

Bedfordshire Association of Church Bellringers

Biggleswade District Committee Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 8th September 2021 by Zoom

Present: - Sue Silver (Chair), Terry Brown, Paul Chandler, Clare Francis, Nicky Hele, Chris Williams (via Whatsapp call)

1. **Apologies:** Charlotte Francis, Henry Francis.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held 27th January 2021 by Zoom:** Paul Chandler proposed and Terry Brown seconded that these are an accurate record of the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising:** After a brief discussion it was agreed to publish the Minutes on the BACBR website.
4. **Correspondence:** None received.
5. **Membership Accounts:** Clare reported that all subscriptions have been paid, and is encouraged that there has been an increase in those paying electronically (Standing Order, Direct Debit or Bank Transfer).
6. **BRF:** Clare reported that there is a total of £5051.48 in the Fund; £1311.70 in the current account and £3739.78 in the savings account. There are no outstanding requests for funding from Towers.
7. **Resumption of District Ringing Meetings:** The committee felt that it would be wise to wait until November to resume the monthly ringing meetings due to current uncertainties regarding Covid infection rates as we move into the Autumn. Tentative plans were suggested for a ringing meeting at Old Warden on Saturday 13th November and at Meppershall on Saturday 11th December, both from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. The ADM will be at Campton Church on Saturday 8th January 2022 with a cup of tea at 5.30pm, meeting at 6pm and ringing afterwards until 8.30pm.
8. **R J Sharpe Ringing Centre.** The monthly sessions on Saturday mornings from 10 am til 12 noon resume this month on 11th September 2021. Suitable Covid precautions will be in place for all attendees: good ventilation, masks to be worn throughout, use hand sanitiser before taking hold and take a Lateral Flow Test in the three days beforehand.
9. **Other Events:** The picnic at Haynes on Saturday 18th September from 3pm til 6pm will go ahead as planned. A Recruitment and Retention Workshop will be held in October; further details are on the website.
10. **AoB:** The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 15th December 2021 by Zoom