

Fakenham Choral Society Committee Minutes

Date & Location	Tuesday 29 th October 2020, 7.30pm Virtual Meeting - Zoom	Glossary	
Present	Philippa Allen Gill Ashby Colin Blackmore Roger Burbidge (Chair) Tim Burton Sue Burton Rosemary Dear Mark Jones (MD) Diana Lyons Louise Myhill Tracey Thompson Barbara Wyvill	Gill Ashby Philippa Allen Colin Blackmore Roger Burbidge Sue / Tim Burton Elizabeth Rix Rosemary/Brian Dear Mark Jones Diana Lyons Louise Myhill Tracey Thompson Barbara Wyvill James Mooney-Dutton Margaret Vincent Grant Harrison Stephanie Walsh (Friends') Fakenham Parish Church	GA PA CB RB SB / TB ER RD/BD MJ DL LM TT BW JM-D MV GH SW FPC

Minutes

Agenda Ref	Summary/Actions	Action Owner
1.	Apologies – ER	
	RB welcomed everyone to the first meeting after the AGM. The committee were thanked for their efforts in these strange times. He acknowledged the coming year was likely to be as difficult as 2020, leading to anxiety, stress and frustration at not being able to sing. There was a continuing need to remain calm, and to listen and respect everyone's views. RB formally welcomed Louise Myhill (LM) to the committee.	
2.	Minutes of meeting held on 24th September 2020 One item to clarify: SB/TB would continue as Librarians under the current situation, but this was not an open ended offer. Minutes then agreed and signed as a true record	
3.	Matters Arising not on the Agenda RB asked whether we knew if the Thornton's had returned a box of glasses to Kay. TT will ask her	TT
4.	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Balaam had decided not to continue with Zoom • In wanting to send a token gift of thanks to Carol Jennings, TT had emailed her to ensure she was not on holiday. No reply to date. TT will try again • Kay Aldington had emailed to suggest the committee consider Fakenham Community Centre as an alternative rehearsal venue and the use of singers' masks. TT had replied that they were both on the agenda for tonight 	TT
5.	AGM matters arising There were none, but feedback that it had worked well via Zoom	
6.	Treasurers' Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Balances at bank: current £7336.15 Friends £2061.85 No. 3 £1074.19 Deposit £4507.10. This totalled almost £15k, not much down on June having since paid all dues and with no income. Donations of £1160 received and commitment to FCS seen from the Friends with £345 paid. ii. GA felt there was insufficient information to talk about subs, but would like the following points on the next agenda for discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Do we charge subs from 1st Jan 2021? If so, who do we charge and how do we collect. Could/should there be different tiers e.g. in person, Zoom, not taking part at all b) Could we ask for termly subs c) Concerts – what are our thoughts d) Do we charge members who do not want to meet in person or via Zoom e) GA's draft 2020/21 budget assumed 75 members for 2 terms. If we did do concerts, knowing the probable income and expenditure, a £7k deficit was likely for the year, 	TT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEXT STEPS: RD/CB would make a start on collating a member questionnaire and asked committee members to submit thoughts and suggestions to them. The next committee meeting would be booked soon to finalise the survey. For ease, it was suggested this was sent via email so members could simply reply 	ALL RD/CB
11.	<p>Christmas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a group email, SB/TB had received no requests for the loan of the white carol book. RD would send a reminder to members • No one had checked with Fakenham Town Council about singing on a market day. RD would ask. Suggestion was about 6 singers in a cordoned off area with appropriate social distancing • RB confirmed the Fakenham Christmas light turn on would all be virtual. 	RD RD
12.	<p>Librarian Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was very difficult at the moment. The best way would really be to approach someone direct and ask. There was a need to be reasonably physically fit and have some storage • LM wondered if it would focus members' minds if we stated the alternative was that everyone bought their own music! 	
13.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GA. The Christmas Tree Festival was fully virtual this year. Website is www.christmastreefestival.co.uk The FCS page was set up with photos, our logo and how to donate. The site would also run videos from each group. Thanks to RD for being our video star! • GA would send a Trustee declaration to LM for completion • CB asked if there'd been feedback on the FCS Amazon Smile account. GA hadn't checked recently, but thought a minimum amount needed to be collected before this is paid out. LM hadn't found it easy to find Amazon Smile online, so RD would circulate a reminder to members about it • RB. The member snow list was not needed at the moment, but we'd need to reconsider it if we resumed rehearsals • MJ was asked for his general thoughts. He was working with several choirs, c80% of members were meeting, concerts were to take place and much music making happening. He was concerned that, if a concert situation arose for FCS, many members would not have learnt the music covered in the Autumn term via Zoom. Committee agreed we needed to continue rehearsing via Zoom for the moment and thanked MJ and JMD, acknowledging that working via Zoom was a thankless task with no idea how people were getting on 	
14.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 12th November, 7.30pm, Zoom to consider the survey and, if time, the subs questions raised by GA • Meeting closed at 8.50pm 	

Signed as a true record (name)

Print name

Date