

# The Parish of Fladbury, Hill & Moor, Wyre Piddle, Cropthorne and Charlton Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meetings Minutes

Held following 11.00 am Communion Service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026  
in St John the Baptist Church, Fladbury

**Present at both Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** John Allsop, Rosemary Allsop, Kathleen Bentley, Linda Blackwell, Mark Blackwell, Jane Bugg, Andre Davis, Revd Canon Sarah Dangerfield (Chair), Meredith Debenham, Chris Franey, Elizabeth Gardner, Hilary Harris, Sue Hiscocks, Janet Jefferies, Michael Jefferies, Diane Lacy, Peter Lacy, David Miller, Muriel Mitchell, Carol Oldfield, Robin Oldfield, Gus Orchard, Jean Ounsted, Martin Ounsted, Carol Rosier, Alison Sandham, Fran Summerfield, Iain Summerfield, Celia Willis. Elizabeth Gardner acted as minute taker in Carolyn Middleton's absence.

**Apologies for both Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** Peter Gardner, Carolyn Middleton, Bill North, Carolyn Petts, Carol Swanson.

## Vestry Meeting

### 1. Minutes of Vestry Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Iain Summerfield proposed, and Alison Sandham seconded and all unanimously agreed that they be accepted as a true record of the previous year's proceedings.

### 2. Election of Churchwardens

Sarah Dangerfield thanked Meredith Debenham and Alison Sandham for everything they are and all they do as Parish Wardens – for their work for the parish and especially for their care, support and friendship she has received from them both throughout the year. Meredith had decided to retire, and Sarah thanked her for all her years of support to the church and to her. A presentation had been made during the service. Iain Summerfield had been proposed and seconded to be her successor. Alison is willing to continue as Parish Warden, proposed and seconded. Iain and Alison were elected unanimously.

Signed:

Date:

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

### 1. Apologies

Same as for the Vestry Meeting.

### 2. Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Carol Rosier proposed, and Carol Oldfield seconded and all unanimously agreed that they be accepted as a true record of the previous year's proceedings.

There were no matters arising.

### 3. Presentation of Reports

- **Electoral Roll:**

In the absence of the Electoral Roll Officer, Sarah Dangerfield reported that there are now 71 members on the electoral roll.

- **Report from Priest-in-Charge**

This had been given during the service and included thanks to local wardens, all worship leaders, Patrick Palmer for fabric, the Benefice Administrator, Open the Book

teams, flower arrangers, cleaners and all who work to maintain the ministry of the church in the parish and to care for the church buildings and churchyards.

- **Churchwardens' Report**

Meredith thanked Sarah for all she does for the Parish, noting especially how the workload of parish priests has increased due to the rising demands of governance in areas such as safeguarding, employment, risk assessments and so on. She thanked Sarah for her leadership, guidance, professionalism and friendship.

- **Safeguarding**

The Safeguarding report is in the Annual Report. Sarah thanked Jean Ounsted for her diligent and efficient work as Safeguarding officer and reminded the meeting that Safeguarding is at the heart of the Christian faith.

- **Financial Statements of PCC for the year ending 31 December 2025**

The accounts had been circulated electronically and are available on the website. Simplified accounts copies were made available. Sarah thanked Gus Orchard as Treasurer, Andrew Hughes as Bookkeeper and John Allsop, as Gift Aid Secretary. She also thanked Mark Blackwell and Alison Sandham for their help on employment procedure for the Benefice Administrator.

Gus reported that Walkabout revenue was up in 2025 as the weather for the events was good. There had been an increase in church yard costs due to tree-felling. A significant amount of the Parish's resources was in restricted funds. He would be taking measures to ensure that the General fund does not become overdrawn. A list of charity collections was in the annual report. Mark Blackwell proposed and Muriel Mitchell seconded adoption of the accounts.

Gus Orchard was duly re-appointed as Treasurer.

- **Fabric**

The Fabric Report is in the Annual Report. Sarah thanked Patrick Palmer for his sterling work. The Quinquennial reports for Wyre, Charlton and Moor will be undertaken during 2026. There will be major expenses required for repairs to Crophorne Church and Fladbury Church.

- **Deanery Synod Report**

Alison Sandham reported that vacancies and sickness had contributed to a considerable workload for Sarah during the year. The focus of the Synod was on developing eco-church, reaching out to new worshipping communities and trialling the funeral administration pilot for the Deanery. Sarah thanked Alison for her work as Deanery Administrator and Secretary.

#### **4. Elections and Appointments**

- **Members of the Parochial Church Council**

Sarah Dangerfield thanked those who had been members of the PCC during the year. The following were duly proposed, seconded and approved unanimously.

Linda Blackwell

Mark Blackwell

Elizabeth Gardner

Hilary Harris

Julian Hawley

Carolyn Middleton

Martin Ounsted

Alison Sandham is a member by being Parish Warden and Deanery Synod Rep, Iain Summerfield as Parish Warden and Sue Hiscocks as Licensed Lay Minister.

- **Deputy Churchwardens**

Martin Ounsted with Fran Summerfield for St John the Baptist, Fladbury

Elizabeth Gardner and Wendy Malkinson for St Anne, Wyre Piddle

Julian Hawley and Sue Hiscocks as 'acting wardens' for St John Evangelist, Charlton

Hilary Harris as 'acting warden' for St Michael, Crothorne

Elected unanimously.

Sarah Dangerfield thanked all the Deputy Church Wardens for their work on behalf of the churches and for agreeing to continue for another year.

- **Electoral Roll Officer**

Carolyn Middleton is Electoral Roll Officer as well as Benefice Administrator. Sarah thanked her for her work and commitment.

- **Independent Examiner to the PCC**

It was proposed by Mark Blackwell and seconded by John Allsop that Clifton-Crick Sharp continue as the Independent Examiners for the Five Alive Parish.

5. **Any Other Business**

Sarah thanked Trustees and School Governors in the Parish, the Worship Leaders, Sue Hiscocks and Delia Harding, retired clergy Carolyn Petts and Nigel Hawkes and ALMs.

6. The meeting closed with the Grace.

Signed:

Date: