with the installation of the audio visual & lighting system.

The meeting expressed concern that no information regarding the repair of the roof was forthcoming and the potential consequences for water damage in winter.

The cables in the storage cupboard have been tidied, and Peter will now contact Luke to finish off the internals so that we can optimise the use of the available space.

There is now a health and safety concern on the condition of the noticeboard and a risk assessment will be carried out by the group on the condition of the board to check on its safety. It is noted that children leaving school play in this church grounds and the notice board is very heavy should it fall on any individual.

Following Gill's question with regards to using septic tank friendly cleaning products, Barbara has reviewed this and a compliant product is to be purchased.

Further signage is required as soon as possible

- Please turn off the lights – Entrance/Exit Door
- Village Hall Donations – On the box
- Please ensure the heating is left on minimum setting
- To book this venue – Tel: 07552 044894

Discussions should take place with the playgroup once the new coordinator is in place to discuss storage arrangements.

## **7. FOD Organisation**

Peter to contact the archdeacon to discuss the agreements

There is deep disappointment within the FOD group regarding the lack of communication from the church authorities in a timely manner.

The continued work and effort that the group are putting into the church and the planned improvements that are intended to provide an income for the church to benefit both the parishioners and the village we feel is not being recognised.

We continue to have regular monthly meetings with no apologies or representation from the church.

## **8. FOD Events (AG)**

The Folk Day 24<sup>th</sup> July is being organised by The George to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Stalls are to be set up in the church/village hall from 12 noon Sunday or after the church service. Pennants to be put up around the perimeter on Saturday afternoon.

Ailsa to contact Helen re making a flyer naming all the village groups and the events held at the church.

Murder Mystery dinner is planned for September/October. It was agreed that there would be more work involved in organising this event hence more help would be needed. A list of jobs is to be made with the group then asking for volunteers. - This is to be reviewed in September.

Ailsa has dates for the Christmas market, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Plan to erect the tree on the 16<sup>th</sup> and trim party with wine the following evening

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

Calendar year to date revenue from bookings - £4167

Mobile phone for bookings completed Tel: 07552 044894.

Helen Shiggins will be covering bookings for Gill during her vacation in August.

It should be noted that care needs to be taken regarding booking in the calendar, there has been several instances where double booking with a church event and village hall events have clashed causing inconvenience for all parties. Please double check the calendar.

## **10. Church Items**

None.

**11. Any other business**

We require a minute's secretary for the committee. A volunteers is being sought.

**12. Date of next meeting**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the month except August and December

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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