# Friends of St. Mary's Appleton wiske

## Notes from the meeting held on

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Present:** Sarah Hurhangee

Apologies: Sue McDonnell

Megan Patterson

Georgia Hogg

Sheila Simpson

Janice Blake

Dan Darcy

Angela Carling

**Action** 

### 1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Georgia to confirm with Sheila the amount made on the raffle and inform the committee of the final sum made.

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#### 2. New Committee Member

Sarah proposed Dan be co-opted onto the committee seconded by Megan.

## 3. Garden Proposal

Dan and Sarah outlined the staged proposal for enhancing and upgrading the Churchyard through an integrated plan. Full details can be seen in the plan circulated prior to the meeting. Sarah and Dan to approach the Church Council for approval and those currently tending the flowerbeds. The committee agreed to fund the wildflower turf and bluebell bulbs as a first step. The Parish Council will also be contacted regarding tidying up the area at Church Walk and just outside the lychgate.

A programme of publicity will be developed to generate a team of volunteers to help develop and maintain the grounds.

Included in the plan is the development of a bug hotel any suitable materials for it would be appreciated. It is hoped the school will be involved with this.

The sundial will also be refurbished, Robert Place has offered to undertake the work on behalf of the Friends. Future plans will be discussed at the AGM.

# 4. Lighting Proposal

Sarah and Dan outlined the proposal for upgrading the bulbs in the Church to LED bulbs. This is part of the Eco Church Award. The committee agreed in principle to fund a new porch light and a replacement light for the corner of the East end of the Church along with the replacement bulbs and a set of small battery operated strip lights for the East and West windows. An Electrician has volunteered to carry out the necessary electrical work. The upgrade will conform with the eco award criteria and hopefully along with the

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garden enhancements will meet the criteria for a Bronze Award. The full details can be found in the plan circulated prior to the meeting. The plan will also need Church Council approval.

### 5. Advertising the work of the Friends - Call for volunteers

It was suggested that a programme of publicity be developed to ensure the work of the Friends is continually visible. This will include evidence of achievements and future plans as well as seeking volunteers.

#### 6. Hog Roast

It was agreed that the Friends would not organise the Hog Roast this year. Dan will approach The Nelson to discuss weather they will organise a similar event. Sarah to inform Nev of our decision. DD SH

## 7. Events/Fundraising for later this year

Given the amount of uncertainty at present it was agreed to discussed at a later date. Suggestions included a Christmas Wreath Trail and or a Christmas Draw.

The YCA are hoping to have a ukulele band in December.

#### 8. Ideas for 2021

Ideas to be sort at the AGM and will possibly include events cancelled this year.

# 9. Poppies

It was agreed to continue with the display and enhance the display. Megan to ask Jackie if she will have a collection box for new poppies along with wool and patterns in the shop. Depending on the response the upgrade will be agreed by the committee nearer the time.

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#### 10. AGM

The AGM will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 @7pm venue or zoom will be confirmed nearer the time.