**FEWSTON and BLUBBERHOUSES CHURCHES**

Notes meeting of **Friends of Blubberhouses Church Committee**, 17 February 2016, held at The Hopper Lane, at 2.00 pm.

**Present**

Pat Anderson

Alison Bowers

Allison Dibb

Gillian Knox

Philip Livesey - Chair

Diana M Parsons

Deborah Power

Gill White

Daphne Wilson

1. **Apologies –** Brian Knox
2. **Minutes of** the **meeting 21 January 2016** Minutes of the meeting were accepted as correct.
3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising which were not covered by agenda.

1. **Constitution**

Constitution had been circulated prior to meeting. It was agreed. For PCC approval 8 March 2016.

1. **Treasurer’s update**

All requisite information with the Co-op bank.

5.1 Sale of cards, only a few packs of All Seasons left to sell. Around £350 surplus from sales.

5.2 St Andrew’s night – very successful event, good feedback confirmed this. Surplus £1342.

Telephone bids and Scottish dancing delightful, added to atmosphere.

 **6. Fund Raising**

6.1 Thanks expressed by PL to the organising team for a great St Andrew’s night.

Agreed £20 donation to Fewston Parochial Hall for loan of chairs. Thank you cards to be sent to those who had contributed to the successful event. **PA**

It was suggested a simple Income/Expenditure account for each event should be produced. **DP**

6.2 Flower Festival

DW had received a few sponsors, few helpers, and offers of help during/after. Printing of programme (contact Simon and Stacey – printer friend) when programme prepared by DW. **DW**

Pay for programme on entry. Appeal for help in magazine. 2 stewards per session required. **DW**

Next newsletter to The Friends to include Flower Festival details, appeal for sponsors etc. offers to DW before end April, also details of ‘Blubberhouses Bake In’ £10 to bake for Flower Festival. Contact committee members if interested. **Contact FoBs Cttee**

PA to pass draft letter to PL, asap, before circulation. Photos available **PA/PL/newsletter**

Gazebos, 3 available. Loo enquiry to Darley Scouts. **PA**

 Banner – possible use of Tour de France banner **DW/Helen Grieves/AB**

1. **Services**

**Sunday 6 March, Mothering Sunday** - 40 poesies DW with help of PA, GW. Suggestion by member of public for a service with 4 well known hymns, short talk and prayers. The Mothering Sunday service seems good choice for this format. PL to choose hymns; DW suggestion of poems – and will present one; Caroline Garnham, Andrea Barker and the Teddy Church members to be contacted. Cheri Beaumont to liaise. Talk by AB on ‘Children in Africa’. Suggestions to GS **PA**

**Palm Sunday, 20 March** . Plans for a walk, with donkey, see March parish magazine for details.

**Sunday 8 May, Thanksgiving for Lambing**, informal enquiry to Fiona Schneider of All Saints Ilkley – she is happy to do it. GS to confirm with Fiona. Pet lambs from local farmers. Suggestion of lunch after service at The Hopper Lane – convivial lunch, not a fund raiser. Discussion re menu, AD suggested main with either starter OR pudding, tea or coffee. £15 per head. AD to suggest menu. Booking essential – for newsletter. **PA**

1. Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair fund – discussion with caseworker to increase funding. Full details when outcome known. **PA**

 Money for capital expenditure at St Andrew’s is held in F&B accounts. Suggestion: advice be sought from Malcolm Walker (auditor) if this should be held in F&B deposit account with other ‘restricted funds’. **AB/Ian Bergel/Auditor**

1. **External signboard**

Leathley board is black Perspex on timber legs with gold lettering, picture circulated. No pocket on sign itself as recently done at Leathley. Initial suggestion by PL for 2 boards, one inbetween to hold current events. PA/PL to discuss with Brian Garlick. Priority to get sign done as it will be message to public that we are ‘in business’.

1. **Internal improvements**

No further action.

1. **External improvements**

Chris Utley has been contacted for quotation to fix external steps to road and east wall and corner south east wall. Chris has generously agreed to do this free of charge - many thanks expressed.

1. **Heritage leaflets**

DP produced attractive heritage leaflets – Lenisa Noakes had researched material, as had DMP. Thank you to Lenisa. PA

Minor suggestions made:

Picture of church on the front should show main door/entrance (to emphasise the public nature of the building) and have a border around picture;

On the back page *–* “Produced for Friends of Blubberhouses Church

 Join the Friends at www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org”

Leaflet costs: 250 standard silk card £67.26; Enid Taylor 200 £116 colour. AB suggested leaflets 120gm double sided A4 for these A5 leaflets. Diana and Malcolm Parsons kindly offered a donation for leaflets.

1. Facebook/Twitter, GK reported some very favourable comments after St Andrew’s Night.
2. **Any other business**

**DW** will attend PCC meeting on 8 March 2016. Agenda/papers to DW. **PA**

**Social with Band** Proposal for a ‘do’ at the Hopper Lane, possible Harvest theme –Band charge £300. All in favour - AD and DW to report next meeting. Proposed date Sat 3 September**. AD/DW**

 **Cards - ‘All Seasons’** Suggestion that a photo of church interior taken at Flower Festival for these.

1. **Dates of meeting(s) 2016**

 **For better fit with PCC** meetings FoBs Committee will be held on:

**9 March, 6 April, 4 May, 1 June, 6 July, No Meeting August, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November**

Apologies from GK for 9 March. Venue Hopper Lane Hotel at 2.00 pm.

Thanks to Allison Dibb for hosting the meeting and to Philip Livesey for chairing.

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