

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

Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 4 July 2021 in
Lavenham church at 12:30pm

Present: 19 Friends were in attendance.

1. Welcome and opening prayer

Chairman, Malcolm Linscott, welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially those attending the AGM for the first time.

Rev. Stephen Earl commended the meeting to God in prayer.

2. Apologies

The Secretary advised that 33 apologies had been received and recorded.

3. Minutes of the 65th AGM held on 7 July 2019

It was proposed by June Linscott, seconded by Marian Searle and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the 65th AGM be signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's report

The Chairman's report is recorded at appendix 1.

6. Hon Treasurer's report

The Hon Treasurer's report, together with the accounts to 31 December 2020, is recorded at appendix 2.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Jane Orbell and agreed unanimously that the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2020 be adopted.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Jane Orbell, seconded by June Linscott and agreed unanimously that Steven Coward be appointed as Independent Examiner for the 2021 financial year.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

It was proposed by Chris Burnford, seconded by June Linscott and agreed unanimously that the following be elected to the Friends' Committee:

Julian Baldwin	Charles Dinwiddy	Malcolm Linscott
Hannah Lombers	Paul MacLachlan	Jane Orbell
Marian Searle	Ian Thompson	Mary Wolton

The Chairman welcomed Mary Jackson as the PCC nominee to join the Friends Committee.

Ian Thompson was elected Treasurer for the coming year.

Paul MacLachlan was elected Secretary for the coming year.

9. Any other business

Rev Stephen Earl thanked the Friends' Committee for their support in the last year noting that this had been frustrated by both the pandemic and the slow progress of the Quinquennial report and work.

10. Date of 67th AGM

The Chairman announced that the 67th AGM will be held on Sunday 3 July 2022. It is hoped to follow this meeting with a Friends' lunch.

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL
LAVENHAM CHURCH**

President: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese

The Chairman and Committee have much pleasure inviting you to attend the
67th Annual General Meeting and Festival on Sunday 4th July 2021

8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.15 am. The Festival Eucharist
Preacher Professor David Ford

12.30 pm. AGM of The Friends of the Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul
Lavenham, in the Main Hall at Lavenham Village Hall,
followed by a light luncheon

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Chairman Mr Malcolm Linscott. Welcome and opening prayer.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the 65th AGM held on 7th July 2019. Please advise if copy required. Copies will be available at meeting.
4. Matters arising.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report. Statement of Accounts overleaf.
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner.
8. Election of Officers and Committee.
9. Any other business.
10. Date of next AGM Sunday 3rd July 2022

RSVP Ian Thompson, Hon Treasurer, 25 The Glebe, Lavenham, Suffolk
CO10 9SN. Tel 01787 248238 ianmargaret@btinternet.com **Please
advise by 13th June for catering purposes.**

We are pleased /unable to accept the invitation to the AGM and/or luncheon
on 4th July 2021

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THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL LAVENHAM

Minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 7th July 2019 in Lavenham Village Hall at 12.30pm

1. The Meeting was opened by Mr. Malcolm Linscott as the new Chairman elected last September. He warmly welcomed all present and especially all new members also Miss Rosemary Wheeler, a Founding member who has attended every single AGM from the beginning. He also welcomed with pleasure the guest preacher, Revd. Bishop Tim Stevens. Stephen Earl was invited to offer an Opening Prayer.
2. 38 Apologies for Absence had been received and recorded.
3. The Minutes of the 64th AGM, held on 1st July 2018, were read and approved to be signed by Mr Linscott as being a true record; proposed by Mrs June Linscott and seconded by Mrs Geraldine Rose. There were no objections.
4. There were no Matters Arising.

5. The Chairman's Report

Mr Malcolm Linscott confirmed that he had been elected as Chairman last year and that he was pleased to report a year of progress for the Friends. Sadly, several life and one or two annual members have died but we have begun a membership drive by sending a letter to every house in one road to gauge how it would be received. This resulted in 5 new life members and 12 new annual members. It is hoped to cover the whole village in the coming year. We now have 98 life members and 55 annual members.

We enjoyed fine weather for our annual outing last year to Cressing Temple Barns, where, coincidentally, we saw a marvellous fly past and then to Paycockes House in Coggleshall; a great success.

We are planning a fund raising event in the Village Hall on 22nd April 2020 with Terry Waite as our speaker. Tickets will include food and a glass of wine. Terry Waite will answer questions and sell his signed books.

Malcolm thanked Ian for the brilliant work he does as Treasurer, Mary for her generous hospitality for our meetings and Gwyneth for all her good work as secretary. He also thanked all the committee for their support and everyone involved with preparing the AGM lunch.

Finally, Malcolm reminded members about the outing to Wingfield College near Diss on 9th September next. There are still some places on the coach if people would like to go.

6. Hon. Treasurer's Report.

Mr Ian Thompson presented the Statement of Accounts reporting another excellent year for the Friends with continued wonderful support from all our members. Donations including a legacy have exceeded £3000. We are in a strong position with balances over £26000 at the end of 2018 which has increased to over £29000 now. We have contributed to the cost of rewiring the church clock chiming mechanism and await an approach from the PCC to assist with the Quinquennial works. Ian thanked Richard Toft for his great support. His contribution had been much appreciated and valued. He encouraged our new members to consider joining the committee.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Mr Steve Coward has agreed to continue in this capacity. He was very warmly thanked for his service and re-elected. Proposed by Mr Philip Burnford and seconded by Miss Rosemary Wheeler. There were no objections.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

Malcolm Linscott, Ian Thompson, Gwyneth Mead, Mary Wolton, Jane Orbell, Julian Baldwin and Marian Searle were nominated and duly re-elected. Proposed by Mrs Anne Toft and seconded by Mr Christopher Burnford. Mr Richard Toft resigned from the committee during the year and Malcolm paid a warm tribute to him.

