

**Minutes of Friends of Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield
Annual General Meeting held Saturday 9th April 2022
at The Old School, Cuckfield**

The meeting was opened at 10:30 by Paul Goldfinch with a warm welcome to all those in attendance, including FoHTCC President, Bryan Mayou, and reminding everyone that last year's AGM was held via Zoom

- 1 *Apologies* were received from Jane Berkeley, Jonathan Berry, Christine Best, Julie Bostock, Jenny Budd, Joan & Peter Collins, Marie Dormer, Gwen & Richard Fermer, Jose Gibbs, Shiona & Geoff Goodman, Fiona Handcock, Celia & Paul Hughes, Barbara Ingram, Barbara & Graham Johnson, Shirley & Peter Jones, Eileen & Jim Knight, Nicky Lawrence, Pat & Rod Montague, Diane & Peter Negus, Alison Openshaw, Sue Orpen, Valerie Poxon, Margaret & David Reed, Isobel & Clive Simmonds, Jane & Peter Thompson, Sue & Robin Towns, Brenda Walker, Lynne & Bruce Wheeler, Sandra & Richard Wiseman, and Jose Wright.
- 2 *Minutes of the AGM held 17th April 2021*
These had been circulated with notification of the meeting and it was agreed by a show of hands that they were a true and accurate record of proceedings.
- 3 *Matters Arising*
There were no matters arising
- 4 *Chairman's Report*
Paul gave a full account of the year including a warm tribute to Gwen Fermer who was standing down from the Committee after 12 years. Please see separate document
- 5 *Receive and adopt the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021*
The Hon. Treasurer referred to the copy of the year's Income and Expenditure Account in attendees' hands that had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. It demonstrated a surplus for the year of £7,334 primarily from membership subscriptions and donations which amounted to £6,621 including Gift Aid recovery. Tony recorded his thanks to Zoe Richings for her role in this GA recovery. The Charitable expenditure of £40,000 described in the account was a gift to the church to help towards expenditure on the stonework. This resulted in a net outflow of £32,666. The accounts had been examined alongside all other Church accounts by Steve Brentnall and his Independent Examiner's Report had been posted for those in attendance to see. There were no questions from the floor and Tony proposed that the Accounts be adopted by the meeting. This was seconded by Eileen Macdougall and, by a show of hands, the accounts were unanimously adopted.
- 6 *Election of Officers and Committee members*
The President introduced this item with a warm tribute to the work that Paul Goldfinch had contributed in his time as Chairman. Bryan then proceeded with the elections as follows:

A Role of Chairman

COLIN SEWELL-RUTTER had been nominated by Jan Philipson and seconded by Patricia Jamieson. Other nominations were invited from the floor. None was forthcoming and Colin was duly elected and congratulated by all present with a warm round of applause.

B Role of Honorary Treasurer

TONY LAWRENCE had been nominated by Kate Berry and seconded by Paul Hughes. Other nominations were invited from the floor. None was forthcoming, all hands were in favour, and Tony was duly elected.

C Role of Honorary Secretary

KATHY GOFF had been nominated by Jane Berkeley and seconded by Gwen Fermer. Other nominations were invited from the floor. None was forthcoming, all hands were in favour, and Kathy was duly elected.

D Committee membership

Jane Berkeley, Kate Berry, Paul Hughes and Patricia Jamieson, had been nominated en bloc by Tony Lawrence and seconded by Paul Goldfinch. Other nominations were invited from the floor. None was forthcoming and all four were duly elected *nem con*.

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7 *Any other business*

Gerry Larner asked if any member of the PCC was present and, with Philip Richings and Kate Berry having shared that knowledge, Gerry asked if the contribution that the Chairman had provided in different roles over many years could be recorded at PCC level.

Eileen Macdougall enquired if the lunch at Cuckfield Park was going ahead and the Chairman said that there would be an announcement in the next Newsletter. Also asked if the Gwalia concert would be going ahead , the Chairman affirmed the date as 9th October.

Colin Sewell-Rutter enquired as to who the three constitutionally required PCC appointees on the Committee were. The Chairman advised that, with no present incumbent and both Paul and Gwen standing down today, Patricia Jamieson was the sole remaining nominee.

Philip Richings called for three cheers for the outgoing chairman which was heartily endorsed with a round of applause.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 10:52.