

Minutes of the PCC meeting held in Church House, 10.00am Saturday 21st February 2026

Present: Paul Springett (treasurer) (PS); Susan Wales (Churchwarden) (SW); Nicky Edwards (churchwarden) (NE); Roger Cowley (RC); Felicity John (secretary) (FJ); Trevor John (TJ); Anthony Higgins (AH); (David Johnson (DJ); Richard Redman (RR); Harold Clarke (HC); Trudy West (TW);

Apologies: David Grant; Rev. Rona Stuart-Bourne; Mary Clothier; Anne Salkeld; Louisa Hughes; Amanda MacIntosh.

Minutes of meeting on 15.11.25: Matters Arising.

- Correction: The programme of 6 meetings over 2 years on “How to get the best out of your multi-parish” , was a deanery initiative which did not happen.
- The joint social events calendar covering all the churches in the benefice is in hand.
- Coffee money goes to the charity committee for distribution.

Minutes of the Special PCC meeting 13.12.25: Matters Arising:

- SW wrote to Maria Stubbs at the diocese offering an inflation linked rise in parish share of £50,668, as opposed to the ££53,186 asked for. The monthly DD is now £4222.50, but does not include Goathill. TW asked if Goathill should pay direct to Milborne Port now they are one parish – **PS and Nick Bunt need to have that conversation.**

Safeguarding: NE is pleased with the number completing the training so far. FJ queried the electoral role names and addresses being put onto the Benefice website. NE later clarified this with Graham Sharpless, only 2 people have access to that information.

Milborne Wick: No contribution at this time.

Goathill: The cost of the roof repairs to St. Peter’s Church is approximately £19,000. They have (rounded figures) £ 10,000 in the savings account, a gift of £2,000 from Hugh Hayward; a grant of £2,000, and £9,400 in their bank account. With Gift Aid this amounts to approximately £25,000. The parish share for Goathill in 2025 was £2,732. It was **unanimously agreed** that **Goathill should pay £100 a month (£1200 annually) which will now go through the parish bank account – PS to liaise. TW has to write a letter to Maria Stubbs explaining the offer. SW will supply a proforma for this.**

Resolution re: roof repairs St Peter’s Church, Goathill : “This PCC accepts the updated quotation and the work can go ahead on the understanding it is managed by Daniel Cantrell of Crickmay Stark, Dorchester, ensuring the insurers are informed”.

TW will also write a letter to AS and husband Steve, to thank them for hosting the Snowdrop Day which raised £422 (+£20 afterwards).

TW also wished to record the sad passing of Ray Bailey. His funeral was in January in Osborne, but he was a long-time stalwart of the Church and PCC at Goathill.

Deanery Synod: 3 reps from Milborne Port and Goathill will be named after the APCM on March 18th.

Minutes from the sub-committees:

It was pointed out that The Events Committee had lost 2 long-standing members last year – Linda Mumford and John Fanning.

Finance: PS wished to thank Nick Bunt for the thorough accounts handed over from Goathill when it was merged with Milborne Port. “The system” ensures all monies are directed to the right place and Gift Aid applied for. PS has sent the bones of the accounts to Alison Cooper to audit. At December 31st, the end of the financial year for this church, the balance was up compared to this date last year by approximately £8,500. The Benefice Office and Rona’s expenses amount to approximately £11,000. The 3 new parishes have been contributing to these expenses for only 6 months. A full and detailed financial report will be presented at the APCM.

Fabric/Project St. John’s: Leaflets have been designed by Rachel Willets and printed, and will be distributed to every house in the village. Daniel Kempf has completed work on the interior stonework today and the scaffolding will come down in time for the service tomorrow. The Church needs cleaning before the funeral on Monday. SW and NE looking into having the church professionally cleaned before Easter. Work on the exterior will proceed after Easter. Tom Griffin (Architect) has approved Mike White (roofer) to carry out the work. NE thanked Sue Wales, David Grant and Trevor John for all their hard work whilst the tender process was going on. Smart Water will ensure some protection for the materials from theft.

Elsewhere in the Church, the boiler is working well, David Gay repaired the chairs in the Lady Chapel and Chancel beautifully and in time for Linda’s funeral, where they were most certainly needed. Please refer to the “Fabric Update” document for all details.

Health and Safety: The Fire Extinguishers have been inspected. **Action: First Aid Kits to be replaced.**

Letters: The Commonalty Trustees terms of office have expired. Both Steve Davies and Sue Pinkawa are willing to continue for a further term of 4 years. All in favour. **FJ to write to confirm this.**

AOB: PS pointed out £221 on the sum-up machine to go to the magazine account for the calendars – to Robin Bawtree and RR. Similarly, **PS** needs to liaise with RSB re: Bethlehem Baubles.

The electricity standing charge for Goathill is relatively large compared to the amount of electricity used. **NE** had a similar situation with the Museum and will share information with RC and TW as to a better deal.

A reminder of the Benefice afternoon tea party at Blackford on the 7th. March – the same day as the morning marmalade festival at Frank’s.

There will be a Deanery Visitation on Tuesday 9th June. Tea and Cake need to be provided for approximately 50 people at 5.45 before the service at 7.00pm. **Trevor** to book this into Church House; **TW, RC, HC** volunteered to arrange and provide this – TW to ask some of the Wednesday Morning church-goers to assist.

The next meeting is the APCM on 14th March at 10.00am. Coffee to be provided?

The meeting ended with the Grace at 11.15am.