

# Friends of St James the Less Church, Tatham

Meeting on 10th July 2017 at

The Bridge Inn, Tatham

Present	Colin Burford (Chair), Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), Paul Whatmough (Treasurer), Linda Kirkby, John Holt, Chris Berry, Rita Murphy, Dorothy Clark, John Parkinson, Sue Wood, Barbara Harrison, Richard Sanderson, Rebecca Sanderson, Steve Loy, Lesley Loy, Carol Emmett, Sue Marsden, Mel Winstanley – 18 members
Apologies	Jenny Herd, John Harrison, Mike Winstanley
Chair	Colin Burford welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting.
Minutes	The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Mel Winstanley and seconded by Lesley Loy.
Matters Arising	The electrical supply to the submersible pump is still outstanding.  John Holt has little progress to report regarding Entwistle House. The next step was to get it registered on the Land Registry.
Secretary's Report	Margaret reported that the Chairman's Annual Report and the Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2016 has been filed with the Charities Commission.  Margaret will let Mel Winstanley have the email from Carole Butcher relating to the situation with licences for live music in the church.  A leaflet regarding the Friends is to be designed to promote the Friends' charity and work done.
Treasurer's Report	The Summer Luncheon held at Richard & Rebecca Sanderson's house raised a magnificent £1320.  Transfers totalling £653.25 have been made from the 100 Club account into the General Account relating to the May and June draws.  No payments have been made and the current balance in General Account is £10,300.50.  The total income to the General Account from the start of the Friends to 10th July 2017 is £17,629.78 of which £8,794.50 has been raised by the 100 Club. 100 Club prizes totalling £4,735.00 have been paid.  Paul Whatmough proposed and Colin Burford seconded that a grant of £4,000 from the Friends to the PCC should be made to cover costs of Work In Progress to 10th July. This was carried by the meeting, nil against, one abstention.

PCC Report	<p>Linda Kirkby thanked the Friends on behalf of the PCC for organising a wonderful Summer Luncheon and achieving such a super total.</p> <p>Linda also thanked the Friends for the money transferred to clear outstanding amount owing.</p> <p>The church is now being used regularly by the Upholstery Group and the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.</p> <p>New mugs and cloths have been donated. Metal racks are to be fitted for storage of the mugs, etc.</p> <p>Richard Sanderson has repaired the hole in the porch roof and the wall over the brew station with lime plaster.</p> <p>The cupboard doors are still work in progress.</p> <p>Tony Sedgwick will make cupboard doors to go above the toilet. He has taken away the front of a pew to make a meter box. All this work should cost less than £1500.</p> <p>The new stone step is being picked up this Friday and handrails will be fixed outside the door into the vestry.</p> <p>Three pews have now been sold at £150 each and there is still one left. £1860 was raised at the funeral for Kay Burrows which was split between the church and Cancer Care. The quote for the new chairs from Rosehill Furniture is for £1027 + VAT and the money from the sale of the pews and the contribution by the Burrows family will go towards the cost of the chairs. It is hoped that the VAT may be reclaimable under the Listed Buildings of Worship Scheme.</p> <p>A discussion then followed regarding the contribution of Veda Gardner to Summer Luncheon. Veda offered to do the catering and this was agreed with the Event Committee supporting her with provision of the venue and organisation. Veda would not accept payment for her contribution but would like it to be associated with a specific project at the church and had especially mentioned a sound system. Consequently, an audio expert has been consulted and quoted £965 + VAT for two speakers, amplifier, linking cables and a special docking point near the piano.</p> <p>There was a discussion as to whether the lighting of the church should take priority over the sound system. Again, a consultant had come to look at the issue and suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• three floodlights in the North Aisle including the organ space, a sensor device in the porch which would be isolated from the floodlit side of the church,</li><li>• replace lighting in the vestry,</li><li>• a socket in the cellar for the submersible pump</li><li>• Installation of lights near steps on to the road.</li></ul> <p>The quote amounted to £1413 plus the submersible pump socket and outside light. In total the work should not exceed £2000. Andrew Cross from Settle will undertake the work.</p>
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	<p>Paul Whatmough then proposed and Colin seconded that funds of £4000 should be set aside to cover all the work discussed at this meeting and paid over as and when the work is completed. All found in favour though John Parkinson abstained due to being an interested party.</p> <p>Linda suggested that once all the work has been completed then a "painting party" could be held to make good the affected areas.</p> <p>With regard to the screen by the door, it was proposed to take the curtains down and see what happens.</p> <p>Linda advised that there would be a Benefice Service on Sunday, 30th July at the church followed by a picnic and games of croquet and boules afterwards in the garden of John &amp; Phyllis Holt.</p>
<p>Events Sub Group / Fund Raising</p>	<p>Colin Burford reiterated that the Summer Luncheon has been a fantastic event at Richard &amp; Rebecca's and thanked the Events Committee for all their hard work.</p> <p>The next event is the Lancaster &amp; District Male Voice Choir on 14th October 2017 who will perform a concert of popular music and Last Night of the Proms.</p> <p>The Levens Choir will be returning in January / February 2018.</p>
<p>Publicity Sub-Group</p>	<p>Chris Berry stated that the summer newsletter has been distributed. The website is receiving approximately 100 hits per month. Margaret will let Chris have an electronic copy of the Friends' logo.</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p>	<p>The Wenning Voices are having an Open Evening on Thursday, 13th July with drinks and a light supper. All are welcome to attend and find out what the choir gets up to on a Thursday evening!</p> <p>Interest has been expressed about holding a Book Club at the church as well as a tentative enquiry about holding mindfulness meetings and a local history / ancestry group.</p> <p>Rita suggested that maybe Carl Hunter could be approached to see if he would be willing to give instruction regarding B4RN in the church and what we could be doing with our broadband connection.</p>
<p>Date of next meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting of the Friends is scheduled for 11th September 2017 at 19:30 and to be held at the Church of St James the Less, Tatham.</p>