

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tresham Church Committee at 7.30pm, 25 January 2022 at Talbot Court Farm

Present: David Bradbury, Janet Bradbury, Richard Goodenough (chair), Mary Kingston, Simon Lee, Kay Pettifer and Susan Whitfield

Apologies: Richard Kingston

	Action
1. Minutes of last meeting held on 26 January 2021 were approved and signed.	
2. A Minute's Silence was held in memory of Margaret Gardner, a former secretary of this Committee, who died on 23 December.	
3. RG reported that Richard Kingston had decided to stand down from the Committee. It was agreed RG should write a letter of thanks to RK.	RG
4. Matters Arising	
a. The requirement to photograph contents and building features for insurance purposes is still outstanding; RG to clarify the need.	RG
b. Quinquennial Inspection It remains difficult to clarify ownership of the land and walls and what rights of way exist. SW intends to approach Gloucestershire County Council.	SW
c. SW is still looking for someone to repair the notice board by the church gate. The church would pay for the materials.	SW
6.b To assist with fundraising and prior to discussion of wider uses of the church building. SW said she would draft a survey. SW asked for suggested questions.	SW ALL
5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts	
a. RG summarised the financial position, in particular reporting the continuing deterioration of the annual deficit on the General Fund increasing from £641 to £1085. Income continues to suffer thanks to Covid-19 and the ever-rising Parish Share. A small surplus of about £200 is projected for 2022.	
b. Our total worth stands at £42,832.	
c. The Report and Accounts were approved .	
d. RG to publish the Report and Accounts on www.tresham.org.uk and www.achurchnearyou.com websites.	RG
6. Donations to Charities	
The donation of £25 to Glos Historic Churches Trust occurs by standing order; £94 was collected for GARAS at the Christmas Carol Service.	
7. Parish Share	
We agreed that our Share should be limited to £500 for 2022 being all that we can afford. We had over two years In Vacancy, and from the end of January will be In Vacancy again; the Diocese is making arrangements which have yet to be announced. We would also prefer to use our savings for broadening the use of the church for community purposes, rather than funding deficits created by an unrealistic share. The three members of the PCC present at the meeting would make this known to the PCC.	SW, KP and DB

<p>8. Fundraising</p> <p>It had not proved possible to hold a fundraising event in 2021. Although a Jubilee celebration is planned for 4/5 June, it was felt there would be sufficient appetite to also hold, e.g. a barn dance in September.</p> <p>MK would investigate availability of the Kingston farm buildings or Tom Hatherell's. (Since the meeting MK has advised that a Kingston barn would only be available in June or early July.)</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>9. Office Elections</p> <p>RG will continue as Treasurer and Philippa Ellis as Independent Examiner. Due to the very sad and untimely death of her husband, Phillipa had been unable to examine the accounts for 2021 but would do the two years at the same time.</p> <p>Both RG and PE were thanked for their contribution.</p>	
<p>10. Other Business</p>	
<p>a. RG circulated a Client Information form from CCLA, the church's investment manager. The form had to be signed by all members of the Church Committee as Trustees to comply with current money laundering regulations.</p>	
<p>b. SL reiterated that after many years of providing funding, the Parish Council believes it is no longer within its authority to make grants towards church buildings. However grants for community projects would still be possible.</p>	
<p>c. The programme of services is not yet available for the year but we do have in place draft arrangements for the next few months, in which the benefice is being supported by the Diocese.</p> <p>Dates and times are on the website.</p> <p>JB will coordinate flower arranging as appropriate.</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>JB</p>
<p>d. DB mentioned that the harmonium needs some repairs.</p>	<p>DB/SW</p>
<p>e. Thanks were expressed to Simon Lee and Bob Rowley for work in cutting the grass and brush in the churchyard and to others who carry out cleaning and maintenance in the church and churchyard, particularly SW.</p>	
<p>f. There being no other business the meeting closed at 09.30pm.</p>	