

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
CHEADLE HULME MEETING
Sunday 06 May 2018**

Friends present: 10

18.05.01 Readings

Paragraph 31 of *Advices and Queries* has been read in Meeting for Worship.

18.05.02 Intervisitation

Alan Ingram and Evelyn Ingram will visit Disley in May.

18.05.03 East Cheshire Area Meeting, May

We appoint Alan Ingram and Evelyn Ingram to attend East Cheshire Area Meeting on 13 May in Frandley.

18.05.04 Building the New Economy

Further to minute 18.04.03(b), Peter Eccles reports that Enid Pinch is willing to come and speak to Area Meeting on Building the New Economy. We suggest Saturday 18 August in the afternoon, and ask Peter to liaise with Enid if this is possible and consider venues.

18.05.05 2017 Accounts

Further to Minute 18.04.04(c) of our last meeting, our treasurer Rachel Mulliner has suggested an amendment to the summary of donations in 2017 attached to the accounts. The contribution to Britain Yearly Meeting from the schedule should be increased by £20 to £5,128.75 so that the £20 sent in error in 2016 which was not included in the 2016 accounts is included in the 2017 figures. The total donations figure becomes £8,015. This does not involve any change to the balance sheet or the income and expenditure account. With this clarification we are now content to approve the 2017 accounts which are attached to these minutes.

18.05.06 Displaying our Library Books

Further to minute 18.04.06 of our last business meeting as well as minute 18.02 from Premises Committee (below), we have reflected on the way we display our library, both within the meeting room and in the foyer, particularly as we now have a new bookcase provided by Jackie Barker. We have agreed that we will leave the library in the meeting room as is, but that we would like to display just a few books at a time alongside more ephemeral literature and pamphlets on the new bookshelf in the foyer as means of outreach. We have particularly considered how we display our literature, both with regard to visibility and accessibility, and will keep this in mind as we try out this new arrangement.

Premises Committee Minute 1802. Bookshelves.

Rather than refurbish the present shelves new ones should be bought at approximately 180cmx100cm in size. Jackie will investigate and Peter will discuss the suggestion with Geoffrey.

18.05.07 Premises: Room Rates

Further to minute 1801 from Premises Committee, we have considered whether or not to raise the rates for hiring our rooms. We note that there appears to be some confusion in the actual minute from Premises Committee, which differentiates between rates for a full day and

rates for a half day. Friends present from the Premises Committee assure us that the intended differentiation is between the large meeting room and the committee room, as it has been previously, and that rates are charged in sessions (which are roughly two hours, including use of the kitchen). We reflected on the amount of increase suggested, and that this may be difficult for some of our room users, but also that it has not been increased in quite some time, and that though we have adequate reserve funds, operationally year on year we are not covering our costs. We agree to the increase suggested by Premises Committee, to £16.00 per session for use of the meeting room and £9.50 for use of the committee room effective September 2018, and ask Premises Committee to re-consider the room rates at least every two years.

Premises Committee Minute 1801. Room Rates

As the room hire has not increased since 2014 it is suggested that the charge for a full day be increased from £14.50 to £16.00 and for half a day from £8.50 to £9.50. These rates to apply from September 2018.

18.05.08 Premises: Gardening

Susan Clark reports that the company which does the gardening has recently got in touch to suggest that they come for four scheduled visits a year for £90 a visit. Previously they have been scheduled for three times a year for £90 a visit, but have sometimes needed to come for 'top-up' visits in between. It is possible that if we remain at three scheduled visits a year the charge will be in excess of £90 per visit. We agree to the suggestion of £90 four times a year, and ask Premises to seek clarity both in establishing what our gardening requirements are and on what we should expect to pay for this, perhaps doing a bit of research on what other companies charge just for comparison purposes.

18.05.09 Death and Dying Group

Further to Minute 18.03.03 five Friends met on three occasions to discuss various aspects of death, dying and loss. Friends feel that this was a worthwhile exercise, which might be repeated in future.

Signed,

Taylor Giacoma, Clerk