

FRIENDS OF ST JOHNS CHURCH DENBY

DRAFT MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING

Saturday 27th February 2021 at 10am

In attendance: Peter Swithenbank (chair), Martin Whitbread, Diane Brown, Ailsa Gardner, Sue Swithenbank, Andrew Marwood, Gill Tinsdeall, Martin Conlan, Paul Jaworski, Emma Farrington, Vera Bell, Dean Wyatt and Helen Stothard

1. Apologies

Angela Marwood, Joyce Jones, David and Jane Charlesworth, Stephanie Hunter.

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)

Paul Jaworski and Charles Crossland will represent Denby Church on the newly formed PCC, with 2 representatives each from Cumberworth Church and the now closed Church in Denby Dale.

FDC funds currently stand at £2,303. Denby Church funds are £1,483. The Church insurance is £268.74 per month. As funds are low it was agreed that the Church Insurers should be contacted regarding the cost.

5. Works etc. (MC)

The Church Surveyor, in his 5-yearly review, has found 3 areas in the church requiring immediate work, two in the tower and one area on the north side of the roof where tiles are missing. A quote is being obtained.

Martin has produced a Health and Safety file which has been left in the kitchen, also a fire extinguisher and fire blanket, which are required.

The decoration of the toilet area is almost finished, thanks to the volunteers who kindly gave up hours of their free time.

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

A constitution for the FDC committee, outlining the relationship with the PCC has been produced and needs reviewing at the next meeting.

The audio and visual equipment requirements are being finalised, then the 3 quotes can be completed. Some of this funding is available through church grants. Joyce will pursue.

There should be no problem getting the required internet connection.

7. Grants (DB)

Diane is currently applying for a £1,000 grant from Kirklees, and will be applying to the Awards for All lottery in April, and a Bernard Sunley Grant shortly, for work to the entrance.

8. Fundraising & Sponsorship (AG)

Move to next meeting

9. Bookings (GT)

Gill has a few bookings for the Hall, 2 for Saturday June 26th. Those who left deposits are the first being offered the opportunity to rebook their events. The Toddler Group and the Keep Fit Groups should be able to resume by 17th May. As the latest rules/restrictions become clearer the offer of availability of use of the Hall will be displayed on Facebook along with the latest Covid requirements.

10. Events

As the proposed Denby In Bloom is considered too big an event for this year, a Summer Fayre was proposed for the weekend of 26th, 27th June, with the intention of it being a relaxed weekend of get-togethers around the village. Suggestions include the decoration of houses, afternoon teas, plant sales, the annual steam rally, with some afternoon events in the Church grounds and a general move to The George in the evening.

A Horse & Hounds table sale, selling various products over-bought or just not used, and including a tea and cake stall and a raffle for the 10th July.

A Family Fun Day for September 4th with lots of games and amusements, and with the school being invited to participate.

A Christmas Market, running over the weekend of 20th and 21st November, and tied in with The George in the evening. Ailsa will contact last years stall holders and new stalls with different products will be sought.

Suggestions for events people would like, will be asked for on Facebook.

Alison Brook is hoping to rebook the Yorkshire Vet event cancelled last year.

It was proposed that for a fee, artists could display their work at certain events held in the Hall.

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

Once events start happening, it will be a good opportunity for photos and videos to be shown on our website and Facebook page.

Date of next Meeting

The next meeting is the 27th March at 10am on Zoom.

The meeting was closed at 11.10am.