

Filby Bells Restoration Project  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
10:00am – Trinity Barn Filby

Present Nick Dawes (ND) Bernard Chase (BC). Derek Nicker (DN). Judy Farrimond(JF) Martin Farrimond (MF) Judith Richardson (JR) Adrian Thompson (AT). Vivien Moore (VM).

- 1) Apologies Rev. Jo Wood (JW) Trish Durden (TD)
- 2) Minutes of meeting 07.12 .22 These were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting
- 3) Matters Arising. None
- 4) Finance. BC reported that there was little change from the finance report presented at the last meeting ( 7.12.22)  
AT Presented the meeting with £1000 – and reported that this included a donation of £500 from Jenny’s shed shop. £480 from donations received following the funeral of Mrs Doreen Thompson and the remainder from the sale of some crocheted festive decorations. AT was thanked for this generous donation and asked to also pass our thanks to Jenny.  
BC informed the committee that when work starts on the bells restoration the insurance costs will rise for the duration of the works. It was agreed that the bells restoration project should contribute to this and it would be addressed in detail nearer the time.
- 5) Sub committees –  
Events – There has been no events group meeting since our last full meeting. The Filby Bridge Quiz raffle, to be held on the last Thursday in April, will be in aid of the Bells Restoration project funds and members were asked to donate a raffle prize. We are awaiting confirmation from the G&S society that they will provide a concert for us on either June 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to also repeat the success of last year’s bottle tombola at the village fete later in the year, though the committee were reminded that help would be needed to run that stall.  
Comms – The recent comms sub group meeting focussed solely on the NLHF application. DN continues to capture comments from all members of the subgroup and is continually updating the NLHF application. The comms group will meet again in early March to harden up the application and DN has indicated that he hopes it will be complete by late April / early May.
- 6) Application to National Lottery Heritage Fund. DN was thanked for the work done to date on this. MF reported that our application, due to work on the tower, was in partnership with the LCC who are helping with aspects of the funding.

**ND** has organised a record of the support offered to us by other local community organisations.

It was agreed that due to design complexities, aesthetic issues, building difficulties and cost implications, the project would not be able to include the provision of a lift. The stairs to the ringing gallery however, would be improved for optimum safety and ease of use. ( This work formed part of the quinquennial inspection and recommended a handrail, lighting and improved steps).

7) Faculty Application - Nothing to report

8) Communication with Ruth Blackman **RB** had recommended the use of a quantity surveyor to give us knowledgeable estimates of the cost implications of the work needed. To this end **MF** contacted Richard Cross ( as recommended by Ruth Blackman) to enquire about this. It is believed that this aspect of the work my cost around £500. The committee agreed that this should go forward as it is vital to have a realistic idea of the cost of the works and any further funding agreed before having work done to enable detailed pricing as this will be very expensive.

It was decided that **MF** would meet with **BC,TD & VM** to discuss Ruth Blackman's report as aspects of the work impact both the church (LCC) and the Bells Project. As there is joint working with the LCC it was agreed in principle that an amount would be contributed to the Bells project due to relevant church tower repairs.

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9) Any Other Business **JF** asked **VM** if there was a way of having any accurate figures concerning numbers of visitors to the church each year. ( For a question on the NLHF application). **VM** agreed to look further into this through records she was able to access.

10) Next Meeting This is to be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:0am, at Trinity Barn.

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#### Summary of Actions

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