

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF ST NICKS COMMUNITY PROJECT AT 8PM, ON THE 6th JANUARY 2016 AT THE JACKSON STOPS , STRETTON

PRESENT; Cassie, John, Brian, Gideon, Trudy, Jonathan, The committee of The Friends of St Nicks stayed to listen and contribute to the meeting.

ACTION

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTORS

Cassie has spoken to most of the potential contributors, all of whom have shown a willingness to help but many of them will only give money for specific projects i.e. a trust will help with seating, another with roof repairs and yet another with flooring. Cassie has therefore broken up the repairs to the church into manageable sized chunks and will ask for money for that part of the work being done from the appropriate charity. Most of the charitable trusts would like us to have 50% of the cost of the work to which they will be contributing. The Friends of St Nicolas agreed that the work must go ahead this year, and they agreed to pay for the heating.

Cassie

ORDER OF WORK

The priority is to remove the organ so that the roof can be repaired. While the organ is away it will be refurbished. Heritage Lottery will fund the repair of the organ.

The roof may be repaired in March and April and if the work is not completed it will have to stand over until October as the bats will be in the roof void over the summer months. The cost of the roof repair stands at £15,774 + VAT as at April 2015.

Once the roof has been repaired the floor will need repairing before the organ can be reinstalled. The pews will need to be removed and it is hoped to be able to sell off some of the pews to raise money for the refurbishing.

After completion of floor repairs the heating can be installed followed by the repairs to the doorway and finally the installation of a lavatory and small kitchenette.

The architect will negotiate with contractors and he will also inspect and sign off work. Only then will any payments be made.

Brian

VILLAGE SURVEY

Cassie will draw up a questionnaire which will be circulated to the villagers of Stretton. The questionnaire will also appear on the website and if residents do not want to complete the hard copy they will be able to submit the questionnaire via the website.

Cassie

FINANCES

The Friends of St Nicks were asked if they would help should there be a temporary shortfall in monies when paying a contractor. Shortfalls could occur while waiting for funds to arrive from charitable trusts or waiting for VAT refunds. It was agreed that this would be possible.

FUND RAISING EVENTS

Over £300 was raised at the Swing Night and about £300 was raised at the Christmas Music evening.

BANK ACCOUNT

The Committee of the St Nicks Community Project will now not be opening a bank account in their name and all monies will go through the account of the PCC. Brian feels that there should be more signatories to this account besides his wife and Cassie and John are happy to be signatories on this account.

Gideon therefore no longer needs to act as treasurer for the Community Project committee.

Brian

WEBSITE

Penny and Andrew host the village website and have offered to place the minutes on their website. Trudy to forward a copy of these minutes to them.

Trudy

DATE TO REMEMBER

11th June 2016 ----- Fete