

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of  
The Friends of St Mary's Church, Stalbridge  
Held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at Grove House**

**Present**

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

**Friends** Patricia Peak and Joy Rabbetts

Also present the Rev'd Collette Annesley-Gamester

**Apologies** Peter Robinson

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minutes of last meeting 08.05.12**

The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were agreed by those present.. There were no matters arising.

**3. Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer advised the present balances as follows:-

Current account £799.88, Deposit Account £22,442.95, Cookbook Account £1,256.08

Membership numbers remain steady.

**4. Projects for possible funding**

Repairs to Church Roof. These are urgently required as a result of the theft of the roof lead. A price of £14,000 has been obtained for replacement in an alternative material. However, permission from various bodies has to be obtained for this change, although several churches have already used this material. It is extremely difficult to see any difference between this and lead but is, of course, less likely to be stolen. There is possibly a sum of £2,500 available from the Insurance and there may be other grants available.

Church Wall bordering on Church Walk. Part of the wall opposite the Rectory has collapsed and is therefore dangerous. An estimate of £2,240 plus VAT has been obtained to take down and rebuild some 20 metres of wall.

P Moore proposed and J Foster-Pegg seconded that the Friends fund both the repairs to the Church Roof and also the Churchyard Wall. Carried by a unanimous vote.

It was also agreed to leave any repairs to the window behind the organ for the time being.

The possibility of refurbishment of some of the memorials in the Church was also discussed and it was agreed to look into this matter.

#### **5 Nominations for Chairman.**

Mr J Harris feels it is time to stand down from the position of Chairman and Mr Peter Robinson was nominated to take on the Chairmanship this proposal was seconded and unanimously agreed. The thanks of the Committee and Friends to Mr Harris for all his enthusiasm and work since the forming of the Friends was recorded. Mr Harris agreed to remain on the Committee.

#### **6 Election of Officers and Committee**

It was unanimously agreed to elect the present Officers (including P Robinson as Chairman) and Committee en bloc.

**Date of next meeting.** Agreed as Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-15 p.m.