

- Apologies:** Malcolm Lodge, Nick Gane, David Peck, Andrew Mackenzie

Present: Rob Bream, Barry Cole, Andrew Conquest, Ian Robertson, Ivor Thulborn, Mark Jefferson, Calvin Goymer, Kevin Farrell, Ed Wilson, Den Cartwright & Justin Ballam
- Acceptance of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 10sep18 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- Matters Arising:**
The sound system had been assessed and a different placement of speakers would be tried.
John Craig would not be returning to the choir to sing.
Howard School would be asked again to get the piano tuned.
- Section Leader's Reports:**
DC (2T) reported 19 active singers, an average of 11 at rehearsals and 7 at concerts. Tim Beech would return after half term but to the Baritones.
EW (TT) reported 13 members, 7-9 turn up to rehearsals – need more. 1st tenors were happy with the new music recently introduced.
JB (Bari) reported that the baritones were also happy with the new music and have had several new members join.
- Music Team Report: MJ**
Good start to the new term with 2 new pieces of music.
MJ and David Sadler to record more training songs.
- Concert Secretary's Report IT**
Next concert at Haverhill (3nov18) The incorrect post code had been corrected.
Concert at St. John's Church (17nov18). Afterglow yet to be organised.
Stowmarket Concert with The Jubilee Ladies Choir (6jul19) - You Raise Me Up suggested as a joint song.
Southwell – our 2 new songs would be our solos. Slow payers to be chased. Choir to be reminded that De Vere Hotels will not reimburse cancellations so no repayments would be made if someone pulled out; it would be up to choir members to find a replacement or claim on their insurance. Burghley House being considered as a venue for the Sunday homeward trip.
Dutch trip postponed (exchange rate and potential delays in early days of Brexit) until probably 2020. Instead, Liverpool and the Isle of Man - looking for choir partners - several choir members (Leveritt, Chrispin, Parkes) had contacts there.
Military Wives Choir from Honington, perhaps a joint concert in The Apex on a Sunday.
- Concert Manager's Report: IR**
The Choir annual dinner at Tut Hill Golf Club for Friday 25th January 2019. possibly a Scottish theme to the evening (Burns Night).
- Chairman's Report: RB**
RB reported tick list system was not working well – every week section leaders need to pursue gaps in the lists to get a tick or a cross and a number for the afterglow (etc.)
Enquire with The Apex for a recording date for the CD in March 2019.
Chris Parsons being considered as the choir's deputy musical director and accompanist.
- Vice Chairman's Report: BC**
Examples of a potential new badge, logo and headed paper for the choir were shown.
BC was working on a document to aid in learning to read music.

10. Treasurer's Report: AC

Half year report – costs v. receipts were on target. Choir membership was lower than expected so subscription income was down, but covered by a £500 donation (in memory of Roger Gray). Budget for the whole year was predicted as a slight surplus.

11. Membership Secretary's Report: NG

5 new members, 2 leavers, 3 paying subs but not attending, and 4 potential new members giving 13 TTs, 17 2Ts, 27 Baris, 23 Basses = 80 (+13 non-attenders 2/3/4/4).

12. Web Site: KF

The web site will now be backed up monthly and would be less of a problem if it should crash again. Considered buying a new web site – cost £4-5k, present one adequate and doing its job,

13. Any Other Business:

Several choir members had attended Howard School's assembly that morning. The school were very appreciative and if choir members want to bring their wives/partners, they too would be very welcome.

14. Date of Next Meeting:

19:30mon26nov18 Three Kings, Fornham All Saints.

