



Friends of Droxford Church

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Monday 17th February 2025 at 6.30pm in Droxford Church

Present: Approximately 35 Friends including representatives of many of the groups around the church, other parish residents, volunteers and interested guests.

1. Welcome by the Chairman, Tony Hoile. Apologies were received from Ali Pepper, Nick Capon, Michael Profit, Ros Collins, Roger Denham, Kathryn Percival and in sending her apology, Kathryn Percival wrote "I wish you all the best and thank you so much for all that the Friends are doing to promote the mission of the Church at the heart of the community. I look forward to hearing more about the heritage project – what a great title".
2. The Minutes of the 2024 AGM were approved. Proposed by Adam Sinnott and June Kershaw.
3. The Chairman's report was delivered and is available on the website see above. The Chairman detailed the considerable contribution made by John Dryden-Brownlee to FODC and a minute's silence was held.
4. The Treasurer's report was delivered and is available on the website.
5. The Trustees Tony Hoile and June Kershaw were proposed by Paul Cooper and seconded by John Symes and both re-elected. It was reported that Tony Hoile was stepping down as chairman and June Kershaw was stepping up as chair. Tony was thanked profusely for all his energies and wisdom he had brought as chairman, and this was resoundingly endorsed by those present.
6. Sally Sturt gave a presentation on "The Role of FODC" and is available on the website. Following which Peter Melson reported on the heating in the church to apologise why it was cold and reported that a replacement system is being designed in conjunction with FODC.
7. Adam Sinnott gave a presentation on "How Riotous Droxford helped shape the world" and is available on the website.
8. AOB. Those present were advised to submit their applications to be included on the new PCC electoral roll.

Events proposed for 2025 by FODC included:

- In conversation with Angela Findlay on **Friday 11 April** at 6.30 pm in Droxford Church.
- 1950s Dance with Amy Baker singing live on **Saturday 28 June** at 7.00 pm in Droxford Village Hall.
- Ceroc Dance lessons in anticipation of the 1950s Dance, with Dan and Miranda Hewitt-Green on **Wednesday 14, 21, 28 May and 4, 11, and 18 June** in Droxford Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.