9. AOB.

Revd. Stephen Earl said it was a huge asset for any church to have a Friends organisation, especially one so enthusiastic and committed and he thanked the Members and the Committee for all their support. He also thanked the Friends for the lovely summer lunch everyone was about to share. He was delighted to announce that the Guest preacher next year would be the Very Reverend Christopher Lewis. Mr Malcolm Linscott presented Bishop Tim with a small gift on behalf of the Friends and then the Bishop was invited to say Grace.

10. The 66th AGM will be held on Sunday, 5th July 2020.

MR. Linscott 4-7-21
chairman.

Friends of Lavenham Church AGM Sunday 4th July 2021

Chairman's Report

This report will be rather short, this year, mostly, because there is not very much to say.

Because we were not able to hold our AGM last year I am going to sum up what has happened in the last two years after our AGM in July 2019.

We held our annual outing in September 2019 when that year we visited Wingfield College near Diss. We stopped for lunch at an excellent old pub with box pews, if I remember correctly, before going on to the church at Wingfield for a talk and a tour and the going in to the old college which is now a lovely home. The trip finished with tea in the house before returning to Lavenham.

In the latter part of that year and in early 2020 I carried on with the distribution of letters in the village which did produce a number of new members. In the letter I explained the reason we existed and appealed especially to those who did not attend church to join our association as I was sure that all residents must be justly proud to have such a magnificent building at the heart of our community. Some roads were very receptive, others not at all but we did get our life membership up to more than 100 and recruited quite a few new annual members. I am so glad we did that as, sadly, we have lost a number due to death. Numbers currently stand at 60 annual members and 97 life members.

My biggest disappointment last year was the fact that we had to cancel our fund raising event we had been planning for nearly a year which was a supper evening with Terry Waite as guest speaker. Many tickets had been sold which had to be refunded and I would like to thank those who declined the refund thus helping boost our funds even though only a fraction of what might have been.

As has been said we did not have an AGM as such last year and we did not have an outing.

We have not arranged an outing this year either as these things have to be organised some time in advance and it was far from certain it would have actually happened.

If all goes well we will be back to normal next year with AGM and lunch and an outing later in the year and we might even be able to organise a fund raising event.

Earlier this year I was sad to receive a letter of resignation from Gwyn which would have left us without a secretary but Paul MacLachlan agreed to come back on the committee and take on the job. We are extremely sorry to lose Gwyn and understand her reasons but feel very fortunate indeed to have Paul to take over. We also feel incredibly fortunate to welcome to the committee, subject to your agreement later in the agenda, three very able new members. They are Charles Dinwiddy who has great experience and has chaired an association of friends of another church where he lived previously. Hannah Lombers, a friend of Marian's and Mary Jackson who needs no introduction and who is joining the committee as a representative of the PCC.

Finally, I would like to thank the other members of the committee for their support (even if we haven't done much this year) especially Ian who has had just as much to do as treasurer and who has been a tower of strength. We look forward to what the coming year may bring.

Friends - Treasurer's Report AGM 2021

It has been another good year for the Friends with funds held in excess of £29k.

Subscriptions are still providing excellent support with new members being achieved even during the difficult times of the last year. We are also grateful for donations totalling £200, plus a further £160 was kindly waived by some members who bought tickets for the Terry Waite Social Evening and did not seek refunds.

On the expenditure side we have funded the church with £498 for the work in respect of electrical repairs and improvements to the contactless card terminal. We have also promised to provide £150 for another card terminal for the second - hand books. We are still awaiting to see if the PCC needs our help with outstanding Quinquennial works and maintain close contact with the PCC in discussing possible projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to Gwyn Mead who as Secretary made a great contribution, particularly in promoting the social outings and events. Your enthusiasm and generosity will be greatly missed.

Finally, I am delighted we have gathered some new members for our Committee, namely Charles and Hannah, and I hope they will enjoy their involvement.

This concludes my report for this year.

Ian Thompson
Treasurer

THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL LAVENHAM
Registered Charity No 1076637
FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
Annual Subscriptions	855.00	
Life Subscriptions	300.00	
Donations	200.00	
Social Evening	580.00	
Gift Aid	361.25	
Account Interest	<u>67.75</u>	2364.00
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Printing & Stationery	189.60	
Postage	57.57	
Sundry expenses	40.00	
Social Evening refunds	420.00	
PCC	<u>498.00</u>	<u>1205.17</u>
Surplus Income		<u><u>1158.83</u></u>
 <u>BANK BALANCES AS AT 1st JANUARY 2020</u>		
Current Account	2596.75	
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	<u>25769.94</u>	28366.69
Add Surplus Income		<u>1158.83</u>
		<u><u>29525.52</u></u>
 <u>BANK BALANCES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020</u>		
Current Account	3687.83	
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	<u>25837.69</u>	<u><u>29525.52</u></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