

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tresham Church Committee at 7.30pm, 27 January 2025 at Talbot Court Farm

**Present:** David Bradbury, Richard Goodenough (chair), Rev Lesley Hewish, Mary Kingston, Simon Lee, Kay Pettifer and Susan Whitfield

**Apologies:** Janet Bradbury

	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Minutes of last meeting</b> held on 27 February 2024 were <b>approved</b> and signed.	
<b>2. Matters Arising</b>	
a. 8 Fundraising SW suggested starting a Friends of Tresham Church to help fund fabric repairs. It would also help those who don't come to church to nevertheless maintain a link with the church. SW is still planning on approaching a few people for a regular donation. LH asked what is the program of capital repairs. SW said first to complete repairs to the ceiling and roof, then level the floor to dry out the building, then to replace seating and perhaps provide a toilet. DB said that Tresham band was keen to perform and perhaps could join in with the Harlequintet performance in MK's Garden on 27th of July. MK to enquire. Other fundraising ideas included a plant sale, repeating Rosie's tea if she is willing, and perhaps some sort of agricultural events like ploughing.	SW  SW  MK
b. 10c. The quote for extending the guttering along the South facing wall proved to be far too expensive.	
c. 10d. SL had purchased a bench and installed it on the south-facing wall. It cost £460 and was funded by Hillesley & Tresham PC £250, and Tresham Village Hall fund £210.	
<b>3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts</b>	
a. RG summarised the financial position. The General Fund made a surplus of £551; donations and Gift Aid were £360 higher than last year; and whilst payments were generally higher they were offset by no professional fees £906.	
b. Our total worth stands at £50,702, up £2968.	
c. The Report and Accounts were <b>approved</b> .	
d. RG to publish the Report and Accounts on <a href="http://www.tresham.org.uk">www.tresham.org.uk</a> .	RG
<b>4. Budget and Parish Share for 2025</b>	
SW reported that the Alderley with Tresham Parish Share had been agreed at £6834 for 2025. She wished to offer a contribution of £800 from Tresham and this was agreed. This will take our budgeted deficit to £540 and can just be afforded out of the surplus for 2024 of £551. RG will circulate the budget to Committee members. He believes that our Parish Share should not take us beyond a budgeted deficit greater than the previous year's surplus; and that wherever possible it is important to build up a surplus to meet the cost of future repairs.	
<b>5. Programme of Services and Flower Arranging</b>	
This was agreed in principle; DB to confirm. RG to update Tresham's website.	DB/RG

<b>6. Office Elections</b>	
RG will continue as Treasurer and Philippa Ellis as Independent Examiner. Both RG and PE were thanked for their contribution.	
<b>7. Other Business</b>	
a. SW enquired about the cost of electricity. RG established after the meeting that our contract with SSE is Day 32p and Night 27p, incl vat of 5%.	
b. SW asked if Safeguarding could be given more prominence on the Tresham Village website. RG would ask if his son, Conrad, would do this.	
c. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.	