

## Minutes of Friends in Deed meeting held at the Vicarage Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011

**Present:** Rev. Ally Barrett, Christine Lawrence, Hilary Grant, Miles Falla, Tim Hayward, Ann Arran, Brenda Steadman, Hazel Wilcox.

**Apologies:** Rachel Noble & Margaret Street

**1. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**2. Matters arising:** Hilary contacted Heather from Care Network regarding claiming funds and everything is now in place and funds have been claimed recently, so there should be no further problems. Christine has emailed all the visitors to check on drivers, but has had little response from them. At the moment FiD are able to fulfil requests for transport so it is not too much of an issue.

Ann asked if the newsletter had been received by everyone and Christine said she would check with all the visitors as some may want to receive it without the Church Newsletter.

### **3. Past Events:**

The Tea Party in February was a success and well done to Brenda who took over the responsibility of organising this from Patsy.

The Training Event in April was a guest from Hospice at Home, the speaker Beatrice McEneamy gave a very interesting talk. There were only a few people there and it was suggested that perhaps if we put a regular article in the Roundabout this might encourage more people to attend. Ann & Hilary said they would liaise and arrange to submit something between them.

### **4. Forthcoming events:**

The Tea Party is booked for 13<sup>th</sup> July at Miles & Pam's house. Ally is to email Rachel to get the template for the invitations and print off for Christine to collect for the 20<sup>th</sup> June and she will arrange delivery. Brenda offered to organise the cakes. Rachel, Hilary & Hazel all offered to send cakes and the invitations to the visitors will also include a request for cakes. Christine will bring tablecloths and Tim offered to help Miles with chairs and tables.

The AGM was booked for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and a provisional date of 12<sup>th</sup> as a backup if the Hall is booked. Ann suggested a speaker from Hanover Housing Trust who manage Poppyfields as this could be very informative. Hazel will book the hall and contact Hanover Housing Trust to see if they are able to help us. If not Ally suggested that John Bentley may be a good idea as he has worked for Age UK and has been very helpful.

### **5.Co coordinator's Report:**

Christine reported that she has 1 new Visitor and 3 new helpers for Mums & Tots. Mums & Tots are now regularly getting an attendance of around 20 – a good result. We have 1 new visitee and sadly we have 2 visitees that have recently died. It appears that there may be one or two more new visitees in the pipeline. Ally discussed with the committee the importance of maintaining confidentiality of both visitor & visitee and nobody should feel obliged to give out telephone numbers of other information- that is not the role of Friends in Deed.

## **6. Any other business:**

Ally said that a Holiday scheme was to be run by Buccaneers & Buckden day Nursery during the school holidays .There was only one day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September when this wasn't running and there could be a need for a 'PlayDay' at school. The committee confirmed that they would be willing to help and Ally said she would find out if there would be any need for this.

Ally has received a Thank You letter from one of our visitees ,which was rather nice and shows that we are doing a good job.

Plans are in the pipeline for setting up a smaller 'Friends in Deed' group in Offord as part of their Parish Plan so we may be called upon to give help & support in the future to them.

## **7. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting to be held at the Vicarage on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011