

Filby Bells Restoration Project  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
10:00am – Trinity Barn, Filby

- 1) Present Nick Dawes (ND) Bernard Chase (BC). Derek Nicker (DN). Judy Farrimond(JF) Martin Farrimond (MF) Judith Richardson (JR) Trish Durden (TD) Vivien Moore (VM).

Apologies Adrian Thompson (AT). Rev. Jo Wood

- 2) Minutes of meeting 02.09.22 These were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting
- 3) Matters Arising. BC. presented a further draft of the template letter to residents and other interested individuals. It was agreed that comments would be fed back to BC within a week.

A questionnaire has not yet been produced by the comms sub-committee as they have not met since the last main meeting.

**Action** Committee members to feedback comments to BC re letter template.

- 4) Finance. There has been little significant change since our last meeting with the account balance standing at approximately £4,500.
- 5) Sub committees –

Events – There is one remaining community event this year – it is the upcoming concert to be held in the church on November 18<sup>th</sup>. There are four events planned for 2023 and the events team begun to consider the possibility of an ‘auction of favours’ in 2024.

**Actions** JF will ask AT if the G and S group booking has yet been confirmed for next summer.

Comms – Following an initial meeting by ND & JR with the Head teacher at Filby School, JR has had a further meeting at the school and will be attending a school assembly on Friday to talk about the Bells project and present an art competition to be completed during the half term break. This should then lead to a display of the competition entries in the church.

ND has contacted the organisations suggested (by Darren Barker,) this has been met with varying degrees of success, ranging from no response whatever to a very positive response from East Norfolk 6<sup>th</sup> form. ND will be going in to meet with them next week.

JR has been in contact with the Civic Society but, though positive regarding our project, they were unable to offer any constructive engagement.

**DN** suggested contacting Hugh Sturzaker and also that in the absence of a reply from the Yare Gallery,; his brother in law ( Jerry Fearnley) might be approached with a view to recording the project through a series of sketches.

**Actions** **ND** to meet with East Norfolk Sixth Form.

**JR** to attend Filby school assembly

**Buildings/ procurement** – this committee has not met since the last main meeting

6) **Application to NLHF.** It was agreed that **DN** would submit a preliminary application to the NLHF, with a ball park figure of £180,000 for the project. Whether the project is a feasibility going forward will depend on their response.

**Action** **DN** to submit a preliminary application to the NLHF.

7) **Faculty Application** Nothing further to report at this stage.

8) **Communication with Ruth Blackman** **MF** talked through the documentation that had been sent out prior to the meeting. There were a number of concerns discussed. The invoice for the meeting at the church in the summer was unexpected and will be questioned. It was felt that the works listed were very much more of a ‘wish list’ than a realistic plan of what could be achieved and that contrary to what had been explained to RB, she was allowing a considerable sum to project manage the works ( this is not required).

The result of the costings etc that had been received was that it was felt that the monies involved would be far too great to be realistic for us. It was decided that we should look at what was the basic work that needed to be done to both enable the bells to be rung and to encourage wider use of the church. We would rein in our aspirations as necessary to look for an achievable project spend with a benefit to the community.

There was discussion around whether other architects might also be available and we could consider putting this work out to tender.

**Actions** **MF** to send **BC** a draft of a response to Ruth Blackman concerning her invoice for the summer meeting.

**ND/JR** to add ‘Tendering to other Architects’ to the agenda for the next main meeting

9) **AOB** **BC** asked if the NLHF would need any hard data. **DN** thought that would not be the case at this stage. It was agreed that whether we can continue with the project will depend on the response from the NLHF.

It would be helpful if any raffle prizes for the forthcoming concert could be delivered to **TD** or **VM** prior to the event.

10) **Next Meeting** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December . 10.00am Trinity Barn.

### **Summary of Actions**

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