

Hughenden Parochial Church Council

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting - Thursday 7th October at 6.30 pm (held via Zoom)

Present

Clergy: Keith Johnson, Tracey Jones (TJ)
Lay Reader: David Tester
Churchwardens: Frank Hawkins
Elected: Clare Godfrey, Mike Hill, Arthur Johnson, Brian Morley, Ben Sharp,
Christopher Tyrer
Secretary: Susan Brice

Richard Peters was also present.

1. Keith welcomed everyone and opened in prayer.

2. Apologies

Helen Peters, Julia Grant, Antony Rippon

3. Bell tower

Keith invited Brian to talk about the grants received for the repair of the Bell Tower.

Brian told the committee that grants had been promised from Heritage England of £76,490 and from the Garfield Weston Foundation of £20,000.

Thanks were given to Brian and to Richard for the tremendous amount of work that they had put into achieving these grants.

It was agreed that the church congregations could be told of the situation on Sunday 10th October. There is enough money to begin the work although the exact costs are still unknown at the present time.

Keith read out the Standing Committee proposal:

'The Standing Committee request the PCC to authorise the repair works to be carried out to the Bell Tower with immediate effect.'

It was proposed by Christopher Tyrer and seconded by Frank Hawkins. The vote in favour was unanimous.

The hope is that the scaffolding will go up this month and then the work will take until the end of March, possibly a little longer.

Keith said that he would speak to David Cornwall and keep him up to date with what is happening. It was hoped that ringing would not have to stop quite yet as long as the bells are left in a safe position each time, thus enabling Derek Brown to access the tower safely.

(Mike Hill left the meeting)

Richard said that he would write an article about the Bell Tower repair for Outlook.

Frank and Christopher both noted that it was important that we remember to thank both charities for the funds we were receiving and also to ask what we can do for them.

Keith asked TJ to end the meeting in prayer.

The meeting closed at 7.07 pm

Susan Brice (PCC Secretary)
7th October 2021