

Filby Church Bells Restoration Project  
Communications Sub-Group meeting  
Thursday 18.08.2022.  
10.00am Florence Farm, Fleggburgh

Members Present – Derek Nicker **DN** Bernard Chase **BC** Nick Dawes **ND**- Martin Farrimond **MF**. Minute taker – Judith Richardson **JR**

1) There were no apologies

2) **Minutes of the previous meeting.** There was a minor amendment – the Minutes of previous meeting showed apologies from Judy Farrimond. She is not a formal member of the group ( though always welcome as a guest) thus her apologies did not to be recorded. After this amendment the minutes accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3) **Matters Arising** – There were no matters arising that were not included on the agenda.

4) Communications Update- As reported at the last full meeting, **ND & JR** had a very productive meeting with Matt Wigg (the head teacher of Filby School) and will be in contact with him again in September.

5) **Application for Lottery Funding** – After taking advice from Darren Barker, amendments were made to the preliminary draft application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. It was decided that **ND** will talk to **AT** regarding further information from **DB** concerning names of possible poet, artist and a contact at the local college; he will also ask about the Preservation trust. When these extra pieces of information have been forthcoming it will enable the initial application to be submitted. The chair thanked **DN** for the considerable amount of work he has done for us to reach this stage.

6) **Charity commission update** – There has been communication from the charity commission regarding future changes to ensure further contact between charity trustees and the Charity Commission. There will be further detailed information in due course. **BC** explained to the group, how the gift aid funding worked.

7) **Application for Faculty** . **MF** reported that there had been a very positive meeting with Ruth Blackman ( architect). The next steps will be for Ruth Blackman to let us know what her fees will entail and what they will cover. Then she will do a full design that would be able to go to tender. She will also suggest possible contractors. **MF** will be able to clarify some details with the Bell Hangers and he will ensure that he is able to oversee appropriate elements of the project. Going forward it has been suggested that we might need someone with health and safety expertise and we will need the input of a structural engineer. In the unlikely event that we should discover a ‘Bats in the Belfry’ issue – there is a charity that would collect and care for them until such time as they could be returned.

Whilst there was a lot to consider, the first step will be the drawings. MF was thanked for all the work he has done on this aspect of the project.

8) **Questionnaire** The responses have been received and the data analysed – there were no surprises. If the response to our initial lottery application is favourable, a residents questionnaire will be formulated and distributed.

9). **AOB.** None

12) **Next meeting.** It was decided to wait until the main meeting on September to decide on a suitable date for the next comms group meeting.

### **Actions**

ND to contact AT / DB with questions regarding some specific issues arising from the suggested amendments to our draft lottery application.

MF will continue to be the main contact point for Ruth Blackman and the next steps in regard to the faculty application.

ND & JR to have further contact in September with the head teacher at Filby School.