

**PCC Meeting St Faith's
Minutes
Draft 2
9th July 2025**

Present: Mo Wakley, Anne Robinson, Ann White, Stephen Creasey, Richard Robinson, Yvonne Mullins, John White, Nigel Titley, Gail Dowdle

1) Open with Prayer

Yvonne opened in prayer

2) Apologies

John Dietsch, Linda Church, Jackie Brown

3) Approval of minutes 12th March 2025

Richard proposed, Stephen seconded. All

4) Approval of minutes 11th May 2025

Gail was present and Mo wasn't. Approved

5) Approval of minutes 22nd June 2025

Approved

6) Matters arising

The whole of the PCC needs to do the first part of the Safeguarding course (Basic awareness). Ongoing. **Action Nigel/All.**

Anne will submit an article to The Pump about the bell rehangng which Nigel will help with. Progress has been made and will be ready for next edition. **Action Nigel and Anne.**

John will organise a working party to try fitting the chair feet. Discharged. **Action Nigel/John**

We need to notify the Pump of the Church near You link. Discharged. **Action Richard.**

Look at putting a safety rope on the tower staircase. Nothing has been done. We will have a look at the setup in Wingrave. Ongoing. **Action Stephen**

Ivy on the back path needs cutting back. Contact Richard. We need to widen the path. Ongoing. **Action John W**

A lot of the material in the filing cabinet needs to be thrown out. Discharged. **Action Anne.**

Waiting for grass cutting quotes. See AOB. **Action John W**

Need to register with "Ride and Stride". Done. Rota will be sorted out. **Action Ann White**

Add Yvonne to PCC mailing list. Discharged. **Action Nigel.**

Carpet replacement. Only one supplier quoted. Try Chapel Carpets I Heath and Reach. Ongoing. **Action Mo**

Thanks to Alex for organising the Open Gardens.

7) Correspondence

8) Church Maintenance

(a) Heating

Working well

(b) Security

Thanks to Alex and Judith for adding the DNA marking on the roof.

(c) Bells

Form a sub-committee to consider way forward for the bells. Awaiting Pump article. Ongoing. **Action Nigel.**

(d) AV system (including internet)

We've had one problem with streaming but a new installation of firmware on the mixer seems to fixed that.

(e) Other

We need to do something about the pigeons roosting on the tower. Quotes have been received from two suppliers. Ongoing. **Action Stephen**

Proposal to ask Alan Frost to draw up a specification for the masonry work on the west face of the tower. Spec has been drawn up and he is awaiting tenders from suppliers. Should we try applying for a grant for the work. Ongoing. **Action Stephen.**

Talk to Richard Moulding about widening the path at the back. **Action John W.**

9) Mission and Development

(a) School

Open the book has been very successful. All children get a copy of "It's your move" (paid for by the AWT). We add a contact in the back of this book. We will have an open day on the 25th August. There was a Beetle Drive and Pizza Party and a Passion Play in Church. It was good to meet Year 5.

Thanks to Linda, Mo and Richard for all their work.

Yvonne has put together a safeguarding policy.

(b) Other

Benefice action plan meeting will be on the 18th October, 9.15 for coffee and 9.30 start at the Free Church.

Advent course? Yvonne and Linda will discuss. **Action Yvonne**

10) Special Services

Harvest Service 5th October.

In Memoriam 26th October.

Remembrance service 9th November.

Nine Lessons and Carols 21st December.

Carols round the tree 15th December (if Secklow Brass available). Speak to Crooked Billet. Need to clarify the position on food. **Action Stephen.**

Crib service 24th December.

Midnight service 24th December time to be left to Linda

Christmas morning 9.30. Should we invite the Free Church (Churches together).

Benefice service 28th December. Venue to be decided.

Covenant Service 4th January

Holy week as per usual.

Yvonne will try and make the Sunrise service this year as Easter is early.

Can we send a list of our requested special services to Yvonne.

11) Ministry team

Yvonne noted that Benefice services will always be a communion.

Forest Church has been successful in Newton Longville but not in Little Horwood.

12) Churchwarden's business

Nothing this time.

13) Deanery Synod

Has not met.

14) Shared responsibility

(a) Churches Together

Meeting coming up in September.
Picnic in the Rectory in August?

15) Safeguarding

Nothing received.

16) Financial Matters

(a) General Fund

Reasonably healthy. We had roughly £4000 Gift Aid back.
PGS giving is going OK. Still only 50% have moved over.
An additional £7500 can be paid off the share. We have a working balance of approx £18,000.
We are steadily adding to the Quinquennial fund.
It was agreed to allow Ann to take a decision about how much we can afford to pay towards the Share.

(b) Aviva

Aviva has made about £4000 since last time.

17) AOB

Common War Graves will send us a notice to put up in the Churchyard if we apply for it. Stephen will apply. **Action Stephen**
We have a grant from the PC to cut the grass and they want us to look at the quotes we have had as they seem a little high. **Action John W.**

18) Future Dates

PCC meeting September 10th 7.45pm in church
PCC meeting November 12th 7.45pm TBA

19) Close in prayer

John closed in prayer and we joined in the Grace.