

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tresham Church Committee at 7.30pm, 27 January 2026 at Talbot Court Farm

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

Apologies: Janet Bradbury, Rev Lesley Hewish

	Action
1. Minutes of last meeting held on 27 January 2025 were approved and signed.	
2. Matters Arising	
<p>Fundraising</p> <p>SW had previously suggested starting a Friends of Tresham Church to help fund fabric repairs. It would also help those who don't come to church to nevertheless maintain a link with the church. It was felt that there is a need to explain the ownership of the church building, the role of the Parochial Church Council (which governs Alderley and Tresham churches), together with the remit of the Tresham Village Hall fund, especially if we are trying to bring them closer together.</p> <p>SW is still planning on approaching a few people for a regular donation and making use of the Parish Giving Scheme to achieve this.</p>	SW
3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts	
a. RG summarised the financial position. The General Fund incurred a deficit of £78, largely due to no Fees having been received. The Restricted Fund incurred a net deficit of £11,879 mainly due to repairs to the roof costing a net £12,650.	
b. Our total worth stands at £38,377, down £12,325.	
c. The Report and Accounts were approved .	
d. RG to publish the Report and Accounts on www.tresham.org.uk .	RG
4. Budget and Parish Share for 2026	
On the present forecast for 2026 a Share of £800 would incur a deficit of £390. It was agreed to await the outcome of the Easter service and hold a meeting thereafter to agree the Share for 2026. That meeting would also try to decide how to take forward the incorporation of the church building's wider role in the village and the most appropriate form of governance for it.	
5. Roof Repairs	
SW reported that Carrek had been excellent. SW will approach All Churches Trust about the possibility of additional grant aid.	SW
SW pointed out that ceiling repairs are also required and a new architect is to be appointed.	
6. Programme of Services and Flower Arranging	
This was agreed in principle; DB has since confirmed and RG has updated the website.	DB/RG

7. Office Elections	
RG will continue as Treasurer and Philippa Ellis as Independent Examiner. Both RG and PE were thanked for their contribution.	
8. Other Business	
a. It was felt that visitors stopping at Well Hill who might be interested in village history would find a sign useful directing them to the church. SE agreed to source.	SE
b. SW wondered if a villager might be interested in making a noticeboard for inside the church porch. SW would specify the size and RG agreed to approach Dan Seward, Bob Rowley and Simon Bettesworth.	SW RG
c. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.	