

FRIENDS OF LEEDS AND BROOMFIELD CHURCHES

Registered Charity 1080363

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.30pm

At Church Farm, Broomfield

Present : Jan Enever (Treasurer), Mike Evans, Amanda Page, Pauline Royer, Christine Sharp (Chair), Martin Sharp, Richard Stileman (Vice chair)

Apologies: Judi Taylor (Secretary) Michelle Webb.

Minutes of last meeting

All agreed the minutes of 21 October 2015 were a correct record of the last committee meeting and Christine signed them.

Matters Arising

All actions from the last meeting had been completed or would be covered below or in the agenda items.

Welcome pack for new residents – The council have no plans to do welcome packs for new residents. It was decided to leave this for now.

Peter Coleman has decided to step down from the Friends committee. Christine has already written and thanked Peter for his hard work and commitment to the Friends over the years

Appointment of Social Secretary, Membership Secretary and Website/Publicity Manager

Initially Jan will contact Clive to see how many 'hits' the Friends website has had. Payment has increased for the Domain to £46.00 per annum. Clive's charges have increased to £26.00 and it was decided to continue with this for the year.

Action : JE

As yet there has been no decision on who will take over the role of website/publicity manager – this is to be discussed at the next meeting. Mandy offered to produce some posters, through her son, for the forthcoming Flower Festival **Action : AP**

Reports and Plan

- *Treasurer's Report*

£ 6,306.96 Current Account
£32,167.51 Deposit Account
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£38,474.51 TOTAL

- *Membership Secretary Report*

Mike reported that we now have 117 members and a number of people have increased their subscriptions.

- *Social Secretary Report*

Flower Festival

The flower festival is to go ahead and has been confirmed for the weekend of the 25/26 June at Leeds Church. Jenny will contact local flower arrangers and institutions and invite them to exhibit at the festival.

Mandy will help Jenny arrange this and also help arrange tea and cakes.

Action: JH/AP

Richard will put Jenny in contact with Gill Gray who successfully arranged a flower festival at East Sutton to gain ideas etc from her. Richard will also circulate a list of flowers associated with Shakespeare and his plays **Action:RS**

It was decided to abandon the Teddy Drop from the flower festival, however discussions around including the children, range from painting/poetry competition and/or dressing up as a Shakespeare character. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Christine agreed to contact the schools once Jenny had been in touch with the flower arrangers. **Action CS**

It was also suggested that the helpers dressed up as Shakespearean characters.

Other Events for 2016

Plum picking – Richard confirmed that Simon and Cynthia have confirmed they are happy for this to go ahead again this year. Dates to be confirmed nearer the time.

Jan also suggested inviting local groups such as the WI to decorate a Christmas Tree and display this in Leeds Church. They will be able to take the opportunity to advertise their 'groups' etc at the same time. This will be considered later in the year.

PCC Fabric Update

Report from Brian – Diocesan approval has been received for the addition of the 6th bell at Broomfield, however there is no date as yet.

Bidding has re-opened for grants for roof repairs. Brian has initiated a request, and is well through the application for a grant for the Leeds roof repairs. This has to be submitted by 20th February. The architect's estimate for the work in 28,000 +VAT (VAT will probably be recoverable)

Leeds church has been put on the English Heritage 'buildings at risk' register. This is not a criticism of us, but is intended to give support for grant applications.

It was discussed at the meeting that perhaps the Friends could offer to contribute to a few things such as a new kitchen at Leeds, microphones in the church, heating, lightening conductor on the roof of the church. It was agreed to wait until requests for contributions are made by the PCC. Again this is to be discussed at future meetings.

Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss

Confidentiality

It was not felt that anything discussed at this meeting needed to be considered as Confidential.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 31st March 2016 at 7.30pm at Church Farmhouse, Broomfield.