

Filby Church Bells Restoration Project
Communications Sub-Group meeting
Friday 10.03.23.
10.00am Florence Farm, Fleggburgh

Members Present – Derek Nicker **DN** Bernard Chase **BC** Nick Dawes **ND**-
Martin Farrimond **MF (Remotely for part of meeting)**
Minute taker – Judith Richardson **JR**

1) There were no apologies

2) Minutes of previous meeting accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3) There were no matters arising.

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4) Update on Wider Communications - There have been very positive support indicators from the following local people and organisations Gerry Fearnly (Artist), Adrain Thompson (Councillor), Filby School, Filby Playing field, and Filby in Bloom.

We would hope to have some signed documents forthcoming to endorse these expressions of support.

5) Application for Lottery funding – **DN** has continued to put much time and energy into this and asked for comments to help him to further refine this. **ND** considered how best to phrase item 12 concerning the joint working between the 'bells' and the 'church'. All the information needed is in the current draft but consideration was given to how to best place a focus on the positive message around the joint working. Any input concerning approximate financial amounts that may be forthcoming can be clarified when the church has done some work in other areas that have no connection to the bells. Discounting the 'odd bits' that still need clarification, it was agreed that **DN's** drafts represent very good and thorough work.

We are still awaiting signed letters of support from organisations including the PCC. **BC** also said he would ask for a support letter from the diocese.

ND will forward to BC some bullet pointed facts that could be used in a support letter from the PCC.

There was a discussion regarding the best way to present the application to give us the best chance of ensuring a positive response. It was suggested that before the application is submitted, we should ask an appropriate individual to look at it for us. One possibility would be the NLHF representative, that has already had contact with DN might be approached regarding this. Other people who might be willing to do this might include Darren Clarke or a relative of ND who has had particular experience in this area.

MF reported that the quantity surveyor is working for our project this week and should be able to give Martin some costings. We should have these in time for our next meeting. In view of this it was felt to be important that our next meeting should be held soon and definitely before the next full committee meeting – this would enable us to go through the document from the quantity surveyor.

6) Application for Faculty – postponed until the next meeting.

7) Development of questionnaire – DN's suggestions for this were endorsed and this subject will be on the agenda of the next main meeting.

BC Said we should provide good options for ensuring the questionnaires were returned. He also offered to draft an introduction to the document to emphasise the need to show support by completing the questionnaire and returning it.

8) AOB the only item not covered earlier in the meeting was the offer by the school to work further with us. To this end ND & JR will set up another meeting with the head teacher.

9) Date and Time of next meeting – Tuesday April 4th – 2.0pm Florence Farm

Actions

ND to forward to BC some bullet pointed facts that could be used in a support letter from the PCC.

ND will forward suggested wording to **DN** re - item 12 concerning the joint working between the 'bells' and the 'church'.

Any other suggestions for amendments to the application to be sent electronically to **DN**.

BC to draft an introduction to the document to emphasise the need to show support by completing the questionnaire and returning it.

ND to forward to **BC** some bullet pointed facts that could be used in a support letter from the PCC.

BC to ask for a support letter form the diocese.

ND & JR to set up another meeting with the head teacher of Filby Primary School.