

**MINUTES OF THE CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
IN YEW TREE COTTAGE, MAIN ROAD, MARGARETTING  
ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2019**

PRESENT: David Frost, Tim Lee, Penny Savill and Michael Scott

APOLOGIES: Harold Taylor

1. NOTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

These were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following matters were raised:

(i) Margarettng Roll of Honour and Margarettng War Memorial

The parish council has been informed there may be three names missing from the war memorial.

- Corporal Geoffrey Brian Holmes (Royal Army Service Corp - 1918)
- Driver William Porter (Royal Field Artillery - 1919)
- Lieutenant Richard Algar Adam (5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Dorsetshire -1944)

(ii) VE Day 75: The parish council is organising a village celebration for Friday, 8 May

(iii) AGM 2020: The Chelmer Room has been booked for Wednesday, 14 May

3. CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP FINANCES AND MEMBERSHIP

In Harold's absence Michael reported on our current financial situation. After taking membership subscriptions and donations into account our bank balance now stands at £1,325.13

4. CHURCHYARD IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE

Wildflower areas: Michael and David reported two areas have been sprayed and Chris had done a good job in strimming and removing the grass from the wildflower areas. It was agreed seeds would be purchased - cost £100 per kilo. Signs marking the wildflower areas will be placed there. **ACTION: M. SCOTT**

Hedges: The whole length of south hedge has been trimmed but only half of the west hedge has been completed. The brambles have been given another spray of weed killer. The south facing ditch will need clearing in the Spring. **ACTION: D. FROST AND M. SCOTT**

Rear and front gravel paths: Both paths have been sprayed with weed killer. The front path has been widened slightly to give car drivers more room for reversing and prevent further damage to the grass. David has purchased and laid three bags of gravel to level out the paths.

5. CHURCH BUILDING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Heating: Maurice Wright has checked and reset the heating clock timer.

Cleaning: The autumn cleaning day on Saturday, 26 October did not attract any volunteers. David, Valerie and Penny spent the morning clearing cobwebs and cleaning.

Gutters and gullies: Michael and David have filled in the cracks in the gullies.

South Door: The pillars have been painted.

Quinquennial inspection: Copies of the architect's report were circulated at the meeting and the summary of recommendations discussed. The committee identified the remedial work the support group were able undertake. It was agreed to discuss the architect's urgent recommendations and those requiring attention within eighteen months with the PCC. **ACTION: D. FROST AND P. SAVILL**

6. CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Nine Lessons and Carols (15 December) - Penny, David and Tim agreed to read a lesson each.

Christmas Day Communion Service – Revd. Tim Pigrem will officiate at this service.

7. FUND RAISING

Church tours - The U3A tours have raised £130 for the church/school transport fund.

Song Cycle – Penny has booked this group for Saturday, 11 July 2020.

Strawberry Blonde – Tim has booked this duo for Saturday, 5 September.

8.. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 10 February 2020 at 11am in Michael's home.