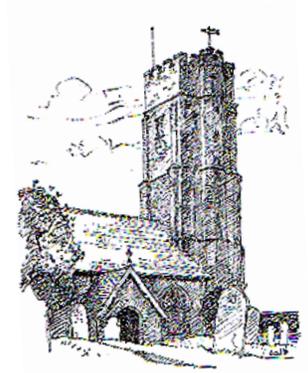


Friends of St. Peter's



Friends of St Peter's Annual General Meeting

Saturday 21 November 2020, by Zoom

MINUTES

Those Present:

- Committee: Rick Kemp (RK – Acting Chairman, outgoing Treasurer), Tim Hailstone (TH - incoming Treasurer), Anne Bailey (AB – Secretary), Suzie Dodsworth (SD), Kevin Sumner (KS)
- Other members: 11

1. Welcome

RK welcomed everyone to the meeting; and explained that he had been asked by Rokie Shiffner (RS) to stand in as Chairman as she was unable to attend. He reminded members that papers had been circulated in advance, and therefore intended to keep the meeting as short as possible.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from: RS, Joan & Trevor Mason, Mary & Michael Bell, Hilary Speed, Josie Hainsworth, Rosemary Scadding, Caroline Sigrist.

3. Minutes of Last AGM (4 May 2019)

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed. Proposed: Sue Tweed, Seconded: Kevin Sumner. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report had been circulated in advance. RK expanded on the following:

- He welcomed the new committee members, Kevin Sumner and Tim Hailstone, and commented that it had been a difficult year, with little activity possible.
- The renovation of the vestry and organ loft windows is now complete and work has now started on the remaining windows in the north wall. RK said that the completion of the windows project would be a major achievement for FOSP, comparable to the work done in 2016 on the tower clock.
- The film night in March 2019 had gone very well, despite slow early ticket sales, but unfortunately no events had been possible since. The village concert planned for April and the visit of the Maesteg Male Voice Choir have been postponed indefinitely, but it is hoped to stage both events at some time in the future.

5. Treasurer's report

The Financial Statement was circulated beforehand; it shows a balance at 31 March 2020 of £17,431.47. RK stated that the balance at 31 October 2020 was £20,294. This increase of some £3,000 is due to collection of annual subscriptions and claim of Gift Aid.

RK noted that, whilst the race night took place before 31 Oct 19 not all receipts and payments had been made before closing the account for Year End, so he had included all transactions for this event in the 2019-20 accounts.

RK stated that, in view of the difficulties of carrying out a handover of the books to Tim Hailstone, who has been in France throughout the summer because of Covid restrictions, he was happy to continue to look after the books, prepare the 2020-21 accounts Gift Aid claim, until the next AGM. AB recorded FOSP's thanks.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mary Newman, seconded by Suzie Dodsworth and approved unanimously.

6. Trustees Nominations/ Election

AB explained that the Constitution requires members of the Committee to stand down annually at the AGM, but they can stand for re-election if willing to do so. This had not taken place in May 2020 and the current Trustees had continued to serve. As all were willing to continue until the AGM in 2021 so it was proposed that they should be re-elected en bloc on this occasion. Proposed: Mary Newman, seconded: Diana Knight and approved unanimously.

7. Projects

RK asked Alison Shaw to explain the current situation with regard to work in the church, in particular referencing the recent Quinquennial review.

Alison started by thanking FOSP for their support and interest in the maintenance of the beautiful church in the heart of the village. She explained that the Quinquennial review by the church architect had identified issues with the roof and guttering, and John Dietz (as churchwarden) is investigating the scope of the work required, and obtaining quotes. Until the scale of this project is known it is not possible to progress plans on the re-ordering, kitchen and WC project, although this is still something she would very much like to do. She will remain in touch with FOSP on progress.

Alison concluded by thanking FOSP for funding the work on the windows. which are looking excellent. RK replied by stating how good it was for members to see a project completed.

8. Fundraising

The current plans for Zoom-based talks in the spring were outlined in the papers circulated. More information about these will be promulgated in due course. AB thanked Mary Newman for volunteering to talk about Start Point Lighthouse.

9. Any Other Business

Some comments had been received in advance, many of which had been covered during the meeting. In addition:

- a. Joan Mason stated that, as magazine Editor, she was happy to support FOSP with publicity for events and general information. The meeting expressed their thanks: this could prove very valuable when funds for the next major projects are being sought.
- b. Teri and Gary Larsen offered to give the church gates a brush down and paint in better weather in 2021. Alison was very grateful for this offer.
- c. Mary Newman asked if a working party could be organised to clear the churchyard paths, and if drainage could be considered. The churchyard continues to be a major concern; though actually the responsibility of the PCC it is brought up at every FOSP AGM. Alison undertook to bring it to the attention of the PCC. FOSP have already offered funds towards using the Community Rehabilitation Group to undertake some work, but it has not been possible to contact them. FOSP would also be willing to consider helping towards costs of, say, drainage, subject to scope and quotation.
- d. Rosemary Minshall requested that the invoice for the windows work should be obtained as soon as possible, so that it can be processed and the VAT refund grant be claimed from the

Listed Places of Worship Scheme. We understand that this Scheme might not be operational after 31 March 2021. Rosemary was advised to ask John Dietz who is responsible for the contract with the supplier. (Post meeting note: FOSP has agreed in the past that contributions to projects should be net of VAT, but if the church was unable to obtain the LPOW grant then FOSP should be approached for further help to meet these costs.)

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled in late April / early May as usual, in person if possible, otherwise by Zoom.

AB
21 Nov 20