

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Suffolk Concert Band held on
Thursday 1st February 2018 at 75 Chatsworth Drive, Ipswich**

Those present were: Simon Pulham (Chairman), Angela Hope (Secretary), Mark Cheadle (Treasurer), Gordon Scopes (Membership Secretary), Russell Banyard (Concert Manager), Adrian Budgen (Trustee), Pennie Nash (Trustee), David Brunning (Trustee)

97. Apologies for absence

These were received from Mandy Chinery.

98. Adoption of minutes of meeting held on Thursday 4th January 2018

The minutes were adopted.

99. Matters arising from meeting held on Thursday 4th January 2018

i) (92) Tom Rumbold is not available to conduct at Deal on 9th September. Simon has approached Roger Jones and John Whelton, both of whom are available for this date. John's health is not good at the moment which may need to be considered.

Coaches for both Eastbourne and Deal will cost £650.

ACTION: Gordon will book coaches for both Eastbourne and Deal.

ii) (94ii) Heulwen Peters is unable to return to band at the present time but hopes to soon.

iii) (95ii) Matt Wigley is available to conduct both on 11th April and from September to Christmas.

100. Financial Report

i) Mark has been preparing the draft accounts ready for the AGM. They will show a profit of approximately £350, mainly due to the sale of the trailer.

ii) Roger Jones will receive £55/session for conducting the band January to March. Matt Wigley will also receive this for his rehearsals.

100.1. Uniform

Simon has made an initial enquiry with a company called Centre Stage, who specialise in band uniforms.

101. Next Concert

i) Spring Concert, Holy Trinity

Geoff Webb will be asked to play bass plus two additional horns are required. Roger has also requested two oboes so Gordon will check with Hannah and Paula that they are both available. Simon will arrange removing pews in the church to allow us to have more space.

ACTION: Adrian will design a poster for this concert.

ii) We may have another tuba vacancy soon so Gordon was asked to make some initial enquiries with potential players; Steve Sheeran, Trevor Daldry and Katy Griffiths.

102. Communications

i) David has received an email from Jane Walker about the hall at Holy Trinity. Jane is displeased with the sub-standard rehearsal venue including; lack of heating, dirty floors and uncomplimentary acoustics.

ACTION: Angela will write to Holy Trinity asking if they would consider a gesture of goodwill for our inconvenience.

103. Committee Structure

Simon has been formulating a proposal about management of the band and plans to present this to the committee at a future meeting.

104. Membership Status

i) Paul Blofield is due to have a knee replacement operation in the next few weeks and will therefore be out of action for a while.

ii) Pennie Nash relocates on the 13th February. Simon and the committee thanked Pennie for everything she has done for the band, she will be greatly missed.

105. Future Planning

105.1. Deal Bandstand

(see previous minute 99i)

105.2. Alternative Rehearsal Space

i) The rehearsal on 21st February will be at St. Peters. The cost of this is £25, which includes the use

of percussion and stands. Parking is available at Cardinal Park and the Waterfront. This information will be given to members via the newsletter.

ii) David reported that he has made some initial enquires with different venues as possible rehearsal venues and will report back when he has had some responses.

ACTION: Angela will find out from Brian Ives when the Remembrance Sunday concert will finish as there appears to be a discrepancy in his schedule.

106. Future Agenda Items

There were none.

Meeting closed at 21.35pm

**Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 1st March
Venue – TBC**