

At a meeting of Warwick Friends held online via Zoom

on Sunday May 3rd 2020

Present: 13 Friends were present for our meeting, starting at 12 noon and Paula Button acted as the duty Elder.

Minute 20/16 April Business Meeting

We record that our Business Meeting did not take place in April due to the Covid 19 lockdown.

Minute 20/17 *Quaker Faith and Practice 10.01* was read aloud during worship today, May 3rd.

Minute 20/18 Past and future area meetings

Dave Rawcliffe represented us on Sat 21st March at Hall Green FMH and reported back to us on the following Sunday. There was no Area Meeting in April due to the Covid 19 lockdown but there will be an Area Meeting held online via Zoom on May 13th from 19.00 to 20.00. More details are to follow. We appoint Jane Holt to represent us.

Minute 20/19 Donation to Ecochurch and Bronze Award - Wendy Edwards

We are delighted to record that we are eligible for the Bronze Award awarded by Ecochurch for our efforts to make our meeting and building more eco-friendly. We are asked to make a donation of £150 to Ecochurch for the administration involved. We can also have a plaque made from re-cycled pew which would cost us £85.

We are happy to agree to the donation but do not require the plaque. We have heard a suggestion that mention about the Bronze Award might be made in our future Garden displays.

We ask our Treasurer to make the appropriate payment.

We would like to consider the possibility of progressing to the Silver Award in the future.

We thank Wendy Edwards very heartily for her hard work on this which has taken several years. We ask her to share with the Clerk the link to the questionnaire which she had to fill in, so that the Clerk can share it with the meeting.

A signature from the 'church leader' is also required for the Award to be given. We ask our Clerk to take that responsibility.

Minute 20/20 Room Hire for Kenilworth Meeting - Wendy Edwards

A group of Friends has been meeting for worship informally in people's homes in Kenilworth for some months now. We agree to formally adopt it as meeting under the care of Warwick Meeting.

Prior to Covid 19 lockdown, we were asked to pay £12.50 for the hire of a room for Kenilworth Meeting to meet during May 2020, with a view to potentially hiring the room going forward once a month. Kenilworth Meeting cannot go ahead with this in May due to the lockdown but we record that we are happy to pay for this room hire for the first month after lockdown ceases.

We also record that we are happy to pay this amount on a monthly basis going forward subject to consultation with our treasurer.

We ask our Clerk to send this minute to Area Meeting.

Minute 20/21 Heritage Open Days Open Week - Elders

We have heard from Elders (paper filed with these minutes) that they would very much like us to open the Meeting House for one or more days during Heritage Open Week, which this year runs from 11th- 20th September and that, should we do so, they would like it to be put in the Warwick District Council Heritage Open Days booklet.

They want to make sure that Meeting supports the idea and to choose date(s) that don't clash with other events that Friends are involved with. They point out that there would be a need for support from the Meeting to provide a constant Quaker presence of at least two people, while the buildings are open.

Assuming that the event goes ahead in some form and taking account of government guidelines, we agree with these proposals and ask Elders to go ahead with the organisation of this in faith, liaising with our warden. We ask all Friends to consider whether and how they could be involved in supporting this event. Elders are welcome to bring this matter back to BM to be reviewed if necessary.

Minute 20/22 Report on Heating etc from Premises and Finance Committee

We received a report from Premises and Finance Committee, (filed with these minutes) regarding their investigation into the heating of our building and our response to climate change.

We support P&F in going ahead with the simple and practical measures which they outline in their report and agree that this is a matter that we must return to in our broader thinking about the way forward for Warwick Meeting, attending to our collective response to climate change.

P& F will also consider some sort of SMART or automated system for controlling the heating in the future.

Minute 20/23 Reading from A&Q and QF&P - Elders

We have received a minute from Elders (filed with these minutes) concerning the regular reading of A&Q and QF&P, filed with these minutes. This raised some weighty questions. eg:

- Should we be restricted to QF&P for our planned readings?
- Who should organise for the readings to be made?
- Is two planned readings per month too much like programming?

We ask our Elders and Overseers to consider this matter at their next joint meeting and return it to BM at a future time.

God willing we shall meet again on Sunday June 7th, either online by Zoom or at the Meeting House, depending on guidance from our government, commencing 12 noon after Meeting for Worship, with agenda items and papers to the clerk by Thursday 28th May.

Meg Harper, clerk

Continuing Minutes

19/70: (part) Proposed New Role - Keeper of the Members and Attenders contact list Existing

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

20/14: Garden Update

20/15: Facebook Page

20/23: Reading of Advices and Queries and Quaker Faith and Practice