

**St Thomas Wells with the Horringtons**  
**Minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Present:** Chris Jenkins (Chair), Joanna Birkett, Ann Edmonds, Ian Ames-White, John Simapri, Charlie Sutton, Mike Tolley, David Kennett, Gill Tucker.

**Apologies:** Revd Claire Towns, Katie Steadman-Towns, Rachel Thomas, Christine Baron, Judy Penhaligon, Michaela Cross, Barbara Calverley.

**1. Opening Prayer:** Ann Edmonds opened the meeting with a prayer. We especially remembered Rachel Thomas and her family, Katie Steadman-Towns and Claire Towns.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2026:** It was unanimously agreed that these Minutes be signed as a correct record of the Meeting.

**3. Matters arising:**

**i) Screen in the Community Room** - Ian explained that a new screen would cost over £1,000 if we had one installed professionally, After a discussion about the various options, it was agreed that a 65" model would be the best. Ian will ask Adam to explore the different ones, and providing the cost would be no more than £2,500, with the approval of the Standing Committee, to go ahead and order one;

**ii) Christmas Charities** – over £1,300 was raised for the chosen Charities. It was agreed that the sum of money raised should be made public, eg through Facebook etc, and people thanked for their generosity;

**iii) Christmas Services** - The carol service was well attended and enjoyed; Stoberry School end of term service was very well attended, as was the Blue School Christmas service; The numbers at the Children's Christmas Eve service were down this year, (post meeting note from Claire...numbers were actually up this year, by 20 adults but same number of children as recorded in 2024) but it was pointed out that we had held a very well-attended Christingle Service a couple of weeks before, and also other Churches held a similar service that day.

**4. Prayers for the next Meeting** – Mike Tolley volunteered to lead the prayers.

**5. Financial Matters** – Details of November 2025 figures had been circulated prior to the meeting. Ian brought the December 2025 information to the meeting, but they were as yet incomplete. It had been calculated that the daily running costs of the Church were £553.94 (£305.98 without the Parish Share). It was agreed that these figures should be made known. A discussion about the Parish Share followed. It was agreed that information about the Parish Share should be made known – maybe at the Annual Church Meeting.

It was agreed that the Finance Committee should meet occasionally as well as the Legacy Project Management Team.

**6. Churchwardens Report;**

**i) Quinquennial Report** – The full report from the 2021 survey was now completed. There will be a new Report in 2026, which will be arranged by our new Architect, Emma Green;

**ii) Church Hall Survey** -Chris is still waiting for the report on this survey.

**7. Legacy Projects Team** – the next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, and will report to the next PCC Meeting.

**8. Safeguarding Update** – Details of the Safeguarding Action Plan had been circulated prior to the Meeting. This Plan was discussed, and Mike outlined what was to follow. Joanna proposed that this Plan be approved by the PCC, and the proposal was unanimously approved. Mike was thanked for all the work he had put into this important part of the Church's life.

**9. Deanery Synod Report** – the Deanery Synod will meet on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, and details will be given at the next PCC Meeting.

**10. Information:**

**i) Assistant Organist** - Gill reported that following his three months 'trial', Arnold Wills had confirmed that he would like to continue to assist, playing at one service a month, and being available for any additional ones when necessary;

**ii) Schools' Chaplaincy** -Joanna reported that she was going to help out at the Blue School, especially in Years 7 & 8 from the beginning of February, working alongside their Chaplain. Hopefully this will develop into a scheme working with some of the feeder Primary Schools in the future.

Joanna is also exploring the development of mental health in schools.

**iii) Donations at Coffee Stop** There was some discussion about this but it was agreed that it was part of our outreach.

**11. Dates of Future Meetings:**

**Standing Committee** - TBC

**PCC Meeting** – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm

**APCM** – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

The Meeting finished with the Grace at 8.40pm