

St James the Less Church, Tatham

Minutes of the 4th Friends Meeting on 14th July 2014

Held at the Bridge Inn, Tatham, at 7.30pm.

Present	Carl Hunter (Acting Chair), Linda Kirkby, John Holt, Sue Marsden (Secretary), Liz Quine, Rita Murphy, Kate McDonald, Sue Wood, John Harrison, Barbara Harrison, Jenny Hird, Mike Winstanley, Mel Winstanley, Mark Cannon, Paul Whatmough, Margaret Whatmough, Clare Danz, Kathy Walker – 19 people
Apologies	Colin Burford (Chair), Rebecca Sanderson, Richard Sanderson, Chris Berry
Minutes	The minutes of the previous minutes were agreed as a true record
Matters Arising	John has taken Richard Sanderson for a tour of the Church. Mike Winstanley has still not had the tour.
Projects Sub Group	<p>John Harrison presented the latest options and costs for a new kitchen and new wc. A meeting of the Church PCC had been held on 13th July which asked the Friends to focus on the development of plans for a new building on the North wall with access from the church. A cheaper option of a kitchenette within the church and replacing the current loo with a septic tank system were also agreed by the PCC.</p> <p>It was agreed that a new heating system is a priority and Wheildons have been to look at the options. The current boiler space would fit a new boiler system which could be a biomass system. Radiators and pipes would need to be installed through the church.</p> <p>A discussion with the Diocese is needed to define which options would be allowed regarding siting of the kitchen and wc.</p> <p>There was extensive discussion on the siting of the projects, the value of investing such a large amount in these new facilities. It was suggested that the site of the organ should be revisited as an option because this would reduce the cost of building externally and would also allow easy access without having to make a door in the church wall.</p> <p>There was concern that the projects are not maximising the offers of labour from the Friends which could considerably reduce the costs.</p>
Website Sub Group	<p>The website is running well and is kept updated constantly by Chris Berry. There are now links to Tatham Council, Tatham History Society, Wennington Council and other local websites.</p> <p>The minutes of Friends Meetings and PCC Meetings will be put onto the website, once they have been agreed at the following Meeting.</p>
Constitution Sub Group	<p>It had been suggested that the Friends could be a sub-group of the PCC. The discussion emphasised that this was not the wish of the group and a previous meeting of the Friends had confirmed that they should be a separate charity, removed from the religious affinities of the PCCC.</p> <p>The need for having Trustees was not seen to be a problem as only 3-4 would be needed and there are several people within the Friends who would be willing to do this and have experience from other charities.</p>
Events Sub Group	<p>The Events Committee had been shown round Wennington Hall School to see what facilities are available. There are several good spaces and the Hall can take 120 people. However, the system for booking an event is not straightforward and we would need to apply for an event and this would need to be at times that would fit in the School use .</p> <p>The St Lawrence Choir has been re-arranged for spring 2015</p>
Date of next meeting	Monday 18 th August at the Bridge Inn at 7.30pm

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Minutes circulated by Sue Marsden, 14th August 2014