

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)
CHEADLE HULME MEETING

Sunday 1 November 2015

9 Friends present

1. Readings. Paragraph 30 of *Advices and Queries* has been read in Meeting for Worship.

2. Intervisitation. We failed to find someone to visit Crewe and Nantwich during October. We ask the clerks to ask again whether someone could do this visit during this month.

We have been asked to comment on the Intervisitation Schedule. Finding Friends to visit Nantwich and Crewe has been difficult particularly as one of their meetings often clashes with Area Meetings. This may be easier next year when there are fewer Area Meetings on a Sunday.

3. East Cheshire Meeting, October Business Meeting. The Friends appointed attended this meeting and a report was given after meeting for worship. The relevant minutes have been noted.

(a) **Dates and venues for 2016.** Further to Minute 15.10.08, we note that it is no longer planned to have a meeting at Cheadle Hulme next year as the number of meetings has been reduced to six.

4. East Cheshire Meeting, November Business Meeting. We appoint Liz Perry, Evelyn Ingram and Susan Clark to attend East Cheshire Meeting at Cheadle Hulme on Sunday 8 November at 1.45 p.m. We have discussed the arrangements for hosting Area Meeting. Friends may park at the Methodist Church.

5. Quaker and Local Projects Fund. Further to Minute 5 of our last meeting, we have considered how to determine which appeals to support from this fund this year. Rachel Mulliner has prepared a summary of last year's donations and a list of appeals received this year. So far this year about £1,100 has been raised for this fund.

We agree to consider which bodies to support after lunch on 29 November. We ask the clerks to recirculate the minute describing the new system for supporting other groups and the treasurer to circulate a revised paper in the light of our discussion and to confirm the funds raised for this fund this year and how much is currently in the fund.

6. Meetings for learning. Further to Minute 11 of our last meeting, the first worship sharing session on *Quaker Faith and Practice* was held on Sunday 18 October and nine Friends attended. A second session has been arranged for Sunday 15 November from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 when chapter 23 will be considered.

7. Reflections after meeting for worship. Alan Ingram has asked whether our reflection time after meeting for worship is helpful. He does not find it helpful and feels that it detracts from the meeting for worship. We agree to consider this at a future meeting but in the meantime encourage Friends to reflect on this and to share by email their experience of the reflection time.

8. December Business Meeting. We agree not to have a Business Meeting in December but to have one on 10 January 2016.

9. Singing after Meeting. We ask Taylor Giacoma to lead a singing session after a picnic lunch on Sunday 20 December.

10. Living Wage Campaign. We have received a *Living Wage Campaign Pack* from Quaker Peace and Social Witness. We encourage Friends to look at this.

(signed) Taylor Giacoma and Peter Eccles, co-clerks.