

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 8th May 2025 7.30pm at the Vicarage

Present: Debbie Dewes (Chair), Ruth Derham, Dale Ford, Jo Valpy (minutes)

Apologies: Adina Grace, Matt Smith, Paul Barnes

1. Debbie welcomed everyone and began with words from Romans 12:18 and a reflection on living peaceably, on this VE 80 day of commemoration.

2. Apologies received Adina, Matt and Paul

We noted that we were small in number and would defer any significant decisions for future meetings when more would be present. Given that 2 members have recently stood down and no new members joined at the APCM we also noted that it would be helpful to co-opt members.

3. Approval of minutes

The minutes from meeting on 13/2/25, 23/3/25 and 6/4/25 were agreed as a true record and approved by all.

4. Email votes

None taken since last meeting

5. Notification of AOB

Awayday - There has been a suggestion to hold an Awayday, something that has happened in the past, but not for several years. This will be discussed further when more members are present.

Foundation Governor – Jo Valpy has reached the end of her term of office as a Foundation Governor at St Sampson's CE Primary School. Jo wishes to continue and has been invited to by the Chair of Governors. DD proposed and DF seconded that Jo Valpy continues for a second term of office. All were in favour. Jo will complete the forms. **Action – JV**

Chalice Assistants – there is a need for help administering the chalice at communion. The PCC are welcome to suggest names. Debbie will ask individuals and there will be some training.

6. Finance

Current figures from Adina are:

Main Account £7,432 and no outstanding invoices

No 2 Account £59,279 of which £54,104 is earmarked for 3 phase, the remainder is for other reserve projects. No outstanding invoices.

7. Fabric/Building/Refurbishment

The Refurbishment Cttee have recommended going ahead with installing 3 phase. The PCC reiterated its support for this. DD proposed and JV seconded that we continue to approve the installation of 3 phase electricity in church as part of long term refurbishment. All in favour.

There will be more regular updates on the refurbishment in the church newsletter.

The contactless giving machine will be up and running again soon to help with fundraising/general giving.

8. Emergency Protocol

Jo to complete this. **Action – JV**

9. Youth and Children

Youth Alpha ran very successfully and a group of around 13 young people remain committed to weekly youth meetings called F4, now always meeting in Malmesbury. Jo will continue to help once a month.

S Club and activities in the children's corner both continue – one of each per month.

10. Eco Church

Laura circulated notes on Eco Church survey questions for buildings and energy. We will be ready to work towards gold when the time comes and Laura will help us to keep our Eco Church focus.

Updates also from Laura:

- Car sharing was successful for our Mothering Sunday visit to Bristol Cathedral
- The impact of climate change was highlighted during our gift day service on Palm Sunday.
- Newsletters have included information about joining the Cricklade litter picking initiative and composting.

11. Global Mission

The giving day took place on 13th April, but the amount raised is not yet known.

12. Safeguarding

Policy review at Better Together joint PCCs later in the month.

13. School

A consultation to extend the school day by 10 minutes is currently underway – this is in line with statutory guidance for teaching hours.

14. Jenner Hall

Nothing to report

15. Deanery Synod

Nothing to report

16. Just One Thing

There will be more discussion on this at Better Together joint PCCs later in the month.

17. Correspondence

None

18. AOB

Nothing further

19. Vicar's heads up

Debbie has written another short course - '543 Part 2'. This will run in the near future.

20. Next meeting dates: _____ Better Together joint PCCs Saturday 31st May 9.30 Jenner Hall
St Sampson's PCC Thursday 10th July 7.30 the Vicarage