

Minutes of PCC 15th July 2025

Final - approved at the 8th September PCC meeting.

Item	Subject	Action
1	Welcome and opening prayer PB chaired. CH opened with prayer.	
2	Apologies for absence Adriaan Goosen, Louise Grace	
3	Declarations of interest CH in relation to appointment process	
4	Acceptance of AOB None	
5	Approval of Minutes PCC 16 June 2025 minutes. Proposed by JS, seconded by RB, all attendees in favour.	
6	Matters arising from minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) GS Doors project: Re-quote from City Developments even without accessibility mechanisms still > £20K. New quote from a joinery company working locally about £11K for internal doors only. John Walsh estimate < £10K is being followed up by ST. We have been shortlisted for a Marshalls grant.b) Regular Bookings - Process and contracts: ST had convened a meeting with TH, JM and Richard Clough who handles GS regular bookings. New process for handling invoicing and payment chasing taking shape, plus potential improvements to contract used with new bookers.c) Finding a Vicar: 4 of 8 candidates shortlisted and interviews on 23rd July. Parish visits in progress.d) Weigall Road: New tenants moved in on 10th July. Painting, decorating repairs and gardening completed for GBP 975. Conran fees as per normal transfer (inspections and cleaning). Some minor stuff to do - business as normal. May include front room carpet.e) Boundary Wall: Work commenced on repointing and minor repairs on Handen Road section. DAC has approved the bricks for Wantage Road suggested by the contractor, John Walsh, approved the mortar and confirmed all conditions of DAC approval met. Waiting	f) JoM to publish APCM draft minutes

	<p>for John Walsh to confirm starting date for Wantage Road.</p> <p>f) Review of draft APCM minutes: PCC members who attended APCM have reviewed these. No changes needed. Publish as draft. Approval occurs at next year's APCM.</p>	
7	<p>Reports from Deanery and Diocesan Synods</p> <p>a) Deanery Synod report, 24th June 2025. Verbal report from SF. Focus had been "what is Deanery Synod for?" and "how can we work better together as a deanery?". Also mentioned - a trip to Jordan, 6-14/4/2026, that will be publicised around the deanery.</p> <p>b) Diocesan Synod Report, 10th July 2025. Verbal report from JaM, plus links shared to its Annual Report and to material from that meeting's session on upcoming Prayers of Love and Faith consultation around the diocese. James reported that a survey was done and his responses had reflected previous PCC discussion that we would use PLF, we would use the stand alone version when permitted and that we would not require pastoral re-assurance. The PCC confirmed that we have not changed our position.</p>	
8	<p>Finance report</p> <p>TH presented June YTD results vs forecast that had been circulated in advance. We are on track. She plans to generate this report every month and to update the forecast every quarter.</p>	
9	<p>Parish Support Fund</p> <p>PCC reviewed Diocese's PSF presentation in detail and discussed our response. Request summarised as for 5.7% more than last year's pledge, which had been £90K. Pray about this over the next six weeks.</p>	Decision on pledge at September PCC
10	<p>Youth & Children update</p> <p>Children's (Reception to Yr 6) leadership team has grown from 5 up to 12 in readiness for splitting the cohort into two sections, hopefully in September. Typical attendance of between 8 and 15 children. Maximum has been 22. Significant proportion with additional needs. Possible future need for specialised training. Leaders seeking resources that better align with our values, particularly with respect to inclusivity.</p>	

	<p>Youth leadership team currently 5 people. Lost 2 when Shepherds moved, so could do with more. Full cohort (27 on roll) meets twice a month on Sunday evenings. Typical attendance of 14. Sixth-formers have an additional meeting on one of the other Sunday evenings, which KF and MB are very positive about. The confirmation “journey” which recently yielded confirmations made by 9 young people plus 2 adults typically lasts 2-3 years. Two young people recently led music at St Peter’s Day service, as well as ongoing participation at GS regular services. There may be an appetite for “owning” more worship occasions. Hasn’t been possible to hold an overnight away with Youth this year, but definitely wanted. Additional help with organising such an event would be very welcome.</p> <p>The September “back to school” service will include a local commissioning ceremony for members of the Children’s and Youth teams to recognise and celebrate their important work.</p>	
11	<p>Safeguarding update</p> <p>One significant safeguarding issue is being handled. Established processes are being followed, with some learnings about those processes being noted.</p>	
12	<p>Health and safety update</p> <p>We still don’t have a designated H & S officer. Urgent appeal to be made.</p>	CH
13	<p>GDPR compliance</p> <p>No breaches.</p>	
14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>None</p>	
15	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
16	<p>Date of next meetings</p> <p>13th August won’t happen unless something goes wrong with appointment process.</p> <p>September meeting will be 8th (a Monday), at 8pm as usual, brought forward because of PSF pledge deadline</p>	
17	<p>Closing prayer</p> <p>CH closed with prayer.</p>	