**FEWSTON and BLUBBERHOUSES CHURCHES**

Notes meeting of **Friends of Blubberhouses Church Committee**, held at The Hopper Lane, 20 January 2016 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 - none**
2. **Minutes of the meeting 18 November 2015**

Minutes of the meeting were accepted as correct.

1. **Matters Arising**

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

1. **Constitution**

Discussion of the Constitution based on PL’s and DP’s versions. Amendments to be circulated by email. Final version when completed to PCC for approval.

It was agreed that Friends of Blubberhouses Church membership should be open to anyone, no age limit. Minutes will continue to be published on website.

1. **Treasurer’s update**

Bank requires details of PA, PL, DW and AB. Form to be circulated by Treasurer. **DP**

Money held by DP, including donations at Christmas service, balance change in Jar,£8 approximately.

1. **Listed Places of Worship Roof Repairs Fund Update**

Three tenders had been received.

Pickles of Headingley were preferred tenderer. They will start 1 June 2016.

Insurers will have to be notified prior to work commencement.

1. **Services**

**7.1 Sunday, 29 November at 2.30 pm. Celebratory patronal day service for St Andrew.**

No electricity due to power line fault - wind and rainstorm. Washburn Valley choir performed well in candlelit church, atmospheric, about 35+ there.

**7.2 Christmas Day, family service 9.30 am. John Charman led the service.**

30 present, many locals with their Christmas family visitors, good atmosphere – refreshments served. Request for well-known carols and short sermon for children and families in 2016. All acknowledge a good precedent to have Christmas Day morning service.

PL referred to Dean John (Ripon Cathedral) visit to Rotary, his discussion with him on taking church into the community at Blubberhouses**.**

1. **External signboard**

Cost of Perspex sign, as seen at Leathley church, Brian Garlick made, PL to follow up. **PL**

Leathley board is black Perspex on timber legs with gold lettering. Initial suggestion by PL for double sided board. Priority to get sign done as it will be message to public that we are ‘in business’. No pocket on sign itself as recently done at Leathley, Additional sign(s) to be used for event advertising etc.

The wooden sign ‘Bleuburgh Chapel’ which fell off wall, to be restored and placed in church. **PA**

1. **Internal improvements**

Tea urn used on Christmas Day, great. Many thanks to Allison Dibb for this generous donation.

1. **External improvements**

Chris Utley has been contacted for quotation to fix external steps to road and east wall and corner south east wall. PCC agreed to pa, as steps are a Health and Safety issue.

1. **Funds raised**

11.1 Christmas cards, complete sell out. Profit on both cards about £370. Some packs ‘All Seasons’ cards at WHC for sale. DW suggested two Christmas cards, for 2016. Agenda May

AB thanked for doing a great job with this project.

1. **Fund Raising**

**12.1 St Andrew’s Night** Organisers met 13 Jan. Piper Alex Thomson, arranged, there is a donor for his fee. Detailed programme to Piper and party organisers. **PA**

Address to Haggis, enquiry for performer. **PA**

After meal: Draw raffle prizes; Phil start disco; (setting up Friday morning). Music and dancing, table quiz. Two paintings donated by Graham Hebblethwaite St Andrew’s Church and Timble Inn, to be auctioned by Kevin Wilson. Bids before event , to Hopper Lane. Paintings on show behind bar Hopper Lane prior to dance. Press article . Ticket sales to date 48. Email to Friends. **PA**

Table arrangements in hand. Chairs from Fewston Parochial Hall, Friday night.

**12.2 Flower Festival, 27, 28, 29, 30 May 2016 ‘Long to Reign over Us’**

DW contacting UB flower rota ladies. DMP contacting Bolton Abbey flower arrangers.

Parish mag. Request for sponsors, helpers and arrangers. **DW**

Bunting and flags from WHC. Yellow banner for advertising event at St Andrew’s. Flyer in car parks, press. Stewarding. **All**

1. **Heritage leaflets** Lenisa Noakes is working on them, she will liaise with DMP as work progresses.

**Headed paper – circulate PA**

1. **Any Other Business**

**GK** posting information on media, also AD on Hopper Lane Hotel site.

**Church Services**

Specials proposed by FoBs had been agreed by F&B PCC. Fiona Schneider to be invited to come to a ‘special’ service, Mothering Sunday, flowers for posies donated by GW, to be made by DW.

Cinema for village halls, linked to Bradford photo museum, hello@cinenorth.co.uk – possibility for fund raising.

Darley Singers recommended for a concert. PL commented on Christchurch, Darley, modernised for multi use. Heritage Boys had offered concert free of charge for Bhs. church. Summerbridge and Dacre Silver Band suggested.

Meeting pattern, change for better fit with PCC meetings. For consideration, next meeting. **Agenda**

 **16. Date and time of next meeting(s)**

 **2016**

**17 Feb., 16 March, 20 April, 18 May, 15 June, 20 July. No meeting in August.**

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

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