

FRIENDS OF NORTHWOOD CHURCH
6th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15th July 2014 at St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood

1. **APOLOGIES** Heather Light, Roger and Claire Whatley.

2.. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 19th JUNE 2013**

Approved with no objections (prop. Patrick Le Pen, sec Peter Lambert, All in Favour).

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

9. **Any Other Business** 9.1 Repairs to ceiling : ongoing 9.2 New bank account signatories : see 7 below.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman described the relaunch of the Friends with a revised leaflet, seeking renewal of subscriptions from previous members and appeal in the Northwood News for new members. There are currently 10 fully paid up members. He thanked Claire Whatley for designing and creating mugs, cards etc for sale and Jacquie Pearce for her research into historical characters associated with the church. He stressed the need to spread the word about the Friends and attract new members. The Barns residents are willing to help maintain the churchyard with weeding etc. Issues relating to the performance of the Council's contractors, safety of trees and damage to fences were discussed. The meeting discussed the need to publicise the church's existence since its secluded location means many people don't realise it is here. The President is keen to welcome people into the church for all kinds of events e.g. concerts and purposes whether for religious or other reasons. The Chairman will provide more copies of the updated Friends leaflets to be available in the church. Various ways of publicising the church as an historic church and wedding venue were discussed including reinstating a more prominent sign at the end of the lane, contacting the County Press, getting the church added to lists of Historic Churches. Liz Mackenzie offered to make available material relating to the history of the church at the forthcoming Craft Fair.

5. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement circulated at the meeting. Following a transfer from the Current Account at the start of the year, the Business Reserve (Savings) Account balance is now £201.31. The Current account balance at 30th June 2014 was £216.06 including £50 of direct debits. He noted that in the past the Friends have contributed significant sums towards the upkeep of the church. Substantial fund-raising activity will be needed if this is to continue e.g. towards repair of the ceiling. The statement was approved by the meeting (Prop. David Honeybun, Sec. Peter Lambert, AIF).

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

There being no other nominations the following were elected : -

Chairman : Paul Hutchings **Vice-Chairman** : Revd Roger Whatley

Secretary : Jacquie Pearce **Treasurer** : Patrick Le Pen

Committee members : Kim Snell, Kirsty Hume, Pat Lambert, Claire Whatley
(Prop. Liz Mackenzie, Sec. Wendy Hume, AIF),

7. **NEW SIGNATORIES TO SANTANDER BANK ACCOUNTS**

Once the forms have been completed, if a meeting is arranged between the Business Manager and the 2 existing and 2 new signatories (Paul and Roger) then the process can be finalised. Jacquie to organise the paperwork and arrange a date.

8. **NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT**

The Friends will have a stall at the Church's Christmas Bazaar.

8. **NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Tuesday 14th July 2015 : 7pm at the church.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** None.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and especially everyone who has contributed to supporting the Friends during the past year.