

THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL LAVENHAM

Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 7th July 2024 in Lavenham Village Hall at 12 noon.

PRESENT:- 37 Friends were in attendance together with 12 guests.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Simon Pitcher commended the meeting to God in prayer.

Chairman, Malcolm Linscott, welcomed everyone to the meeting

Gave a special welcome to the members who were attending for the first time.

APOLOGIES

The secretary advised that 25 apologies had been received and recorded.

MINUTES of the 68th AGM held on the 2nd JULY 2023

It was proposed by Marion Searle and seconded by Charles Dinwiddy and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the 68th AGM be signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's report.

The chairman's report is attached to the secretary's record.

Hon. Treasurer's report

The Hon. Treasure's , together with the accounts to 31st December 2023 is attached to the secretary's record. It was proposed and agreed unanimously that the accounts for the year ending December 2023 be adopted.

Appointment of Independent Examiner.

It was proposed and agreed unanimously that Steven Coward be appointed as Independent Examiner for the 2024 financial year.

Election of Officers and committee

The Chairman stated that after many years service that Jane Orbell did not wish to stand for re-election. Malcolm thanked her in her absence for all the valuable years of input. She will be much missed.

It was proposed and agreed that the following be elected to the Friends' Committee:-

Malcolm Linscott, Ian Thompson, Julian Baldwin, Marian Searle, Hannah Lombers, Charles Dinwiddy and Mary Wolton.

Ian Thompson was elected Treasurer and the Chairman was happy to announce that Julian Baldwin was willing to become secretary. Mary Jackson is the PCC's nominated representative on the committee. The election of the officers was proposed by Jane Gosling and seconded by Rosemary Wheeler.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Charles Dinwiddy explained that the next coach outing will take place on the 17th September going to Bedford Hall and told members and guests a little about the trip.

David Deacon, as Church Warden, thanked the Friends for their help in the last year especially with paying money towards the electric work which had been completed in the book area.

DATE of the 70th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is on 6th JULY 2025

The meeting concluded at 12-30pm

Friends – Treasurer's Report AGM 2024

The Friends continue to be in a healthy position with funds held in excess of £32K at the end of last year, and therefore we remain well placed to support the Church.

From last year's accounts income was strong from subscriptions, donations and interest received on the Deposit Fund. This has enabled the Friends to support the PCC to the extent of over £3700 towards the major electrical work for the new bookcases under the Church tower and lantern repair work on one of the church paths.

The commitment given last year of £7k towards work in respect of the Quinquennial relating to the Vestry external door and associated stonework improvements remains outstanding.

The Committee continue to be extremely grateful for all the support from the membership and we are encouraged to be attracting new members.

I would also like to express my appreciation to all the hard work Malcolm and June have provided to the Committee and members in the last year.

This concludes my report for this year.

Ian Thompson

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Registered Charity No 1076637
FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
Annual Subscriptions	1070.00	
Life Subscriptions	1100.00	
Donations	341.20	
Friends Outing	1009.00	
Gift Aid	328.08	
Account Interest	<u>1619.72</u>	
		5468.00
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Printing & Stationery	108.71	
Postage	106.75	
Sundry expenses	52.50	
Agm Expenses	149.34	
Friends Outing	<u>1043.00</u>	
Surplus Income		<u>1460.30</u>
		4007.70

BANK BALANCES AS AT 1st JANUARY 2024

Current Account	2641.97	
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	<u>29883.87</u>	
Add Surplus Income		32525.84
		4007.70
		<u>36533.54</u>

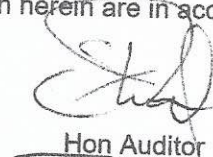
BANK BALANCES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

Current Account	3029.95	
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	<u>33503.59</u>	
		<u>36533.54</u>

The accounts have been prepared under the Receipts & Payments method.
 I have inspected the Records of Accounts for the above Association of the Friends of Lavenham Church and the figures given herein are in accordance with the records provided.



Hon Treasurer
 I H Thompson



Hon Auditor
 S Coward

5th MARCH 2025.