



# Friends of Droxford Church

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Registered Charity No 284744

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 7pm in Droxford Church

Present: Tony Hoile, Sally Sturt, Nick Capon, John Symes, Ann Symes, Ann Stoneham, James Matthiessen, Jeff Hooper, Peter Richardson, Clive Bryant, Rosie Hoile and Ros Collins.

1. Welcome: Apologies received from Mel Rankine, Tony Forrest, and June Kershaw.
2. Approval of Minutes of 2021 AGM: The Minutes were proposed for approval by John Symes and seconded by Ann Symes and approved by all.
3. Chairman's report: received and available on the website see above. In addition, TH advised that the PC had confirmed they would take responsibility for clearing the drain from the square to the catchpit and would clear the drain twice a year. The siting of the Nicolson screen was ongoing and the latest proposal was between the south door and the children's area and fixed temporarily as originally proposed. The donor board was ongoing with the temporary notice in situ and NC to finalise the arrangements for the permanent board. The main church sign and noticeboard had received a favourable pre-ap and the new header is awaiting attachment. A big thank you was made to AS. JS is to progress contact with the metal detectorist to support the enlargement of the Heritage Display. With regard to the parish green, it was noted that one of the Trustees offered to prepare drawings for the PC but this was declined. It was noted that the PC AGM was scheduled for 19 May @7pm in the village hall but that there had been limited publicity, in contrast to that of the FODC AGM.
4. Strategy – A big thank you to JK for her energies to date. Following the Stakeholder meeting in February and the village meeting in March, the plans had now crystalised, following responses from over 80 parishioners and the plans were on the FODC website. The plan included those values which would require review every 10 years and the aims for review every 5 years. The outline action plan relating to specific projects is under discussion by the Trustees. Following which there would then be discussions with the PCC and DCH and priorities allocated to projects in the action plan.
5. Treasurer's report: Received and available on the website. This had been a quiet year with little change. None the less, given the strategy, it was clear that urgent fund raising was required. It was noted that the PC were the only Stakeholders in the village to have not contributed to the renovations of the Church. There were differing views as to how to respond to any PC request for funds to address any damage incurred when creating access during the renovations.

6. Election of Trustees: PR had decided to step down after over 10 years of service. There was a vote of thanks which was heartedly endorsed by all. Tony Hoile retired by rotation and offered himself for re-election. Approval of the changes was proposed by SS and seconded by JS and approved by all.

7. AOB: AS reported on the vandalism to the Church and in the Churchyard and the abuse received. Reports had been made to the police. The police had requested locals patrol the area and a log of such criminality. AS to request, via social media, for patrols and highlight that a log is being kept by AS for subsequent reporting to the police. A letter had been received raising complaints and TH will send a reply. SS to send to TH the formal permissions given by the footpath authority for all DCH and FODC signage in and around the parish. It was noted that the £10 to £15K annual Church maintenance budget is spread across not only FODC but also PCC and DCH.

The meeting closed at 20.15 pm.