

Filby Church Bells Restoration Project
Communications Sub-Group meeting
Friday January 26th 2024
10.00am Florence Farm, Fleggburgh

Members Present – Derek Nicker **DN** Nick Dawes **ND**- Martin Farrimond **MF**. Judy Farrimond **JF**

Minute taker – Judith Richardson **JR**

1) **Apologies.** Bernard Chase **BC**

2) **Minutes of previous meeting** These were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 14. 7. 23 to discuss the Submission of the Application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund

3) **Matters Arising** – None

4) **Communications update.** **ND** has met with Mrs Jo Snelling, the new head teacher of Filby School. She seems very receptive to continuing and developing the relationship with the Filby Bells project group. To this end she has suggested that **ND** and **JR** arrange to meet with her in the second half of this term to plan some joint working.

5) **Application for Lottery funding.** There had only been some brief written responses from the NLHF with little indication regarding the reasons for the lack of success of our funding application. There was discussion of the possible reasons and a general consensus that we need to develop a more detailed community engagement plan that would further emphasise the secular uses of the church building. This could then be attached to a further application as an appendix.

There was discussion around future ideas including working with the local archive and producing video content for the website. It was noted that this year marks the 70th anniversary of the playing fields and that the current 'Lord of the Manor' will visit and this visit will include the church and its bells.

DN reported that the website had been down since Christmas but he had sourced a new website provider and thus it should be up again very soon.

It was felt that there was little we could do to further the application until the new guidance was issued for 2024 applications.

ND will seek to have some dialogue with the NLHF as soon as the guidance is available. The group felt that a relationship with a designated person from the NLHF would help us both to obtain further feedback from the unsuccessful bid and gain more insight regarding the best way to be successful this year.

The group will re convene within a month as it is hoped that the new guidance is imminent.

6) **Faculty Application** – This item postponed until the next meeting

7) **AOB. None.**

8) **Date and Time of next meeting** - Monday February 12th. 10:0am Florence Farm

Actions

ND to contact Filby School to arrange a meeting this term between Jo Snelling (Head teacher), **JR and ND.**

ND will seek to have some dialogue with the NLHF as soon as the new guidance is available.