

Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

Meeting on 13th July 2020 at St James the Less Church

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| Present: | Colin Burford (Chair), Paul Whatmough (Treasurer), Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), John Parkinson, Rebecca Sanderson, Sue Wood, Chris Berry, Mel Winstanley, Richard Sanderson, Linda Kirkby - 10 members |
| Apologies: | Jenny Herd, Rita Murphy, Kathy Walker |
| Chair: | Colin Burford welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting following the AGM. Due to the pandemic and the national lockdown, this was the first opportunity for the Friends to hold a business meeting since March 2020. However Colin reminded the attendees that they should maintain social distancing and that the meeting would be limited to matters that need resolution and the meeting would be conducted quickly. |
| Resignation of Chair | Colin Burford announced his resignation as Chair of the Friends. |
| Appointment of New Chair | As the Secretary had not received any nomination for Chair, Paul Whatmough stood from the floor and agreed to stand as Trustee, Chair and Treasurer. All found in favour. |
| Minutes: | The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 9 th March 2020 were agreed as a true record. |
| Matters Arising: | The PCC has agreed that Ged Kelbrick should be contacted and requested that he contact his neighbour and arrange for aerial photography of the church to take place. Margaret agreed to do this. Due to the pandemic it was agreed that the Leyland Brass Band concert should be rescheduled. Margaret said she would speak to Rita and ask her to contact the band and discuss this with them. The publication of the church newsletter will be discussed at the PCC meeting. |
| Secretary's Report: | Nothing to report. |
| Treasurer's Report: | Paul advised that the PCC would need in the near future to settle the invoice for the roof of the cellar steps and this would happen before the Friends were likely to meet again. He asked for approval to pay up to 50% of the total costs as long as these did not exceed £11,000. Proposed by Paul and seconded by Rebecca Sanderson. All found in favour. |

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| PCC Report: | On behalf of the PCC Linda expressed the sorrow felt by all at the loss of John Holt who had been a stalwart of the PCC and a founder member of the Friends. Linda also expressed her heartfelt thanks to Colin for all his efforts on behalf of the Friends. |
| Joint Committee: | No report |
| Events: | No events can be planned due to the coronavirus pandemic. |
| Publicity: | No report |
| Any Other Business: | Paul sincerely thanked Colin for his invaluable contribution to the Friends over many years. He presented Colin with a bottle of whisky and advised that once restrictions on social gatherings had been lifted and Colin had had his hip replacement operation then there would be a more appropriate thank you taking place. |
| Date of Next Meeting: | To be advised. |