

**The Friends of Rodmarton School**  
**Minutes of AGM**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 @ 8 pm**

**Attendees:** Mrs Musty (CM), Penny Norrie (PN), Bryher Grimes (BG), Lisa Peill (LP), Rachel Brennan (RB), Henry Forbes, Amanda Jessop, Matt Morton, Bex Pass, Alex Bransby, Candida Boddington and Mark Norrie

**Apologies:** Roger Peill, Christina White, Lisa Brattel, Debbie Lyons and Emma Tomlinson

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Action</b>
1. Welcome	Mrs Musty welcomed everyone, and thanked Bryher, Penny, Lisa and Rachel for their help in a difficult time with fundraising.	
2. Apologies	Roger Peill, Christina White, Lisa Brattel, Debbie Lyons and Emma Tomlinson	
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20/09/19	Penny shared last year's minutes on the screen for every to see. These will be sent out for all to see over Parentmail alongside those from this year.	
4. Matters arising from those minutes	No matters arising.	
5. Chair's Report for 2019/2020	<p>BG started by saying every parent is a member of the Friends of Rodmarton when they join the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are still hoping to do Christmas crafts week, things may change. Christmas lunch is going ahead. The hall will be decorated for Christmas by volunteers. Reindeer Run fundraiser has been planned. Christmas movies afternoon is under consideration. Sadly, we cannot take the children to the panto this year, however we have a nice surprise planned for them.</li> <li>• Things the friends are funding for this year are eggs to hatch for Acorn class, space saving desks for Sapling class and outside shelving/trays for all classes.</li> <li>• We are looking for a second-hand playhouse. If anyone spots one, please let us know.</li> <li>• Part of the Friends' constitution is about developing relations with staff and pupils within the school. We hope that in 2021 we can start to hold more fund-raising events so we can meet all the new parents. Events hoping to be run next year are Quiz and Curry night. The Easter Egg hunt will go ahead in bubbles.</li> <li>• If anyone has any further ideas, please let us know - we welcome any ideas. Last 3 years it has only been 3 of us on the committee and we are grateful for all the help we have so far.</li> <li>• Other ways you can support us through using amazon smile and/or a regular donation to the Friends Account.</li> <li>• BG thanked all the parents and staff for everything they have done in this difficult and challenging year. BG also thanked RB for her time with the children doing the Christmas cards and tea towels this year. RB was grateful for the help the teachers have given her this year.</li> </ul>	
6. Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31/09/2020	<p>PN showed the Treasurer's report on screen and went through last year's accounts, explaining the incoming and outgoing monies (to be circulated by Parentmail).</p> <p>CM thanked the Friends on behalf of the children and staff for the new whiteboards and said they have been fantastic during the current times.</p>	

	PN also went on to stress the importance of the monthly donations in these times, where fundraising events are more challenging to arrange; it is hoped that more parents and supporters of the school will set up a regular payment to ensure the continued provision of events and support to the school. Without an income, The Friends will be unable to financially assist the school.	
7. Appointment of an Independent Examiner of Accounts for the year ending 31/09/2020	PN confirmed that this was not a requirement as the Friends' accounts did not meet the required threshold of an income of £25,000.	
8. Election of Officers and Trustees of the Committee: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Other Officer(s), and Ordinary Committee members	<p>CM presided over the election, as the current committee members stand down; once a new chair is nominated then the new chair will take over.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PN nominated BG for chair, seconded by RB.</li> <li>• BG nominated PN for Treasurer, seconded by LP</li> <li>• BG nominated LP as Secretary, seconded by PN.</li> <li>• BG nominated RB as Craft co-ordinator, seconded by PN</li> </ul> <p>BG asked if anyone else on the Zoom call would like to join the committee to please contact us. (silence!)</p>	
9. Any other business	<p>AJ talked about the wish list she has set up with the Yellow Lighted Bookshop in Tetbury. You can also access this online to buy books.</p> <p>AJ is collecting some books from Octavia's in Cirencester and delivering them to each class bubble.</p> <p>LP talked about the Christmas fundraiser – the sponsored Reindeer Run. Using the children's existing daily mile structure to clock up miles equivalent to the distance between Rodmarton and Ben Nevis during the week of 7<sup>th</sup> December. An online fundraiser page is being created on Facebook. Parents who do not use Facebook can also pay sponsorship monies directly into the Friends account.</p>	
10. Closing remarks	Thanks to everyone for logging on and showing your support.	