

**At a meeting of Warwick Friends held at the Quaker Centre  
on Sunday 1st September 2019**

Present: 10 Friends were present for our meeting, starting at 12 noon and Jane Holt acted as the duty Elder.

Minute 19/49 We appoint Anna Edelsten to act as assistant clerk for the duration of today's meeting.

Minute 19/50 *Advices & Queries* No 33 was read aloud during worship today, September 1st.

Minute 19/51 Past and future area meetings

Ali Jeffrey and Helen Pemberton represented us at Warwick FMH on Thursday 15th July and both of them reported back to us on the following Sunday. We appoint Gill Smith to represent us on Saturday 14th Sept at Hartshill FMH, if that is possible and ask for our Friend's report asap after the meeting.

Minute 19/52 Minute to record successful DBS check

We record that DBS disclosure was carried out concerning Freya Harding and is in order. This Friend can now be included on our list of volunteers. The issue date of the disclosure certificate is 22.7.19.

Minute 19/53 Memorial Minute - Toni Rumsby

We received a Memorial Minute for Toni Rumsby, filed with these minutes.

We thank the Elders and all those involved in writing this engaging and inspiring minute which has already been forwarded to and accepted by Area Meeting, due to a slight misunderstanding of the process.

We will forward this to the Elders' and Overseers' Support Group for further consideration and this minute to Area Meeting.

Minute 19/54 Request for finance for advertisement for Warwick University Meeting

Our friend, Rob Hooper, has asked for finance to support the following advertisement in 'The Friend':

"The University of Warwick holds a Quaker Meeting for Worship during term time, Tuesdays 1.15pm to 1.45pm in the chaplaincy centre.

All welcome. Contact xxxxxxxx (number to be decided)."

The cost is likely to be about £35.00.

We, and our treasurer, are happy to support this request.

We suggest that Rob Hooper's own phone number is used as a contact as well as [elders@warwickquakers.org.uk](mailto:elders@warwickquakers.org.uk).

We suggest that the advertisements are timed to fit with the start of term and advantage is taken of the 3 for £40 offer.

Minute 19/55 Friendly Link Annual Report

We received the annual report of our Friendly Link Editor, Anna Edelsten, filed with these minutes.

We thank our Friend for the hard work undertaken and for several successful new initiatives.

We draw Friends' attention to the request to write notices themselves, rather than emailing flyers or information to the Editor.

We enthusiastically accept our editor's suggestion of including photographs and suggest that these are in colour for the email distribution and in black and white for the hard copies.

#### Minute 19/56 Garden Signage

Premises and Finance Committee (P&F) brought us a report (filed with these minutes) on their deliberations regarding signage for the garden, which has exercised them greatly.

We agree that the wording on the new signage in our garden, as discussed at previous Business Meetings, is to read:

*"Welcome to Warwick Quaker Garden  
Please use the garden for peaceful reflection and enjoyment and respect its historical background as a burial ground  
Open 8am-8pm or sunset  
Closed on Sundays and other times as needed"*

We too were much exercised in this matter.

We agree that a temporary sign should be affixed within the garden, requesting that no alcohol/drugs are consumed/used. We ask P&F to attend to this.

We also ask our Garden Committee to include in their garden re-design appropriate artwork reflective of our ideals and practice, including, amongst other things, our approach to the use of alcohol and other drugs. We suggest that the children and young people are included in this project.

We thank, in particular, Paul Rutter, and our warden, Edward Creasy, for their hard work and discernment on this matter.

With this minute, we complete continuing minute 18/62.

#### Minute 19/57 TOR - Churches Together in Warwick Representative

Nominations Committee brought us draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for our Churches Together in Warwick Representative (filed with these minutes).

With the addition of the words 'us' in the second we accepted these ToR and thank Nominations Committee for their work in researching and writing them.

We ask Nominations to seek a representative.

With this minute, we complete continuing minute 19/28.

God willing we shall meet again on Sunday 6th October commencing 12 noon after Meeting for Worship, with agenda items and papers to the clerk by Thursday 26th September.

Meg Harper, clerk

#### Continuing Minutes

Existing

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

18/62: Wording for Garden Sign

19/28: (part) TOR representative to Churches Together in Warwick.