

Minutes of the 22nd Committee Meeting held from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm on Friday 5th April 2019 at the Wrays' House, Bishop Burton

Attending: Jack Wray (Chair), Jan Biden, Sue Thomas, Bryn Jones, Sandy Jones.

22.1 Apologies for Absence

Rev. David Messer, Janet and Rowland Bridgewater, Nigel Penton.

22.2 Membership

Jack Wray took the Chair in the absence of Rowland. It was agreed that further committee members would be welcome. It was agreed to make informal soundings of possible new members. An email would also be sent to members of the Friends and an item included in the next BB News.

22.3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th January 2019

The minutes of the above were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

22.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda

22.4.1 Item 21.4.1 Kitchen and toilets.

A progress report was received from Nigel Penton. The progress of the Faculty had been delayed by the death of the Diocesan Registrar but the proposal and documents were now with the Chancellor and he would consider them on his return from holiday.

22.5 Events

22.5.1 Longcroft Concert 5th July 2019

Bryn Jones reported that Jonathan Chapman had agreed to the date of 5th July 2019 for the concert. That date was also acceptable to the Village Hall whose facilities and car park would be available.

It was agreed that ticket prices should be the same as last year: £10 for adults and £5 for children, the price to include a drink and nibbles. Margaret Hebb would be asked by Bryn Jones to obtain a license and provide wine for the evening. Sue Thomas, Sandy Jones and Jan Biden agreed to sort out nibbles and soft drinks. Plastic glasses held in the village hall would be used.

Bryn Jones would create posters and flyers. They would be distributed to the Benefice and the Tourist Office and a circulation would be made to the local media. Flyers would not be posted to houses in the village since the BB News would be published a few days before the event.

22.5.2 Jo Dunn talk – 3rd March 2019

The Committee noted with pleasure that the event had been a great success and £891 of funds had been raised. Jack Wray thanked Sue Thomas for writing to Jo Dunn thanking her for talk which had been very well received. Bryn Jones was thanked for effecting the

donation of £25 to the Bletchley Trust at Jo's request. Jack Wray was asked to contact Andrew Dunning to thank him for his assistance in arranging the event.

22.5.3 Easter Egg Hunt 22nd April 2019

It was noted that the Rector and Rebecca Chester had settled on Easter Monday as the date for the event. Bryn Jones had contacted Rebecca and she said that arrangements were in hand and no further assistance was required other than the donation of cakes and biscuits by those who wished to do so.

22.5.4 Open Gardens 18th August 2019

The Committee noted that with great pleasure that the college had agreed to take part in the Open Gardens event. Bryn Jones was in discussion with the Head of Hospitality at the College with a view to using the parking and shuttle bus services.

It was agreed that teas should be made available in the village hall rather than at multiple locations but the assistance of college volunteers would be welcome. It was hoped that a college bus could provide a shuttle service between the College and the Village Hall, and if a second bus was available the service could be extended to include Westfield farm and Finchcroft House.

It was noted that the following had already agreed to open their gardens: S&T Thomas, B&S Jones, J Biden, M White, and G Smith. An approach would also be made to others. Plants and pottery would be on sale at J Biden's house.

It was agreed that the price of entry should be £5 and children would go free. No dogs would be allowed. Tickets would be primarily on sale in the college car park and the village hall.

It was agreed that a preview tour of the participating gardens would be held on Saturday 17th August for those involved in organizing the event. It would end up with drinks and nibbles at Finchcroft House.

22.6 Other Matters

22.6.1 Events

None

22.6.2 Report from Nigel Penton (Finance)

Nigel presented a financial summary for the Friends' account to 1st April 2019.

Friends Account: 1st April 2019			£
Brought forward: per year end accounts 2018			10,550.60
Subscriptions			100.00
Jo Dunn talk			891.01
Gift aid recovery 2018			56.25
Balance per bank			11,597.86

22.6.3 Report from Bryn Jones (Secretary)

None

22.6.4 Communications

None

22.6.5 Report from Jan Biden/Margaret Hebb (Village Hall)

None

22.6.6 Report from Sue Thomas/Revd. David Messer (PCC)

Sue Thomas reported that an American Visitor who had been born in the village had made a significant donation to the Friends. The Committee expressed their thanks for the donation.

22.7 Date of AGM and the next committee meeting

Friday 24th May at 7.30 pm in the Altisidora with the AGM to begin at 8.30 pm. Jack Wray was asked to make the booking.

Bryn Jones

Secretary

Mon 8th April 2019