

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of  
Trustees and Friends of St Mary's Church, Stalbridge  
Held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Glebe Court**

**Present**

**Trustees** Joan Bryan, John Foster-Pegg, Peter Moore, Peter Robinson, Chairman  
and Diana Hine Secretary

**Friends** Tim and Sue Lee, Ann Mattock, Patricia Peak and Joy Rabbetts

(Tim Lee remarked that he felt all the Friends should have been individually advised of the AGM, however, the Secretary pointed out that the AGM had been correctly advertised and that writing to some 60 Friends was not practical)

**Apologies** None received

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minutes of last meeting 21.05.13**

The minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 were agreed by those present.

**3. Matters arising**

The £3,000 (now increased to £4,217.15 by donations) left by Maj J Harris for the restoration of the Douch memorial is, unfortunately, nowhere near enough to carry out the project. It was therefore agreed to ask Mrs P Harris if there was something else she would like her late husband's bequest used for.

With regard to the Church Clock Carillon, Mr R Vincent is in the process of making a replacement cog.

The question of producing the information collected regarding the stories behind the names on the War Memorial as a booklet for sale, was discussed. T Lee said he would like to make one more attempt to obtain further details of the men involved from their descendants. It was suggested that a display be put in TheHub@Stalbridge in time for Remembrance Sunday with a request for further details. This was agreed. S Lee offered to produce the booklet using a particular programme she has on her computer.

**4. Correspondence** None received

**5. Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer advised that the total balance as at 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013 was £26,752.08. However, this has been reduced to £16,121.71 as the repairs to the Church Roof (£12,426.00) have now been paid for.

It was proposed by T Lee and seconded by P Peak that the accounts as presented by accepted. All agreed

P Robinson suggested that a letter (a draft of which he provided) be sent to all the Friends advising them of what had been happening during the past year. This was agreed.

## **6. Discussion regarding celebration of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Friends**

Further discussion to take place regarding an event to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the setting up of The Friends and to mark the commencement of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. In particular consultation with Mrs Harris regarding the possible venue of Grove House.

## **7. Election of Officers and Committee**

It was unanimously agreed to elect the present Officers and Committee en bloc.

## **8 Possible projects for funding**

A detailed survey of the church buildings has been carried out and a comprehensive list of work required produced. The total cost of which will be enormous. J Rabbetts suggested that contact be made with the St Andrews Trust which provides funds for the repair of Churches. As there were several items that required just the removal of debris and rubbish T Lee suggested that working parties be organized to deal with this with, perhaps, the assistance of other local organizations. D Hine advised that the Royal British Legion Branch has taken over the maintenance of the area around the War Memorial, the laurel bushes have been trimmed and the gravel area sprayed with weed killer and new gravel will be laid before Remembrance Sunday. She also advised that a local stonemason had repaired the War Memorial as required at no charge.

**Date of next meeting.** An additional meeting to be held in January 2014. The usual Trustees meeting will be held in May 2014.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-55 p.m.

Date.....

Signed.....

Chairman