

**Minutes of Friends of Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield  
Annual General Meeting held Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
on Zoom to facilitate Covid compliance**

The meeting was opened at 10:30 by Paul Goldfinch with a warm welcome to all those in attendance, including FoHTCC President, Bryan Mayou. The Chairman described a few “house” rules concerning the use of Zoom and thanked Jonathan Berry for taking on the task of host. Reminding everyone that there had been no AGM in 2020 because of the pandemic, Paul stated that part of the morning’s Agenda would be to approve two separate years of accounts.

Before the formality of the meeting, Paul paid a warm tribute to the important role that the late Guy Berkeley had played as Honorary Treasurer since the Friends were founded.

- 1 *Apologies* were received from Shiona & Geoff GOODMAN, Barbara & Graham JOHNSON, Jan PHILLIPSON, Rosemary VICCARI (who had asked for her best wishes to be passed on to everyone), Brenda WALKER and Jose WRIGHT
- 2 *Minutes of the AGM held 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019*  
These had been circulated with Newsletter Issue 28 in May 2019 and it was agreed by a show of hands that they were a true and accurate record of proceedings.
- 3 *Matters Arising*  
There were no matters arising
- 4 *Chairman's Report*  
Please see separate document
- 5 *A] Receive and adopt the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019*  
The Chairman referred to the copy of the year’s accounts plus the Independent Examiner’s Report that had been circulated to members attending and that demonstrated a surplus for the year of £12,388. The Charitable expenditure described in the accounts was primarily for the installation of the new glass doors in the South Porch of the Church and resulted in a net outflow of £1,076. The accounts had been examined alongside all other Church accounts by Steve Brentnall. By a show of hands the accounts were unanimously adopted.  
  
*B] receive and adopt the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020*  
The Chairman again referred to the copy that had been circulated and described a very different picture from the previous year. Membership subscriptions and Gift Aid recovery were the only income as a consequence of the cancellation of all planned events. The only costs, however, were for the Christmas cards dispatched to all members (these were purchased from the Church) resulting in a surplus of £5,785. Reserves at the year end totalled £72,794 of which £40,000 is pledged to the Church towards major works on the stonework. By a show of hands the accounts were unanimously adopted SUBJECT to independent examination.
- 6 *Election of Officers and Committee members*  
There was a technical problem with Zoom that prevented Bryan from being heard so the Chairman reminded everyone that FoHTCC Terms of Reference state that three members of the Committee have to be nominated by the PCC and can include the Incumbent of Holy Trinity Church who is an ex-officio member of the Committee. He also advised that, under Item 3:10 of the Terms of Reference, Committee members may only serve two terms of three years each before having to subject themselves to the approval to continue for a further 12 months to both the Committee and the AGM. Four members fall into this category; Gwen Fermer, Kathy Goff, Paul Goldfinch and Patricia Jamieson. All four were willing to serve for another year and had been unanimously endorsed by the Committee as individuals. . By a show of hands, these four were approved *nem con*. The following officers were then elected:

**A Role of Chairman**

PAUL GOLDFINCH had been nominated by Patricia Jamieson and seconded by Gwen Fermer. Other nominations were invited from the floor. None was forthcoming and Paul was duly elected.

**B Role of Honorary Treasurer**

TONY LAWRENCE had been nominated by Kathy Goff and seconded by Paul Hughes. Other nominations were invited from the floor. None was forthcoming and Tony was duly elected to much acclaim.

**C Role of Honorary Secretary**

KATHY GOFF had been nominated by Fr Michael and seconded by Paul Goldfinch. Other nominations were invited from the floor. None was forthcoming and Kathy was duly elected.

## **D Committee membership**

Jane Berkeley, Gwen Fermer, Paul Hughes and Patricia Jamieson, had been nominated en bloc by Paul Goldfinch and seconded by Kathy Goff. All four were duly elected *nem con*.

### *7 Any other business*

Fr Michael expressed his thanks to the Committee for the contribution to the stonework repairs, stressing the importance of the continuing stewardship of our beautiful Church. He hoped that, with the Church standing in the heart of the village, The Friends will encourage the wider community to become more involved in its preservation and, in particular the roof repairs which will take a long time and require a lot of energy and resource. He thanked Bryan and Paul for their work and welcomed Tony as the new Treasurer.

The Chairman invited support for the only event that will be held this year, the Christmas Tree Festival Preview on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. He asked everyone to encourage others to join the Friends – there will be events to enjoy in the future !

Finally, the Chairman thanked the President for his support and Jonathan for hosting the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 11:02.