

FRIENDS OF LEEDS AND BROOMFIELD CHURCHES

Registered Charity 1080363

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2015 at 8.00pm

At St Margaret's church, Broomfield

Present : Jan Enever (Treasurer), Mike Evans, Amanda Page, Pauline Royer, Christine Sharp (Chair), Martin Sharp, Judi Taylor (Secretary).

Apologies: Peter Coleman, Jenny Hoy, Richard Stileman (Vice Chair), Michelle Webb.

Minutes of last meeting

All agreed the minutes of 29 July 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.

Judi confirmed that the confidential item had been deleted from the minutes of our meeting on 8 April before the minutes were put on the website.

Quote for guttering repairs at Leeds still awaited from Brian Hardy.

Welcome pack for new residents – nothing happening on this at present, Mike will follow up when appropriate.

Action : HME

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

Jenny Hoy had agreed to be proposed as Social Secretary with Amanda Page as her assistant, Mike Evans agreed to carry on with the role of Membership Secretary and Peter Coleman was proposed as Website/Publicity Manager. All agreed with these appointments subject to Peter confirming his appointment at the next meeting.

Reports and Plan

- *Treasurer's Report*

£ 6,422.14 Current Account

£32,113.83 Deposit Account

£38,535.97 TOTAL

- *Membership Secretary Report*

Mike reported that 2 new members were produced by the Friends centre spread in the September Village magazine and a good number of members have responded to his letter which was sent out with the Annual Report and Newsletter requesting members to increase their standing orders to the new subscription level of £12 per annum.

- *Social Secretary Report*

Plums Closeout Report : £3,503 was raised in 2015 and over the last 7 years of Plum Picking we have raised the grand total of £21,400 of revenue.

Christine thanked all the Committee and particularly Mike and Judi for their work in organising and supporting the Plums event which had been a great success. She had written again to thank Simon and Cynthia for donating their plum orchard for the seventh year in succession. The new noticeboards had been a very good investment and would last for several years to come.

Mike suggested adding a small sticky label to the back of the Plum signs for next year which gives the Friends' details in case anyone wanted to know who was erecting the signs. This would cost less than £10. Agreed by all.

Mike also said he would like to issue spare copies of the Newsletter to visitors to the plums to encourage them to join us. This was agreed. Mike also proposed that if the plums go ahead again next year we look at investing in a new gazebo which is easier to put up because the current one had become very tattered over the years and was now very difficult to put up and take down each weekend. It was decided to look at this suggestion next year when planning for the Plums started.

Events for 2016

Flower Festival –

After a short discussion on the timing of this event it was decided to go for the weekend of 25/26 June 2016 and Judi to confirm the availability of these dates with the PCC. **Action : JT**

Possible themes for the event were Shakespeare's death and the Queens 90th birthday. Most favoured the Shakespeare theme. We would request a donation at the door for a brochure giving details of each flower display and also entitling the visitor to a cup of tea or coffee. We would then sell homemade cakes to the visitors to go with their tea or coffee.

A dedicated organiser would be needed for the Teddy Parachute event in order to ensure safety up the Tower and involvement of the two schools. It was suggested that as Peter had suggested this event we should ask him to become the Teddy Parachute organiser. Judi to email him to confirm. **Action : JT**

It was suggested that the schoolchildren could seek sponsorship for their Teddies from friends and relatives and half the money raised from this sponsorship could go to the school and the other half to the Friends. We should also consider making an entry fee for the Teddies per jump. Pauline and Amanda volunteered to help with this.

It was suggested that Richard and Jenny should contact flower arrangers as soon as the PCC had approved the event. **Action : RS/JH**

Other Events for 2016

It was decided to defer discussion about further events in 2016 until the next meeting but suggestions were : Silent Auction, an event at Leeds Castle or a Barn Dance. It was felt a Safari Supper was too difficult to get hosts for the various courses.

PCC Fabric Update

See report attached from Brian Hardy re current issues. There were no requests at present for grants from the Friends and several quotes were awaited. No action seemed to be needed at present from the Friends. Other suggestions from the Committee members were a loo and a small kitchen for Broomfield church and improved heating in Leeds church. Further discussion next time.

Any Other Business

Christine again thanked all the Committee for their hard work over the last year and Judi thanked Christine for her commitment as Chair during the last 4 years and for agreeing to stay on for another year.

Confidentiality

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

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 January 2016 at 7.30pm at Church Farmhouse, Broomfield.