

Filby Bells Restoration Project
AGM – Wednesday 05.01.22
10:30am – Trinity Barn, Filby

Present Bernard Chase (BC). Nick Dawes (ND). Martin Farrimond (MF). Judy Farrimond (JF)
Derek Nicker (DN). Adrian Thompson (AT). Vivien Moore (VM). Trish Durden (TD)
Reverend Jo Wood (JW). Judith Richardson (JR)

The Reverend Jo Wood was welcomed to this, her first meeting of the Filby Bells Restoration Project.

1) Apologies. Gareth Yassin (GY)

2) Minutes of meeting 25.11.21 These were accepted as a correct record of the meeting

3) Matters Arising. None

4) Election of Officers

Chair - Nick Dawes Proposed BC Seconded JR Carried unanimously
Vice Chair – Adrian Thompson. Proposed ND Seconded TD Carried Unanimously
Treasurer – Bernard Chase. Proposed ND Seconded AT Carried unanimously
Secretary – Judith Richardson. Proposed ND seconded MF Carried unanimously

5) Future Plans ND suggested that the Bells Restoration Project should be re launched in the spring (possibly late April) and emphasised the importance of gauging the potential community involvement and enthusiasm for the project. BC added that we should come away from the launch event with a clear idea of community support for the project. Prior to the event, awareness should be raised within the locality – this can, in part, be done by word of mouth to community groups. The original leaflet produced should be delivered to every household. In the village along with a covering letter by ND and AT. It was felt that this leaflet should be distributed in February.

ND suggested that, going forward, there should be sub committees to deal with practical issues and that the main committee would act as a steering group. This is seen to be a positive way to move things forward, making the most of each person's skills and leading to effective committee work.

Action – DN, ND, & AT Leaflet and covering letter to be produced and distributed.

6) Events/fundraising Sub Committee JF,TD, VM & AT volunteered to be the members of the sub committee to plan and do the practical elements of this area of work. They will bring proposals back to the full committee.

It was felt that the launch event should be their first priority. Whilst, pre covid, the launch event was along the lines of a corporate fundraiser, it was decided that with the re launch, it would be more appropriate, in the present climate, to have a community event to attract all age groups.

Going forward, if there is a clear appetite from the community for the project to go ahead, it would be ideal to have regular events. There were a range of suggestions made and offers received from outside the village including knitted work by Margaret Seaman and a Lego church interior.

Action – Events sub-committee to meet within the next 3 weeks to plan launch event plans.

7) Charity Commission – By January 31st a report must be sent to the charity commission. Currently this is just a brief outline of our accounts, though going forward, when our finances reach the appropriate level, we will also need to submit a formal report.

Action – DN to forward required documentation to charity commission by January 31st.

8) Finance – This has not changed since our last meeting, with our funds currently standing at just under £3000.

AT presented the meeting with a donation of £400. This was raised by his wife Jenny who raises funds for community projects through the re sale of preowned items. Appreciation and thanks were expressed.

BC reported that as agreed at the last meeting, the Just Giving account has now been closed. He is looking into a variety of cost effective ways of enabling donations.

9) Architect/Application for Faculty – **MF** reported that a structural survey will need to be done and the application for a Faculty will be progress after a successful launch event has taken place.

There will be a sub-committee of, **MF, JF, & BC** who volunteered to oversee this area of the work.

MF said he would contact the diocesan advisor prior to the next meeting. **AT** offered to put **MF** in contact with Darren Barker the conservation officer for the borough council as he might be able to offer help and advice.

Actions – MF to contact diocesan advisor.

AT to pass details of parish conservation officer to MF.

10) Communications Going forward, the communications sub-committee will comprise, **ND, DN, MF & BC.**

11) AOB. **JW** was asked to speak to the meeting to express her views on the project. She responded that any project such as this that would be for the common good within the community and in support of the church, can only be a good thing. On behalf of the committee members the chair said that her support is very much valued.

12). The next meeting will be on Wednesday February 9th , 10.30 am.
Venue – Trinity Barn, Thrigby road, Filby.

Summary of actions

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