

St James the Less Church, Tatham

Minutes of the 17th Friends Meeting on 11th July 2016 (Draft)

Held at The Bridge Inn, Tatham, at 7.30 pm

Present	Colin Burford (Chair), Liz Quine (Treasurer), Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), Mel Winstanley, Mike Winstanley, Carol Emmett, Chris Berry, Dorothy Clark, John Holt, Paul Whatmough, Linda Kirkby, Sue Dawson, Rita Murphy, Sue Wood, Richard Sanderson, John Harrison, Barbara Harrison, Kathy Walker, Irene Kellsall, Steve Loy – 20 members
Apologies	Jenny Herd, Rebecca Sanderson
Chair	Colin welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting..
Minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th May 2016 were agreed as a true record.
Matters Arising	The organ has now been removed from the church.
Secretary's Report	Margaret reported that there had been no changes in the membership since the previous meeting. Margaret is currently uploading the requisite information online from the Annual General Meeting to the Charity Commission.
Treasurer's Report	<p>The General Account currently stands at £9452.</p> <p>The Queen's 90th Birthday Garden Party at Wennington Hall School raised £1024 but there are some proposed donations to come out of this amount. Discussion then took place regarding contributions to Hornby Institute for the loan of bunting, Wray Institute for chairs, etc., and a financial contribution to Wennington Hall School to be used at the discretion of the Headmaster. Paul Whatmough proposed and Barbara Harrison seconded that £50 should go to the school, £30 to Wray Institute and £20 to Hornby Institute. All found in favour.</p> <p>The 100 Club now has 104 members and the draw for July will take place after this meeting.</p>
Events Sub Group / Fund Raising	<p>It was agreed by all that the Queen's 90th Birthday Garden Party had been a great success despite the weather! It had been a mammoth organisational task and Rita thanked the Trustees for their help.</p> <p>Barbara reported that the next proposed events were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Last Night of Tatham Proms to be held on a Saturday evening in either October or November. Mel Winstanley pointed out that Tatham

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	<p>Historical Society had booked the church around that time and to check available dates before confirming with the orchestra from QES Kirkby Lonsdale.</p> <p>2. An afternoon of sacred music with the Levens Choir to be held on Sunday, 26th February 2017. The concert will start at 14:30 and the choir will join the congregation for tea and cake. The cost of the choir is £150.</p>
<p>PCC Report</p>	<p>Linda Kirkby reported that the Jazz & Fizz Night had raised £1459.95 and thanked everyone for their help. It was agreed that it had been a very enjoyable evening with a super band and excellent food.</p> <p>A “Welcome” leaflet has been produced by Chris Berry giving newcomers to the area details of churches and other services such as doctors, schools, transport, etc.</p> <p>Linda said that now the organ had been removed, it had opened up a super space within the church and she had only received positive comments about it. She thanked Paul Whatmough for his window cleaning and decorating services.</p> <p>11 pew cushions have now been installed and, again, received positive comments.</p> <p>The faculty to carry out the proposed work inside the church was received last week but they are still waiting for building regulations approval. To recap £4800 is needed for the brew point and £1500 for the cupboard doors. The PCC has nominated Tony Sedgewick as their preferred supplier for the doors. This is due to their previous past experience with Tony and the quality of his work. As the work is to be carried out in an historical building it needs, of necessity, to be of the highest standard. However it has been decided to prioritise the toilet and defer the brew point and cupboard doors to a later date as funds permit. The PCC estimate £3000 for the work and hope that some work can be carried out by volunteers. The electrical work will of necessity need to be done by a sub-contractor. Linda Kirkby and Sue Dawson have been looking at the sanitary ware needed and have decided on Pack M for a disabled toilet. Richard Sanderson will project manage the work.</p> <p>As yet no response has been received from the Headley Trust to the PCC request for a grant towards the improvements.</p> <p>Discussion then took place regarding the funding available from the Friends for the works to be carried out. It was proposed by Paul Whatmough and seconded by Irene Kelsall that Linda would write formally to the Friends requesting the funding and explaining the PCC’s priorities and preferred suppliers. Subject to</p>

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	<p>receipt of this request, the Friends agreed in principle to funding a maximum of £8,000. All attendees were in favour of this proposal.</p> <p>Sue Dawson advised that the vestry would need clearing prior to the commencement of any work being carried out.</p> <p>Paul Whatmough asked whether the PCC would consider having B4RN installed in the church.</p> <p>Linda advised that there would be a picnic after the 11:00 service on Sunday, 31st July. People should bring their own food and, weather permitting, this would be held outside in the church grounds. This invitation was open to all and would also include the other churches in the benefice.</p> <p>John Holt mentioned that a booklet was being produced giving information about all the churches in the benefice. Also, MENCAP were not using the old Tatham School building and that contact had at last been made with the charity about this. It should revert to the church at no cost.</p>
Projects Sub Group	Awaiting requests from the PCC for any assistance with the proposed work.
Publicity Sub-Group	Copy now requested for the Summer newsletter, together with photographs of the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations and the Jazz & Fizz night. Mel Winstanley has requested permission from Melinda Elder to photograph the church decked out with flowers for her daughter's wedding and also consent to use these photographs in future publicity of St James the Less Church.
AOB	Rita Murphy asked whether it would be possible to plant an oak tree in remembrance the anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. Linda Kirkby promised to raise this with the PCC.
Date of next meeting	19:30 on Monday, 5th September 2016 at The Bridge Inn, Tatham.

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