

**At a meeting of Warwick Friends held at the Quaker Centre
on Sunday 3rd February 2019**

Present: 14 Friends were present for our meeting, starting at 12 noon and Jane Holt acted as Duty Elder.

Minute 19/01 *Advices & Queries* No 15 and sections 2.87 and part of section 3.10 from Quaker Faith and Practice were read aloud during worship today, February 3rd.

Minute 19/02 Past and future area meetings

Area meeting was held on Sat 19th December at Bull Street Edgebaston FMH. Dave Rawcliffe reported back to us the following Sunday.

We appoint Dave Rawcliffe to represent us at Bull Street FMH on Sat 9th March from 2-5pm. There is no Area Meeting in February. We ask Dave Rawcliffe to report back to us as soon as possible after the meeting.

Minute 19/03 Memorial Minute for Toni Rumsby

We ask Elders to approach appropriate friends to prepare a memorial minute for our late Friend Toni Rumsby.

Minute 19/04 Nomination for Cafe Committee

Nominations Committee brought us the name of John Sheldon as a possible member of the Cafe Committee and signatory to cafe cheques.

The Meeting appointed John Sheldon to this role.

Minute 19/05 Southern Marches' Post-Truth World Concern

A small group of Friends (Gill Smith, John Sheldon, Dave Rawcliffe and Meg Harper) met to consider this concern on our behalf. They brought us the following Minute:

'The Southern Marches' Post-Truth World Concern

Present: John Sheldon, Gill Smith, Dave Rawcliffe, Meg Harper

Clerk: Meg Harper

We uphold this concern and think that it is a concern that Meeting for Sufferings should continue to uphold. We make the following suggestions:

1. That research groups are set up to find out the objective truth with supporting evidence behind things that are of particular concern to us as Quakers eg. assisted dying, universal credit, re-cycling, so that we ourselves have reliable sources of information.

This process could be used to test any concerns of our own.

2. We feel challenged to work hard in Warwick Meeting at aligning what we say with what we do, ensuring that our practice fully reflects our testimonies. We suggest a process of regularly auditing our meetings, bringing concerns about our 'truthfulness' to light, in simple matters such as providing Fair Trade biscuits if we say we are a Fair Trade church and more serious matters such as major outlay on sustainable building work.

3. If we genuinely want truth to prosper, we accept that there will be times when we must challenge difficult personalities. If we can do this effectively in our meetings, we will be better equipped to challenge people outside of Quakers. We feel called upon to encourage each other and suggest that we can share experiences in an arena such as 'The Friend'.

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With the inclusion of the word 'nationally' after 'set up' after we are happy for our Clerk to forward this minute to Area Meeting.

Minute 19/06 GDPR - update on process completed at end of 2018 and further decisions.

Our data protection officer, Dave Rawcliffe, updated us on our progress towards compliance with GDPR 2018. A high percentage of consent forms (76/99) were received by the deadline but not all members and attenders have returned them. The names are known to Elders and Overseers.

We were asked by our Data Protection Officer, Dave Rawcliffe, how we should share the gathered information with Central England Area Meeting. After much discussion, we agreed to send the paper forms to Central England Area Meeting and to keep an electronic record for our own use.

We noted that personal contact with personal friends who are members or attenders is not affected by GDPR.

We noted that the records kept will need to be updated from time to time. Dave Rawcliffe will ensure that current records are up to date. We ask our Overseers to take responsibility for this going forward.

The Clerk will hold 10 paper copies of the consent forms for any new attenders/members. They can also be printed off from the Central England Area Meeting website.

We wish to record that several Friends are extremely uncomfortable about the losses caused by this process eg. Difficulty in keeping information about children and potential disruption to community. There is sadness and frustration, despite our compliance with the law.

We would like to thank Dave Rawcliffe very much for his work on this matter.

God willing we shall meet again on Sunday March 3rd commencing 12 noon after Meeting for Worship, with agenda items and papers to the clerk by Thursday 21st February.

Meg Harper, clerk

Diana Biddlestone, assistant clerk

Continuing Minutes

Existing

13/37: WQM Members and Attenders List

14/03 (part) Review of Meeting List (see also 13/37 above)

16/28 (part): Fund-raising committee – annual report – re. use of contribution schedule

18/17: Advice re management of emails and current address list

18/62: Garden Opening times