

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tresham Church Committee held at Talbot Court Farm at 7.30pm, 22 January 2019

**Present:** David Bradbury, Richard Goodenough (chair), Mary Kingston, Richard Kingston, Kay Pettifer & Susan Whitfield

**Apologies:** Janet Bradbury & Richard Odwyer-Graham.

1. Minutes of last meeting held on 17 January 2018 were <b>approved</b> and signed.	Action
<b>2. Matters Arising</b>	
a. It was <b>recognised</b> that the path needs re-surfacing but there was no consensus as to the finish. A mini-digger is required to dig out the spoil from the back (North) side of the church and at the same time the grass path leading from the West to the gate could be stripped of turf and blinded with sharp chippings (not ballast or concrete mix). The opportunity should be taken to install pipework for a water supply and trunking for data fibre.	
b. Photograph contents and building features for insurance purposes – outstanding.	RG
c. On 6 Feb 2018 a profit of £3457 was realised from selling £6000 of investments. This was both to take advantage of high stock market values and to provide cash for alterations and refurbishment.	
<b>3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts</b>	
a. RG reported that contributions for Parish Share had become unsustainable. A 26% increase in 2018 and a further 8.4% increase planned for 2019 is pushing us into deficit. SW commented that at the last deanery meeting on the parish share, she got the impression that if despite our best efforts we could not meet the diocesan/benefice request, then so be it. She had said at the deanery meeting that as PCC members we have obligations to our parish as well as to the diocese. Within the parish, Tresham has raised its proportion but if the total parish sum requested continues to rise, we did warn Alderley that we might have to lower the proportion if we could not meet it, despite our plans to raise more money.	
b. In 2018 we had an overall surplus of £1329: £67 from the General Fund plus £1262 from the Restricted Fund. Our total worth is £33,897. RG will ask Phillipa Ellis to examine the Report and Accounts, which were otherwise <b>approved</b> .	
c. A deficit of <b>£226</b> on the General Fund is anticipated for 2019.	
d. RG to publish the Report and Accounts on <a href="http://www.tresham.org.uk">www.tresham.org.uk</a> and <a href="http://www.achurchnearyou.com">www.achurchnearyou.com</a> websites.	RG
<b>4. Donations to Charities</b>	
It was <b>agreed</b> to donate £25 to Glos Historic Churches Trust; £42 and £32 from the Christmas Carol service had been donated to GARAS and Crisis, respectively.	
<b>5. Parish Share 2019</b>	
An increase of 8.4% was <b>approved</b> which would take our contribution from £871 to £944. But see comments at 3.a. above.	
<b>6. Services and Flower Rota 2019</b>	
DB's proposals were <b>approved</b> . RG will publish details on <a href="http://www.tresham.org.uk">www.tresham.org.uk</a> and <a href="http://www.achurchnearyou.com">www.achurchnearyou.com</a> .	RG

<b>7. Summer Event and Fundraising</b>	
a. MK reported that the farm was unable to accommodate a music event due to the expansion of farming activities. MK and DB would see if Tom Hatherell might have the space to host a musical event in aid of the church and village this summer.	MK & DB
b. KP suggested approaching villagers to contribute through the Parish Giving Scheme.	
<b>8. Quinquennial Inspection</b>	
a. SW is planning to repeat the tidy-up of the churchyard which was so successful last October. She will ask Matthew Kingston if he can spray the path.	SW
b. RG has acquired the fittings to alter the drainpipe and will fit them when the weather improves.	RG
c. SW has asked Dean Sargeant to suggest what masonry repairs are required.	SW
d. SW to establish ownership of the land and walls and what rights of way exist.	SW
<b>9. Community Use of Church</b>	
a. SW is progressing this. It is seen as a means of avoiding a threat to the viability of the church as well as providing an amenity to the village. A meeting was held in the church on 16 Jan attended by 19 residents to see what support there is for altering the church for wider use. To make this work there has to be on-going support from villagers so, in order to test this out and to take the idea forward, a quiz night is being organised by Simon Lee.	
b. Minutes of the meeting can be seen at <a href="http://www.tresham.org.uk/content/uploads/Meeting-16.1.2019-re-wider-Church-use.pdf">www.tresham.org.uk/content/uploads/Meeting-16.1.2019-re-wider-Church-use.pdf</a> .	
c. It was <b>agreed</b> that use of the church needs to cover its costs, e.g. the electricity meter can be read before and after an event.	
d. Alterations to the church could include removal of some or all the pews, removal of the vestry, creation of a level floor (polished concrete?), installation of a better heating system (ducted air using air-source heat pumps?), and addition of storage behind the North wall including provision of kitchen facilities.	
e. It would be possible to apply for grants to fund the capital works required, Tresham Church and Tresham Village Hall would contribute and residents could also be invited to make donations. The church could afford up to say 50% (£17,000) of its funds and, at this time, the trustees of the Village Hall Fund are prepared to commit 25% (£3400) of their funds. In the meantime SW is to take forward ideas with the diocese.	
<b>10. Office Elections</b>	
RG will continue as Treasurer and Philippa Ellis as Independent Examiner. Both were thanked for their contribution.	
<b>11. Other Business</b>	
a. RK said he would be happy to continue doing the mowing for which he was thanked.	
b. It was still felt worthwhile asking John Ponter if he could repair the notice board by the church gate. The church would pay for the materials.	RG
c. SW had purchased a handsome, leather bound 'Book of Thanks' which DB had kindly funded.	
d. There being no other business the meeting closed at 21:25.	