

## **Minutes: Meeting for Worship for Business: 9.07.23**

1. During our Opening Worship we heard read Section 2.41 from Quaker Faith & Practice

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June had been circulated.

### 3. Matters Arising

#### (a) Premises Committee – Notice Boards & Security Cameras

Lizzy & Nick are dealing with this and will let us know when the notice boards and security cameras arrive.

#### (b) Visit of Refugees to the Meeting House on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July

We very much enjoyed welcoming the Refugee families to the meeting house on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The food was amazing and it was a very 'comfortable' day. Everyone was relaxed and a lot of affection was shown. We felt we all learned a lot from being with the families.

We thank Ann Lewis for organising the Visit and all those who helped on the day.

#### (c) Garden Group

Raised Beds & Patio Area: The new raised beds were installed and then filled with soil on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We thank Vero & Dom for putting them together and all who helped to plant them up.

We celebrated with a shared lunch on the following Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June in appreciation of our garden and the work of the Garden Group.

### 4. Treasurer – July Financial Review

Our Treasurer expects the Meeting will incur another loss this year, which can be managed. However, longer term we will need to either

increase our income or reduce expenditure. We are concerned about our ability to make our usual contribution to BYM.

Ideas discussed were: \*Using a 'smart' meter to keep track of usage

\*Looking into other energy suppliers

\*Increasing our lettings – we appreciate the work of Nick & Lizzy in advertising the Meeting house

\*With revised interest rates our Treasurer is moving funds into a new Savings account

\*Raising money within the Meeting, eg. Using our 'talents'

We thank Jennifer for her detailed Report and for all her work on our behalf.

N.B. 'Between Minutes Minute': We confirm the BMM authorising the Treasurer to open a 35 Day Savings account at the Vernon Building Society

#### 5. Area Meeting at Disley on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am

We are hosting Area Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September and will be providing lunch. There will be a talk/discussion topic in the afternoon on 'Outreach'.

Due to the accessibility issues at our Meeting house, we ask our Clerk to approach Disley Methodist Church and book it for 16<sup>th</sup> September if possible.

6. Visit to Edale in September – to visit Belinda and the restored Methodist Chapel at Barbour Booth and have a walk and picnic lunch. We are still looking for a suitable date and Bridget will let us know about it in due course.

#### 7. (a) Yealand Sleepover and World Quaker Day: Sun 1<sup>st</sup> October

On Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, a group of young Friends will be staying overnight at the Meeting house in preparation for their visit to Yealand. They will join us for Meeting for Worship on Sunday which is also World Quaker Day.

(b) Quaker Week: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – 5th October

Ideas for event(s) at the Meeting House during Quaker Week:

It has been suggested that we might have a 'Drop in' Open Day or Afternoon at the Meeting house & Garden, possibly on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. We will explore this idea as an event for Quaker Week

8. Reps for Area Meetings and Intervisitation

Jan & Annique represented us at AM at Marple on 8<sup>th</sup> July

\_\_\_\_\_ will represent us at AM at Disley on 16<sup>th</sup> September

We are due to visit Crewe & Nantwich meeting in July: i.e. Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> or Sun 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Please let Anne know if you would like to go.

9. Collections: In June we collected £166 for Black Curriculum

In July we are collecting for Glebe House