

Minutes
Parish Church of St Cuthburga, Wimborne Minster
Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thursday 22nd May 2025

Present: Norma Aitchison, David Allen, Mary Allen, Georgina Arnold, Elton Barker, Heather Butler, Linda Bunting, Gerald Chissell, Peter Cook, Joy Craddock, Terry Craddock, Neil Davies, Trudy Davies, Mike Dodds, Beatrice Dopita, Gordon Edgar, Ruth Edgar, Alison Francis, Barry Glazier, Ian Grimbly, Barbara Hallett, Minna Harvey, Susan Hatherley, Francis Howard-Vine, Bruce Jensen, Rosalind Jensen, Andrew Kelley, Richard Knott, Tricia Knott, Claire Lehmann, Jan Miller, Angela Mullens, Anthony Oliver, Christine Oliver, Andrew Patrick, Jane Patrick, Rob Pearce, Rosemary Protheroe, Martin Smith, David Steele, Sarah Steele, Laurie Turner, Margaret Turner, John Waldsax. (44)

Clergy: Derek Butler, Elise Harding, Michael Harding, Nigel LLOYD, Marianne Mangham, Andrew Rowland, Heather Waldsax

Vestry meeting

1. The Minutes of the 2024 Vestry meeting were accepted.
2. Election of Churchwardens. There were two nominations for Churchwarden, Andrew Patrick and Peter Cook, and so they were appointed without a vote.

APCM

3. Appointment of PCC Secretary: Rosalind Brown Jensen was appointed

4. Correspondence – none

5. Apologies for absence: De Ashton, Heather Davey, Jackie Deung, Patsy Glazier, Sam Hanson, Peter Hatherley, Anne Pollard, Zahra Rowland, Rio Sachs, Sue Tipping

6. Safeguarding: Volunteers are vetted, staff & volunteers wear badges, all receive safeguarding training. Diocese has upgraded their system to the training is more accessible.

7 GDPR: Reminder that personal data must be kept securely, and not shared without explicit permission.

8. Minutes of 2024 Vestry meeting and APCM: accepted. Amendment to list of those present: add Francis Howard-Vine

9. Electoral roll for 2025 (compiled every 6 years): 240 on the roll.

10. Election of PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives: Francis Howard-Vine was thanked by the Rector for help with the legal requirements. Heather Davey (for 2 years only), Michael Dodds, and Andrew Kelley have all been duly nominated and seconded, and were elected to the PCC.

Angela Mullens was elected to be a Deanery Synod representative. Anne King continues in this role. Minna Harvey has stepped down.

The election of these individuals was agreed unanimously.

New regulations mean sidespersons are now appointed by the PCC, not at the APCM, but the list of names was read out.

11. Annual Accounts

Richard Knott, Hon. Treasurer, presented the accounts. Finances are strong, though salaries are higher. Maintaining this staffing depends on certain generous donors.

Question raised from the floor: Will the Minster reinstate automatic charitable giving of 10% of income (before costs)?

The tithing was cancelled in 2014-5 when finances were in a poor shape. This question will be discussed by the PCC.

Question raised from the floor: Where will the money come from for the building work?

The Rector responded: Once a Faculty has been obtained, we will look to the Friends, Wimborne Mister Governors, the Preservation Trust and outside grants. He explained the slow progress of the Rectory project, which should eventually free some funds for the Minster, when the diocese has built a new Rectory.

The Rector thanks Richard Knott, who had offered to take on the Villages accounts. Christine Cosgrove (Kingston Lacy and Shapwick) has now volunteered to do this.

The accounts were accepted unanimously.

12. Appointment of Independent financial examiner: Hill Osborne, the current examiner, was proposed by Richard Knott, seconded by John Waldsax, and accepted unanimously.

13. Presentation of the terrier (inventory of the Minster Church)

Checking of the terrier had not been completed, but would be by the time of the Archdeacon's Visitation. There were no deletions. Bruce Jensen listed the items that had been added: communion vessels from Long Crichiel church that had

been stored at Dorchester Museum, and items from Holt Church, now closed, including the Jacobean pulpit. Items have been added to the Chained Library, which are recorded in the Library Inventory.

14. 2024 Annual Report was accepted. The Rector thanked everyone for their support

15. Churchwardens' Supplementary reports

Andrew Patrick answered questions about Phase 1 of the building project.

- The survey about the toilet pods and the entrance ramp showed strong support overall. The PCC has had a report, but the survey results will be shown in a display with the plans.

- In answer to a question about the security of the doors: - The recent attack was vandalism, not an attempt to break in. The new doors will be push-button for accessibility, and we can review the existing doors to see whether they can be strengthened.

New legislation (Terrorism Prevention in Public Places, 2025) covers fire exits, safety and security, and a small group is actively working on provision in the Minster.

In his comments on being a churchwarden, **Bruce Jensen** described the most rewarding achievements of his five years, including solving the problem of a persistent leak, organising the cleaning of the south transept window, bringing the Jacobean pulpit back to Wimborne, and being part of the Minster team that enabled the recent funeral of a child to run smoothly.

The Rector also thanked Bruce for his technical support of the services, including filming.

16. Rector's Supplementary Report

The Rector thanked the clergy, Lay Worship Leaders and Claire Lehmann for their support in the ministerial side of Minster life.

17. The meeting concluded with prayers and sharing the Grace.