

**Friends of St Paul's Culham**  
**Meeting Thursday 9th September 2004**  
**Minutes**

**1 Present**

Brian Bracher, Anne Burn, Rob Kennedy, James Macdonald, Kath Pearce, John Storrs, Carole Sutcliffe, Rev Edward Tildesley, Dr John Ward.

**2 Apologies for Absence**

None received.

**3 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

None were taken because the position of secretary was vacant (now filled).

**4 Matters Arising**

**4.1 Community Concert**

A community concert had been considered for the end of September, but insufficient planning had been done, so it had been decided not to proceed. In any case the European School had backed away from participation. The village school has been told that the concert is cancelled.

**5 Any Other Business**

**5.1 Coffee Morning**

A fund raising coffee morning in a members' house was considered, but it was felt it would not repay the effort.

**5.2 Village School**

It was suggested that the school be approached to ask if a teacher or governor would be willing to become a member of the Friends' committee. It was agreed that closer links with the school might help with community involvement.

**5.3 Party after AGM**

The possibility of a party associated with the AGM was discussed. To be considered at the next meeting.

**5.4 Party after Christmas Carol Service**

A party after the Christmas Eve carol service was suggested and felt to be a good idea. If the PCC agrees to this at its next meeting on 13th October we will go ahead with this. It will need good local publicity, with posters (preferably one advertising both the carol service and the party) and an announcement in the Mouthpiece.

### **5.5 Church Projects**

It was agreed that the PCC should be asked to draw up a list of possible projects needing the Friends' support. It was felt that we must put some of our reserve to early use, so that we have some good news to announce in the subscriptions letter which the chairman will send out in the new year. It was agreed that projects addressing problems with the fabric or providing capital improvements should be preferred. Apparently there is a leak in the tower roof, and damp patches in the tower walls. We could assist with these problems immediately if the PCC requests. A more significant project discussed was the connection of the church to mains water and sewage, and the provision of a toilet and washing facilities. This needs some research, but could form the basis of a funding appeal next year.

### **6 Date of Next Meeting**

8pm Thursday 11th November at the Lion.

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