

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PARISH
CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S OLD BASING (Registered Charity 1051202) HELD IN THE
BOLTON CHAPEL OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2025**

Attendees	Ian & Rosemary Kershaw, Julia Wright Revd Jo Mulliner, Kathleen Manley, Elizabeth Fourie, Penny Potter, Matt Jarrett, Jane Whiter, Jan Secker-Walker, Kate O'Neill, Chris Hawkins, Gary Taylor, Rosey Marsh, John & Mae Keary, Joan Cole, Jo Jarrett-Kerr, David Stevens
Apologies	Ian May-Miller, Peter Guthrie, Gill Law
Observer	Robert Jackson

Introduction

Ian thanked everyone for attending and apologised that the papers had been sent out later than he had hoped. He thanked Rev Jo for all that she has done. She has been a great help to The Friends and we will all miss her and wish her well. Thanks also went to Jan for her great input into "For What It's Worth" at Lychpit hall.

Minutes

The minutes of the AGM on 7 May 2024 were approved.

Election of Honorary Officers (elected annually)

Position	Elected	Nominated	Seconded
Chair	Matt Jarrett	Ian Kershaw	Kate O'Neill
Vice Chair	Kate O'Neill	Jan Secker-Walker	Elizabeth Fourie
Treasurer	Elizabeth Fourie	Ian Kershaw	Kate O'Neill
Secretary	Julia Wright	Matt Jarrett	Kate O'Neill
Publicity Officer	Kate O'Neill	Matt Jarrett	Penny Potter

Elected Officers (a maximum of 9)

Officer	Term Ending
Kathleen Manley	2006
Chris Hawkins	2026
Gary Taylor	2026
Peter Guthrie	2027
Rosey Marsh	2026

There are still some spaces on the committee.

Independent Examiner

Colin Ball has been reappointed.

Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts

The report of the Trustees and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 were made available to all those in attendance. These will be sent out to members with the minutes.

Ian presented the Annual Report and the accounts,

The annual report and accounts were approved.

Any Other Business

- Kate thanked Ian for all the work he has done for FOSMC. And for staying on as chair and keeping the committee together when no-one else was in the position to do so.

What do we want FOSMC to do better?

- Matt said we need to increase our footprint in the village. We need to be more public, be at more events e.g. FOOBS (Friends of Old Basing Schools) and the Welcome Tearooms
- David Stevens suggested the possibility of church tours, with volunteers from the church linking with FOSMC
- Mae Keary suggested creating a history of FOSMC leaflet with joining details on the back and a link to the FOSMC website
- Kathleen said that we should hold more events in Lychpit. Although the hall was too small for the Barn Dance we could do some events there, such as the quiz. Or possibly hold events at Bartons Mill
- Other suggestions included
 - Having a better system for emailing members

- Targeting new people who move into the village
- Linking the Facebook and Instagram accounts
- Asking the schools to send out notices to target a younger audience (their parents).

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm.

Approved on .

Signed Matt Jarrett

Chair