

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tresham Church Committee at 7.30pm, 06 February 2023 at Talbot Court Farm

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

Apologies: Lesley Hewish

	Action
1. Minutes of last meeting held on 25 January 2022 were approved and signed.	
2. 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. It remains difficult to clarify ownership of the land and walls and what rights of way exist. SW intends to approach Gloucestershire County Council. ii. The quinquennial inspection has been delayed due to insurance arrangements in place for the architect. 	SW
c. SW is now looking to purchase a new notice board by the church gate as it has not been possible to have the existing notice board repaired.	SW
d. Re 10d, Duncan Bennett has been approached to service the harmonium and carry out any necessary repairs.	DB
3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts	
a. RG summarised the financial position. The General Fund made a small surplus of £208 thanks to an increase in Collections and Donations of £879 and a reduction of £487 in the Parish Share. A small loss of about £100 is projected for 2023.	
b. Our total worth stands at £41,991 down £841.	
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
4. Budget for 2023	
After including £400 for anticipated fees, less £100 for more membrane and gravel, and £100 for a contactless payment device we are projecting a deficit of about £100.	
5. Donations to Charities	
The donation to Glos Historic Churches Trust has remained at £25 for some years. It was agreed to increase it to £50. £135 was collected for GARAS at the Christmas Carol Service.	RG
6. Parish Share	
We agreed that we should keep our contribution at £500.	
7. Electricity Contract	
Our current (no pun intended) contract expires on 31 December. It appears that the Diocese does not promote the use of Gaia Energy Brokers. Furthermore, there was a general wish that our supply should be as 'renewable' as possible providing it remains cost-effective. RG will check the options in the autumn and circulate findings.	RG

<p>8. Fundraising</p> <p>a. Once again it had not proved possible to hold a fundraising event in 2021. It was felt that generally we can only rely on small scale events such as plant sales and picnics. RG was considering the possibility of a barn dance at Talbot Court Farm in August. The Kingston's farm buildings are used more intensively these days.</p> <p>b. There is to be a Coronation Party at Well Hill on Sunday, 6 May but this is a village rather than a church event.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>9. Cremated Ashes</p> <p>It was agreed that a separate area should be created in the churchyard for cremated ashes. This would allow for horizontal plaques under which the ashes could be laid or a general area for ashes with the plaques fixed, for example, to the wall. The area to the left of the gate was considered.</p>	
<p>10. Office Elections</p> <p>RG will continue as Treasurer and Philippa Ellis as Independent Examiner. Both RG and PE were thanked for their contribution.</p>	
<p>11. Other Business</p>	
<p>a. The programme of services is on the website and JB provided the flower arranging schedule.</p>	
<p>b. Thanks were expressed to SL and Bob Rowley for 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>c. It was agreed we should have a working party to weed and straighten the path.</p>	
<p>d. It was agreed that we should pay organist fees in line with the musicians' union.</p>	
<p>e. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.</p>	