

FRIENDS OF LEEDS AND BROOMFIELD CHURCHES

Registered Charity 1080363

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 27 October 2016 at 3.30pm

In St Nicholas' church, Leeds

Present : Christine Sharp (Chair), Jan Enever (Treasurer), Mike Evans, Jenny Hoy, Rev Steven Hughes, Amanda Page, Pauline Royer, Martin Sharp, Judi Taylor (Secretary), Harriet Irwin, Jake Irwin.

Welcome and Apologies

Christine welcomed Rev Steven Hughes, who as our new incumbent Vicar would become President of the Friends. Brian Hardy, Michelle Webb sent apologies.

1. Minutes of 2015 AGM

All present who were at the last meeting on Thursday 21 October 2015 agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record and approved them and Christine Sharp signed them.

2. Matters Arising

All actions from 2015 AGM completed. Minutes are now, after approval and exclusion of anything confidential, put on the website.

It had been decided last year to make the AGM an afternoon meeting rather than an evening meeting so that hopefully more members would attend. We also agreed to offer free tea/coffee and homemade cakes to all attendees. This had been advertised locally but still we had had little success in attracting more attendees.

3. To Receive the Annual Report

The Chairman began by thanking all the Committee for their hard work during the year especially Jan for the excellent accounts, Jenny for the great event work and Judi for the admin support and for editing the Newsletter. She also thanked Mike and Judi for all their hard work on the plums which had brought in another good result supported by Tom Hoy and Richard Stileman who helped set up the stall each day and erect the notices. Christine further reported that we had had another very good year, we had a strong membership and a hard working committee, we had raised over £75K during the years that we had been in existence as a Charity and now had a membership of 116 – sadly some members had died during the year and others had moved away but some new members had been gained from initiatives in the Village Magazine and from Mike's mailings. Judi Taylor proposed that we accept the Annual Report and Martin Sharp seconded. Unanimous agreement.

4. To Approve the Certified Accounts and Approve the Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer drew attention to the files of accounts which were available at the meeting for inspection if anyone would like to look at them. She said she was very grateful to Applied Accountancy our Independent Examiners who turned round the examination of our accounts very quickly and were excellent value for money.

There were no questions on the accounts and that being so Mike Evans proposed that the Certified Accounts were accepted and Martin Sharp seconded this proposal. There was unanimous agreement to this from the members present.

5. Election of Honorary Officers

The following members had been nominated as Honorary Officers for the coming year :

- Christine Sharp – Chair
- Judi Taylor – Vice Chair

- Jan Enever – Treasurer
- Pauline Royer – Secretary

There were no other nominations for any of the Honorary Officer roles, therefore Mike proposed the election of the above members and Martin seconded this proposal and all present agreed.

Christine stressed that this would be her last year as Chair and we would need to look for a new candidate next year.

6. Election of Committee Members

The following members continue on the committee in their three year term: Jenny Hoy, Michelle Webb. Martin Sharp, Amanda Page and Mike Evans were nominated for re-election to the committee, all the above members were unanimously elected.

7. To Appoint an Accounts Examiner and to Determine their Remuneration

Jan Enever proposed that Applied Accountancy be re-appointed as our Accounts Examiner – they had always been very helpful and supportive and their fees at £60+VAT were extremely reasonable. Mike Evans seconded this proposal which was carried unanimously.

8. To Agree the Annual Subscription

Last year it was proposed that any new member joining should be asked to pay £12 and any existing member not already paying £12 or more should be asked to amend their standing order to a minimum of £12. In light of this recent change to the subscription it was decided to leave it at £12 per member for the coming year.

9. Any Other Business

Christine mentioned that of course our Churchwardens are welcome to attend our meetings at any time.

10. Venue of Next AGM

AGM 2017 to be held in St Margaret's church, Broomfield on Thursday 19 October 2017, Committee to decide timing.