

Filby Bells Restoration Project
Wednesday January 31st 2024 2:00pm
Trinity Barn, Thrigby Road, Filby

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

Apologies None (all committee present)

- 2) Minutes of meeting 15.11.23 These were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3) **Matters Arising**

There had been a very productive meeting between ND, MF, and Darren Barker and another will be scheduled when the committee has considered the implications of the new guidance from NLHF.

As the contact with Darren Barker has taken place, MF reported that it had not seemed appropriate to also contact the diocese conservation officer (Frances Jackson).

BC has emailed Ruth Blackman regarding the timescale of any risk relating to the current condition of the bells and bell frame. He has not yet had a response. The most recent quinquennial inspection would seem to indicate that there is no imminent risk. BC will endeavour to find out more whilst ensuring this does not incur a large additional cost.

- 4) Finance. BC showed the meeting copies of the latest financial statements that show us to have a current balance of £7300.44. There is an additional sum to be added (£170) following the raffle takings from the Filby Quiz held earlier this month. Bernard also informed the meeting that had learned that in order to reclaim VAT, a single invoice must be at least £500 before VAT and multiple invoices must total a minimum of £1000 before VAT. There is a 12 month window from the date of the invoice in which the claim must be made.

5) Sub committees –

Events/Fundraising –

There is to be a ceilidh on the evening of March 16th with a licensed bar available. The profits are to be shared between Filby School and The Bells project.

Information about this has been delivered to every household as part of the Filby Flier news sheet. It is hoped that on June 8th as part of the visit by the ‘Lord of the Manor’ to celebrate 70 years of the playing field , the visit to the church will help to promote the bells restoration project.

Comms – The comms group held a meeting on Friday 26th January at which it was felt that there was little to be done before the new guidance was available. There was some productive discussion and a feeling that Heritage and engagement might be an area for further focus.

ND had met with the new head teacher at Filby school (Jo Snelling) and had arranged a further meeting for her with **ND** and **JR** in March with a view to doing some joint working in the summer term. **ND** proposed to forge a relationship with a single individual at the HLHF as this had not been possible with the previous application. **ND** and **DN** will also work with the local village archive to further our cause. **DN** reported that the website had been down for a month and following difficulties in resolving this, a new website host (Wix) had been retained and going forward the domain name is. Filbybells.org.uk. **DN** is hoping to have the website written very soon. Thanks were given to **DN** for his work on this. Some printed and online materials may have to have changes that reflect this. **AT** told the full meeting that there is a new resident in Filby who does Gt. Yarmouth heritage walks – it may be possible to encourage him to use his skills and knowledge to support us. There was also a full committee discussion around event sharing – both regarding organisation and proceeds. The July ‘Open Gardens’ event was also discussed with a view to the bells group taking responsibility for the Saturday evening church event. There will be an update on this when more has been decided by the church. With a view to being able to submit a new application as soon as possible, a further comms group meeting had been arranged for Monday February 12th.

AOB **JR** was asked to forward link to grant fundraising possibility with the minutes. The committee was reminded of the need for raffle prizes for both the Ceilidh in March and Filby Quiz in April

Next Meeting Wednesday April 10th. 2:00pm Trinity Barn

Summary of Actions

JR was to forward link to grant fundraising possibility with the minutes.

ND and **JR** to meet with the head of Filby school in March with a view to doing some joint working in the summer term.

Committee members to donate prizes where possible for the ceilidh and the quiz.

