

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tresham Church Committee, held at Talbot Court Farm at 7.30pm, 6 January 2015.

Present: David Bradbury, Richard Goodenough (chair), Susan Whitfield

Apologies: Rev. Christine Axford, Rev. Rob Axford, Janet Bradbury, Julian Carter, Richard Graham, Mary Kingston, Richard Kingston, Annabel Mills.

- 1. Apologies** **Action**
Apologies were received.

- 2. Minutes of last meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2014 were **approved** and signed.

- 3. Matters Arising**
Re 3. Notwithstanding that RK had previously said he did not need to receive a letter thanking him for cutting the grass, the Committee expressed its thanks.
Re 7. RG reported that at the last renewal we had increased our excess from £250 to £500, as agreed.
Re 8. The summer Evensong had been a great success and it was proposed to repeat it. SW
Re 11. RG to make an oak peg to prevent the latch from engaging, in the hope that this would allow the door to shut automatically and to facilitate entry by visitors. RG
Re 13. It was still intended to do more to make the church more welcoming. To begin with a new notice board is required to go inside the lobby. SW to invite John Ponter to make one – the church would pay for the materials. SW
Re 16. SW was welcomed to the meeting in her capacity as Church Warden, having taken over from DB during 2014. DB was thanked for his contribution over many years.

- 4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts**
 - a. RG reported an overall surplus of £898: £177 from the General Fund plus £721 from the Restricted Fund. Total Funds now stand at £17,640 to which can be added the £7,736 surplus on our investment in The Church of England Investment Fund. RG will ask Phillipa Ellis to examine the Report and Accounts, which were otherwise **approved**. RG was thanked for their preparation.
 - b. A small deficit of some £50 on the General Fund is anticipated for 2015, in the absence of a significant fundraising event.

- 5. Donations to Charities**
It was **agreed** to donate £25 to each of the original four charities: Acorn Children's Hospice, Cotswold Care Hospice, Glos Historic Churches Trust and Winston's Wish. This is in accordance with our policy to support charities which benefit parishioners. These donations are covered by the Christmas Service collection. RG

- 6. Parish Share**
An increase of 3.0% has been accepted by the PCC which would take our contribution from £606 to £624 – this was **approved**.

7. Services 2015

- a. DB's proposals were **approved** and he would seek approval from RA. DB
- b. RMG would publish details on www.tresham.org.uk and www.achurchnearyou.com . RMG
- c. JB would shortly issue the flower rota and this would be similarly published. JB

8. Plaque in Memory of David Gardner

- a. The plaque had been erected beneath that of David's father.
- b. SW would agree with Margaret Gardner the date of the commemorative service. SW
- c. RG could produce a service sheet for approval, once the wording is agreed. RG

9. Quinquennial Inspection

- a. It was agreed there should be another churchyard tidy-up, prior to the Evensong event. SW to advise date. SW
- b. RG pointed out the down pipe needed to be brought into the drain.

10. Path

Improving the path was discussed with suggestions of hoggin or stone as suitable . SW
Grants may be available.

11. Sycamore Tree

The outcome of our appeal to have it cut down and replaced is awaited. SW

12. Fundraising

- a. It was thought better to hold a major fundraising event every three years and therefore to consider this next year.
- b. In view of the sound state of the finances it was not thought appropriate to push planned giving. However, there are several projects which would need extra funding. SW and DB would draw up a list and prepare suitable descriptions which RG would put on the website. SW/DB
RG

13. Office Elections

RG will continue as Treasurer and Philippa Ellis as Independent Examiner. All were thanked for their contribution.

14. Any Other Business

RG was thanked for hosting the meeting and, there being no other business, the meeting closed at 22:00.