

Minutes of The Friends of St. James Church, Cooling AGM

Held at Cooling Village Hall 21st November 2019

The meeting was opened at 19.30 hrs by Chairman Kevin Boyle

Those present were:- Kevin Boyle (Chairman), John Alford, Alison Bucknall, Mike Bucknall, Robert Curtis, Robert Spittles, William Toft (RSPB Warden and guest speaker)

Apologies for absence were received from: - Val Osenton, Suzy Challen, Marc Beney, Sonia Curtis, Christabel Holland, Caroline Long, Sarah Bucknall

The chairman's report was delivered by Kevin Boyle and can be viewed on our web-site www.coolingchurch.org.uk from Monday 25th November. For those without internet access paper copies can be requested from Kevin Boyle (Chairman) at The Horseshoe and Castle, Main Road, Cooling, Rochester, Kent ME3 8DJ Tel: 01634 221691

The following members were elected as the 'Committee' en bloc.

- Kevin Boyle: Chairman
- Caroline Long: Treasurer
- John Alford
- Robert Spittles
- Debbie Spittles
- Christabel Holland
- Sheila Hughes
- Vikki Hooper
- Katy Lord

The treasurers Report was prepared by Caroline Long (Treasurer) and audited by Alan Hughes. The report can be viewed on our web-site www.coolingchurch.org.uk from Monday 25th November 2019. For those without internet access paper copies can be requested from Kevin Boyle (Chairman) at The Horseshoe and Castle, Main Road, Cooling, Rochester, Kent ME3 8DJ Tel: 01634 221691

The chairman reported that he had received an email from The CCT Regional officer Mr. Nick Watt in regard to a downturn in income being shown from the collection wall safe. Alison Bucknall said she would enquire to the amounts collected by Sarah Bucknall for the last quarter of this year.

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Val Osenton tendered her resignation as Secretary with immediate effect citing personal issues. The chairman expressed his sincere thanks for her devotion to the office and this was echoed by the members present. John Alford proposed that some flowers and a card be purchased and presented to Val as a token of appreciation. This was seconded by Alison Bucknall and carried unanimously.

Mr. Alford alluded to the purchase of a sound system for the Church so that, for future events, we will be better equipped to deliver lectures for the enjoyment of all. It was agreed that as this was not an urgent matter it could wait until the next regular committee meeting.

Mr. William Toft, Senior Warden of the RSPB at Bromhey Farm, Cooling delivered a short talk and gave a slide show of their work and activities carried out on the Peninsula. This was followed by a Questions and Answers session. I would like to thank Mr. Toft personally for giving up his spare time to present the talk which was extremely well delivered and favourably received.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.30 hrs.