**Guildford Vox Committee Zoom Meeting – Minutes**

**Wednesday August 26th 7.00.p.m.**

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| **Agenda Items**  |
| 1. **Present:**
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| Janet Thomson | Chris Clarke | Eileen Griffiths |
| Mark Dunham | Briony Hancock |  |
| 1. **Apologies:**
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| Geoff Whitehouse | David Stokes | Ben Thomas – tried to attend but was unable to connect |
| 1. **Review of choir since lockdown**
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| The committee expressed thanks to Anna for all her hard work in producing excellent video rehearsals for choir members. The Zoom concert had been enjoyed by those who attended (35 in total).  |  |
| 1. **Update on current situation**
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| The committee had carried out a great deal of research in several areas to determine whether we felt able to keep choir members safe and the conclusion was that we did not feel confident to do so, given the situation at the Holy Trinity venue. It was therefore decided, very reluctantly, that choir would not resume in the autumn term. The situation will be kept under review and we will meet again on September 23rd to make further plans. |  |
| 1. **Current finances**
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| Due to lockdown, the choir’s finances had suffered considerably and the surplus for the last academic year was a mere £229.00. If choir does not resume in the coming term, and we continue to pay Anna as we should, the remaining bank balance would be £3,202.00 at the end of December. The committee felt that it would now be appropriate to request donations from members. The amount to be paid would be left to each member to decide, as we are aware that some members may be in financial difficulty themselves. |  |
| 1. **Moving forward**
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| We expressed concern that choir members are missing the social aspects of choir, as well as the opportunity to sing together in person, so we will explore the possibility of facilitating some form of ‘chat room’ as part of our remote rehearsal sessions.We also considered offering on-line concerts from musicians who are able to provide such a service (for payment via on-line tickets). This needs further discussion and investigation and we will keep members informed after our next meeting. |  |
| 1. **Website**
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| Whilst the website looks very similar to the way it did before, the administration has been changed so that we can update it easily ourselves. Thanks are due to Chris for organising this and to Mark for continuing to take responsibility for the updates. |  |
| **8. Next meeting** |  |
| Wednesday September 23rd |  |