



Minutes from Standing Committee Meeting Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 8pm in Bec room.

1. Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Robert
2. Apologies for absence were given by Jacqueline Alderton, Sue Hammond and Judith Kaplan.
Present: Fr Robert (FR); Ruth Bitok (RB); Danny Dartnail (DD); Peter Golby (PG); Catherine Tugnait (CT).
3. Notification of any other business. None
- 4 The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2025 were approved .
- 5 **Matters Arising** . None
6. **Reports from committees and Deanery Synod.**
 - **Mission committee**
Focus on the upcoming Holiday Club, need more volunteers and publicity. Mark Stimpson to put ad on website.
 - **Finance**
Accounts are complete. Activities and successes to be completed on Annual report. DD to send document to FR and PG. Michael Labisi to look at accounts end of Feb/ beg of March. We will have a Zoom EGM to approve them.
DD is tidying up funds and will continue to do so in 2025.
 - **Social Committee**
Very successful Quiz night which was well supported and raised £740. Well done and thanks to all involved.
 - **Fabric & Hall.**
Safety checks still to be completed.
New Coffee machine very welcome.
Chancel roof. 2 meetings with Siobhan re fundraising. Project plan being compiled. Also 2 extra components to consider, bell tower roof and increasing insulation on chancel roof. Architect is saying that costs have increased by 10% for Chancel roof since the original quote was done.
To go ahead and start the work we need to raise £25k. Earliest start is Summer 2026. Need to source contractors and do bat surveys. PG to produce a document for presentation to PCC. Siobhan will have a summary of fundraising aims to launch bids for funds. She will also attend PCC meeting to share those.
Still some lighting to fix when the weather gets warmer.
Soul dance school would like to launch a performing arts college course at St Martin's. 9-3.30pm Monday-Thursday in term time.
Concern over a private business dominating community space.
Restricts other bookings eg. Thursday lunches, concerts. Vote taken

and all voted against the proposal. PG will feed back to them asap. RB suggested that there was potential space at Brunel University that they could consider. PG to suggest this to them.

- **Deanery Synod.**

Meeting on 12th Feb in the evening. Topics are The Mother's Union and Angola London Mozambique Association.

7. **Safeguarding.**

PG attended a 2 part course for leaders.

Safety in Church- Ian Keys did a talk before Covid and we will ask him to repeat that . Judith is working with the choir on practicing in church to minimise risk. Increased vigilance due to Southport attacks.

Agree dates at PCC for Ian to do his talk again.

8. **Health and Safety.** Nothing to report.

9. **Any other business**

- Curates House. Tenants leaving mid-end March and it needs decorating. Joe to view it after they have left. PG to ask Julian to co-ordinate volunteers.
- Tree pruning- Owner of 1 High St has contributed £100 of the £350 spent to cut the trees back. There is a further tree to prune and we have a quote of £650. Committee approved to go ahead with this. There is a pile of debris in the graveyard to clear and we have a quote of £800 for this. PG to discuss with Derek if this is a compost heap or could we just burn it ourselves ? Needs sorting as it is attracting rats.
- Electoral Roll. Mark Stimpson will set up eform on the website
- Subscribers idea to be dealt with by Mark and Rowland with a new button on the website.
- Mervyn has send info on finance and giving to DD who thanks him for it.
- Next edition of Ruislip Town Crier will have an article by Fr Robert.
- PCC appointment to BWI governors will be Mary Coulthurst until Sept 2025. Thank you to her.

FrR said a Closing Prayer and meeting finished at 9.40pm.

Standing Committee and PCC Dates

Standing Committee	PCC	Main Theme
	25 th February 2025 8pm	
	29 th April 2025 8pm	APCM
	4 th May 2025 10.45am	Appointment PCC Officers
10 th June 2025 8pm	24 th June 2025 8pm	Summer Planning
1st July 2025 8pm	12 th or 19 th July 2025 9.30am to 3pm	Mission Action Plan (MAP)