

East Cheshire Area Meeting of Trustees
2pm Saturday June 8th 2024
at Disley Meeting House

24.06.01: Trustees present:

Hilary Brooks (Clerk), Jane Barrett, Jill Maguire, Ann Sumner, Leneh Buckle, Hilary Newall

24.06.02: Wedding of Taylor Giacomina and David Shoesmith

Disley Friends would like to pay for the refreshments after the wedding at Mount Street with a donation of £200.

We ask AM to match that amount to defray the staffing costs at Mount Street as they have not asked Taylor and David for a hiring fee.

24.06.03: Reports from Local Meetings:

We will collect short reports from each meeting to take to Area Meeting in November. Please send them to the Clerk in good time.

24.06.04: Role Holders:

Anne has agreed to shadow Sue Pounder with a view to taking over next year. (Since writing this minute Sue has informed me she is ready to serve another three year term).

Hilary Newall will liaise with Jill Maguire with a view to taking over responsibility for insurance matters next year.

Leneh Buckle will talk to Gavin Mendham about employment responsibilities.

Hilary Brooks will attend Stockport's Hiring and Premises Committee meeting on Monday 10th June at 10.15am

24.06.05: Property Matters

Report from Disley Premises Committee:

(i) Carpet: Having discussed the two carpeting options (Carpet Retail shop/ John Barton's carpet tiles) The Premises committee have chosen the Retail shop option (total £5,436.00). Lizzy will bring samples for us to help with the choice of carpet colours. We agree to this expenditure.

(ii) Chairs: It was decided to order 10 chairs with arms (Burgundy) and 15 chairs with no arms (Blue). Jennifer will have ordered them from 'Rosehill Furniture'.

(iii) Gutters: It was decided to replace the wooden gutters with plastic (green) gutters. This will require planning permission from the council and a quote from

built.heritage@cheshireeast.gov.uk The Premises committee are looking into this.

(iv) Window Replacement: Premises committee are looking into contacts for window replacement as these need to be in line with listed building status. Lizzy is contacting 'Tomlinson Parbans' Timber Merchants of High Lane to come and inspect the windows and give us a quote. Members of the Premises Committee will be present when they come.

Disley has bought new carpeting at a cost of £5436 and chairs at a cost of £1297.. This came from Eileen Ashton's legacy which is now used up.

As a result of the Quinquennial Report, Disley need to replace gutters, and undertake window repairs, and possible replacements. Three quotes are being sought.

Minute from Wilmslow Premises Committee Between Meetings Minute 19th May 2024

1. Premises Maintenance and Development: Essential Pointing Phase 1.

Referencing Minute 2a I -V of Premises Committee Meeting May 9th 2024: - The Committee have obtained 3 estimates for the necessary pointing work in Phase 1. (Bourne St Elevation, part of the garden wall, and for the brick work above the line of the beam to the car park elevation,).

Wilmslow Friends have been asked to consider the Premises Committee recommendation that an estimate, from Unique Pointing of Alderley Edge, for restoring the lime mortar and removal of the rendering is accepted. The cost estimate for restoration is £5,250. Currently there is sufficient financial resources for the work to be carried out within the Wilmslow Accounts.

Friends agree that this work should go ahead as recommended by our Premises Committee, provided there is agreement from the Trustees. We ask the Clerk to forward this minute to Hilary Brooks, Clerk to Trustees, so that the matter can come before the June ECAM Trustees Meeting for approval

Signed Pat Baker

Clerk: Wilmslow LM

We thank Wilmslow for their minute, and agree to the work being carried out. The Clerk will forward this minute to Gavin Mendham, Convenor of Wilmslow Premises Committee.

24.06.06:Insurance Matters:

Jill Maguire has reported that over the last twelve months there have been no insurance claims. Edwards Insurance Brokers recommend that we remain with Congregational Insurance for another five year contract. This gives us a 25% discount. We agree to this.

We ask all Local Meetings to send Jill updated contents lists and costings.

She will contact all the convenors of premises committees.

Stockport – Joan Armstrong

Frاندley – Jo Godden

Wilmslow – Gavin Mendham

Disley – Sergei Nikitin

24.06.07: AM accounts 2023 and Trustees report:

We accept the accounts for 2023, and thank our outgoing treasurer, Brenda Curren for her work on our behalf.

We also thank her for her comprehensive Trustees report, which the Clerk will forward to AM Clerks.

The Clerk will approach Rathbone Greenbank with a view to meeting in person to review our investments.

24.06.08: Stockport Health and Safety Issue:

Jane Barrett will send out Health and Safety forms and Risk Assessment forms to all Local Meetings to be completed and returned before the next Trustees meeting.

As a result of River~~s concern about rough sleepers in the garden, Jane has drawn up a draft Health and Safety policy for Stockport, attached to the minutes. She will send this to Oliver Waterhouse, Quaker Life Team Leader at Friends House, for his advice.

Jane will circulate the amended document for us to consider. If we agree to accept it we will forward it to Stockport Premises Committee and to River~~.

(Since our meeting Joan Armstrong has sent the Clerk their Risk Assessment concerning the issues raised which is attached to the minutes.)

Area Meeting at Crewe and Nantwich, Saturday 13th July – Anne Sumner will be the named trustee

Next meeting – Wednesday 4th September, 7pm on Zoom

**Signed
Clerk to Trustees**

