

**FRIENDS OF NORTHWOOD CHURCH**  
**8th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at St John the Baptist Church, Chawton Lane, Northwood

1. **APOLOGIES** Rev. Amanda Collinson, Heather Light, Kirsty Hume

2.. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 14th JULY 2015**

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

**New signatories to Santander bank account** Further adjustment needed as Roger Whatley has stood down. **Roof/ceiling** Repairs undertaken to roof have stabilised ceiling. Current priority : like for like replacement of decayed castiron guttering (quotes being obtained). **Road sign** Official enquiry has been raised with Island Roads : inspection feedback awaited. If cost of official sign is excessive worth considering other options. Mr and Mrs Honeybun expressed continued willingness to contribute towards cost.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Membership has shown an increase over the year. Need to encourage and invite new members to join and give practical help. Jacquie : draft note for Northwood News. Last year's Concert given by Tressa Lambert/Trinity proved popular and with the sale of Patrick's church painting helped raise nearly £200. A big thank you to Trinity and everyone who helped to make the event a success. Patrick will stand down as Treasurer at the end of this year (July 2017) so need to look about for replacement. [Post meeting note : public advertising NOT advisable given sensitivity of this role]. The Chairman thanked Jacquie Pearce and Liz Mackenzie for their stories of characters associated with the church.

5. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement circulated at the meeting. funds were up about £390 split about 50:50 between subscriptions/donations and fundraising giving a total of £1089.71 (2015: £699.78). £600 was transferred to the Business (Savings) Account).. He suggested a target for next year to reach £1500. The statement was approved by the meeting (Prop. David Honeybun, Sec. Liz Mackenzie, AIF).

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

The following were elected : **Chairman** : Paul Hutchings (Pr. Jacquie Pearce, Sec Patrick Le Pen, AIF) **Vice-Chairman** : Liz Mackenzie (Pr. Pat Lambert, Sec Di Netherway, AIF) **Secretary** Jacquie Pearce (Pr. Liz Mackenzie, Sec Paul Hutchings, AIF) **Treasurer** Patrick Le Pen (Pr. Paul Hutchings, Sec Peter Lambert, AIF) **Committee Members** Kim Snell, Kirsty Hume, Pat Lambert, Jon Blandford (Pr. Paul Hutchings, Sec. Di Netherway, AIF).

7. **NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

Rev. Amanda has requested notice of forthcoming FoNCH events. Suggestions : (1) Another Trinity Concert? (2) IW Family History Society annual outing perhaps combined with Patronal Weekend and memorabilia exhibition.

8. **NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Tuesday 11th July 2017 : 7pm at the church.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Role of President** (query raised by Rev Amanda). It is a purely courtesy title/figurehead position intended to help promote the Friends by signalling the link with the church. The incumbent's choice whether or not she wishes to continue.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and especially all who have contributed to supporting the Friends during the past year.