

Parochial Church Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 26th March, 7.30pm – Wisley Room, Church House.

Present: Rev. Nick Parish, Rev. Judith Mitchell, Chris Lutton, Lynne Scholefield, Phil Keith, Alexander Rennie, Alyson Aronson, Helen Williams, Rob Jeffery, Sarah Jeffery, Andrew Roberts

1	Apologies for absence - Geoffrey Woodhead, Howard Bluett, John Padwick, John Flower
2	Declarations of interest - None
3	Minutes of the previous Parochial Church Council meeting a. PCC Meeting - 8th January 2025 - signed as a true record of the meeting
4	Matters Arising from the minutes - Storage of policies to be decided at first meeting of new PCC
5	Deanery Synod Report - None
6	Safeguarding Update - No issues to report
7	Health and Safety - - One fall out of the main step in church. Stonemason suggests a row of black dots to highlight the edge of the step. ACTION: RJ to liaise with the stonemason about getting the work completed - John Flower will complete the annual review of the St Martins Risk Assessments in the next month
8	Treasurer's report a. APCM Financial Report AR gives an overview of the finances and observes that they are broadly in line with the previous year. if legacies are taken out the finances we would have only just broken even. It should be noted that legacy isn't a consistent source of income. Noted that we have seen the change in the energy prices this year and our utility bills have increased significantly. AA queries the classification of insurance money as an income. AR has checked with the charity accounting rules and this has been correctly recorded.

Settlement of insurance claims

- 5.53. An insurance claim must be recognised when a charity has established its entitlement to the reimbursement of the insured loss, the receipt of that reimbursement is virtually certain and its amount can be measured reliably.
- 5.54. Receipt is virtually certain when an offer of settlement is received from the insurer. The insurance settlement is recognised at the fair value receivable, which will normally be the settlement amount agreed with the insurer if this is available at the reporting date.
- 5.55. A charity must recognise the amount of the insurance reimbursement **either as an item of other income or by offsetting it against the related expense** heading in the SoFA. The amount reimbursed through an insurance claim is recognised as an addition to the fund that initially suffered the insured loss.

Corrections to inside front cover and also page 5 - **RJ to action with Hazel Day.**

Annual accounts document is received with thanks by the meeting.

Query over the St Stephen's invoices. Nb. The invoices received before the end of the financial year have already been applied to the finances.

Adopted subject to corrections being made.

Proposed: Andrew Roberts Seconded: Alexander Rennie
passed unanimously.

9 Subcommittee reports

- a. SFC Meeting - 26th February 2025 - received
- b. Fabric Committee - 5th February 2025 - received
- c. Discipleship & Fellowship - 13th February 2025 - received
- d. Mission & Outreach - 3rd March 2025 - received
- e. Ministry Team - circulated to all members

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- a. Electoral Roll

Noted that new dates mean the roll will close on the 16th April. Currently approx. 100 people have signed up to the roll.

- b. PCC membership

Thanks to Phil for his membership as he stands down this year. All members are asked to consider if there is anybody within the congregation who might consider standing for PCC or Churchwarden.

	<p>c. Deanery Synod representatives</p> <p>Vacancy for one member</p> <p>Date of meeting: 4th May 2025 (changed from the 11th May due to VE day service)</p>
11	<p>Church Development Plan</p> <p>a. Draft Plan</p> <p>Some more additions to the spiritual growth section of the CDP. All members of the PCC are invited to the leadership team meeting at 11am on the 2nd April.</p> <p>NP taking part in a course to support the development of youth within the church in May & June 2025.</p> <p>b. Feedback from Mission Enabler Meeting 1</p> <p>Victoria understands our church background and is supportive of our ideas and areas for development and has made some suggestions for additions to the plan. The CDP group will meet on Tuesday 1st April to finalise the plan before the leadership meeting on the 2nd April.</p>
12	<p>Contested Heritage Project Update - update from JM.</p> <p>I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in yesterday's service to commemorate the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Those who were there in church remarked that it was a very moving service. Peter Brathwaite and Bishop Christopher Herbert gave inspiring talks. In the service, those present, on behalf of St Martin's, Remembered the tragedy of slavery and honoured its victims, we Repented and lamented the sins and cruelties of the past, and the racism and injustice that humanity still inflicts on each other today, and we Committed ourselves in prayer and action to doing what we can towards Repairing the damage that slavery has brought to our world. When I checked our YouTube page, the service had had 79 views.</p> <p>This afternoon I was interviewed by Dr Bethany Else, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, at the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lincoln. She is conducting an in-depth research study on the Church of England's efforts to respond to the issues of contested heritage: Reckoning for Racial Justice? A study of the impact of addressing colonial pasts. This research will help the Church of England to understand the ways in which their work offers an example of good practice and will explore what it is that places limits on this work of reckoning with the past.</p> <p>Regarding our plans for the new memorial, I am in the process of arranging a visit to St Martin's by a potential artist.</p>

	<p>d. St Martin's Solar Panels - RJ updates - waiting for the builder to attend on site with structural engineer to examine the structure of the roof.</p> <p>e. Proposal to replace the MU bench & Additional Churchyard Bench</p> <p>First bench (MU bench for the garden of remembrance) - unanimously approved</p> <p>Second bench (to be placed on the SW side of the church) - unanimously approved</p> <p>ACTION - letter of thanks to donors (SL/RJ)</p>
15	ECO Update - general update that we need to consider our environment for the next 200 years.
15	Langley Vale Village Hall - Solar Panel Project - pending with the Dioscean Board of Finance
16	St Martin's 200 anniversary Celebration Plans - SL updates about the plans. AA suggests that this weekend could be a good time to have a gift day as part of this weekend.
17	St Stephen's Rainbow Bridge - AA offers support for this kind of project. The meeting observes that with the current uncertainty around St Stephen's that no firm decision can be made at the moment. ACTION: RJ to write a reply to the Village Hall association.
18	Correspondence - None received
19	Any Other Business - None

Meeting closed 2108

Signed as a True record of the meeting

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Rev. Nick Parish - 11th June 2025