



The Friends of Holy Trinity Church Cuckfield

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting 10:30am, Saturday 13th April 2024 at The Old School, Church Street, Cuckfield, RH17 5JZ

Present: Bryan Mayou. (*President in the chair*)
Colin Sewell-Rutter (*Chairman*)
Dick Whidborne (*Secretary*)
Janice Brinley Codd (*Committee*)
Kate Berry (*Committee*)
Patricia Jamieson (*Committee*)
Jane Berkeley (*Committee*)
Daniel Valentine (*Ex officio – incumbent*)
And 36 members

1. Apologies for Absence

Joan Collins, Christine Claringbull, Geoff & Shiona Goodman, Tony & Nicky Lawrence, Ros Longfield, Alison Openshaw, Nicholas Rowe, Clive Simmons, Sue Towns, Phillipa Tillyer

2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM held on 15th April 2023

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Paul Goldfinch and seconded by Robin Towns. The Chairman signed the minutes.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes not otherwise covered on the Agenda

There were none.

4. Constitution of the Friends

There were no questions on the changes, which had been agreed by the PCC, and the new constitution was accepted by majority vote with 2 abstentions.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. In some additional remarks the chairman observed that the original setting up of the Friends by the PCC had recognised the fact that non-religious members should be attracted to a fund-raising body with the purpose of supporting the church building and fabric. Presently some 80% of Friends members were non churchgoers.

The chairman thanked the President for his support including the hosting of events at Cuckfield Park. He also thanked the following resigning and retiring committee members for their services: Tony Lawrence (Treasurer), Dick Whidborne (Secretary), Patricia Jamieson (Committee, assisted at events by husband, David), Jane Berkeley (Committee).

6. Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

The meeting agreed to the adoption of the previously circulated accounts which showed accumulated funds, as at 31 December 2023, of £69,381. Proposed by Anthony While and seconded by Marie Dormer.

7. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The following Officers and Committee Members were elected:

Chairman: Janice Brinley Codd

Sponsored by Kate Berry and Patricia Jamieson

Secretary: Janet While

Sponsored by Christine Best and Nicky Lawrence

Treasurer: Isobel Simmons

Sponsored by Daniel Valentine and Eileen Macdougall

Elected Members: Anthony While, Sandra Bankes, Marie Dormer.

Appointed Members (PCC): Kate Berry, Revd Daniel Valentine (Ex Officio)

8. Questions and Any Other Business

Paul Hughes asked for an update on the PCC's proposed sharing of Friends members' personal data for incorporation into the new church management database, Churchsuite. This had been referenced by the Chairman in a recent Friends newsletter.

The Chairman responded that he had considered this inappropriate, particularly since most of the membership were non-churchgoers at Holy Trinity. The Information Commissioner's Office had further advised that any such sharing should only take place with the permission of individual members. The Vicar said that no Friends personal data had yet been transferred and that it would be done in compliance with current GDPR regulations.

Several members present expressed views on the matter. To general agreement, Jonathan Berry suggested that the issue would be better dealt with outside the AGM. The Vicar stated that he was proposing a meeting between the Friends Committee and the Standing Committee of the PCC.

Eileen Macdougall voiced the membership's appreciation of the efforts of the retiring Chairman.

**There being no other business the Meeting ended at 11.27 hrs
The next meeting will be held on Saturday 12th April 2025 at 1030 hrs**