Pastrow Family

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Parish of Pastrow

Parochial Church Council Meeting

13TH October 2026 7.30 pm

Christ Church Hatherden

Attendance and apologies see sheet at end of minutes.

Minutes	Action
Welcome and Opening Prayer CD Opened the meeting with Prayer AE said he would be chairing the meeting following a phone call with Howard Jameson Area Dean that afternoon, as CD was unable to do this as Associate Minister.	
Minutes of the 8th September Various corrections raised and corrected. Action Page 3 Insurance – has been identified but needs action.	**WB**
Matters Arising None as covered by agenda items.	
Mission & Ministry	
LyCiG Each LCG will need to hold a meeting for their 2027 plans as no main day this year. Also 2026 needs to be updated.	**LCG Chairs**
Benedictus 26 Continues as before	
LCG Review Jan Yeo now rep for Weyhill and will become a Trustee. Further quotes needed for the roof (shingles on tower need replacing) and door stones. Multiple quotes are needed for grant applications.	

JJ – HBT has now had their Harvest Service (church was full) and lunch and raised £200 for the Foodbank. RB – Smannell have had their Harvest Festival and are going through the Quinquennial report. AB – Harvest service and supper both went well at Charlton. 73Kg of food sent to Foodbank. The Lightening conductor needs repairing following an inspection. Repairs will take place in November. JA confirmed a group thank you once all received will be announced from the foodbank in the Grapevine. AL – LyCiG will be spoken about at H & T's next meeting on the 24th November. TVBC have sent a TPO for 5 Yew trees at Tangley. AL & TM to look at further. The TPO has been forwarded to the Diocese. Need to respond to TVBC by the end of October. SC – Harvest will be this coming Sunday at Vernham. At the last LCG concerns raised over the trustee issue on Trusts. Also issues around the Graveyard and seeking H & S guidance on graveyards. Some Quinquennial issues which they need TM advice on. SC & AS are new in Pastrow and to the job and the handover was fleeting with death of David Holmes. SC asked about the CMF for 2025, WB was able to reply. Problems with the East Window have been looked at. TM – Faculty submission has now been changed at the Diocese and is now fully online. TM is going on a training session and should have full access.	**AL / TM** **TM** **TM**
Fabric & Finance	
Safeguarding Nothing to report this month and nothing for LCG's	
Treasurers Update The accounts had been pre submitted. WB Spoke about the Coop Bank transfer and the had the following issues. • Our formal name used on the account so not suitable for online paying by others. • WB has requested our working name with the Charities Commission is to be used. • No payees had been transferred. • Originally was only 1 signatory until WB got them to change it. • Current account switch process has gone wrong. • Standing orders – may not go in. • Direct debits – should have gone across. WB will lodge an official complaint once fully up and running. WB will not start moving individual churches accounts until the main account is sorted out.	**WB**

Charlton have agreed to move into the central account, but this has not yet started. Penton has also agreed and WB is starting the process of getting signatories added. S & E has also agreed, WB to action with Noel Pope.	**WB** **WB**
Gift Aid Claims before HMRC accounts closed Penton is in hand HBT to be sorted H & T Q3 to be completed but is in hand. Charlton – up to date.	**WB**
Once all up together – HMRC to be written to and changed to new central account.	**WB**
Account summaries had been supplied for all churches except S & E	
CD said that she is very concerned about the CMF and that we have only paid 65% for the year. We need to see it as a bill which needs paying. LCG's have been allowed to set limits for CMF and have been significantly underpaying. When we are faced with sudden costs this is when we can possibly default, but we cannot shortchange the Diocese all the time.	
RB asked if churches that are holding money don't pay their full amount? WB said S & E don't pay their full amount but also don't have the money to do so as they don't have funds.	
CD reported that a church has said they have money but top slice the current account to go into savings when it reaches a certain level.	
WB said we need to help LCG's to understand how CMF works.	
AE explained about the diocese budget which was shown at Deanery Synod, and showed a table for our deanery. 2 parishes on the table had currently paid nothing, Pastrow was at 57% after 8 months when we should be at 66%. Others were already at 67% or higher and shown in green. There were 7 parishes below 67%, including Pastrow.	
AB asked what would happen if we don't pay. Explanation given.	
AL said by the end of the year we need to find another £20,500 which would take our exposure to 80% to get us off the 'naughty step' so to speak.	
MW said that the diocese say approx £80,000 per year is what it costs for a member of clergy.	
Taking AL's rough figures, we may need another £15,000. WB predicted we could make 80% by the end of year. As central finance we may need to ask some churches to pay more.	
SB asked do we have money within the old parishes so this could be paid? It was agreed yes, we do. WB gave an example of HBT funds – so without touching several funds they have around £400,000 but would not touch general funds but this could be pulled down.	

SC asked if we are short falling, we need to up giving to see what we can pay. We need to look at generating income or look at asking people to draw down funds. CD spoke about LCG's and how LCG's will manage their finances. JA said that looking forward and budgeting we would be worse off next year as wedding bookings are down and they bring in a good proportion of income. MW spoke about the 5% increase for next year as well. AL suggested we set the finance committee to look at figures for end of this year and look at doing a forecast for 2027.	**Finance Comite**
Quinquennials HBT still awaiting the report from 3 months ago. TM said things are happening. Weyhill has the Tower shingles to replace, need more quotes for grant applications. AE confirmed that Charlton need a full roof inspection done and is trying to get quotes. HBT to speak about unsafe graves and needs to find out more. AE asked who has responsibility to check on these. TM confirmed it was the LCG's but to report back to PCC.	**TM** **JY** **AE** **SB**
Charity Commission Annual Report The amended Annual Report and CC16a had been circulated before the meeting. This was **approved**. AE will submit it to the Charity Commission.	**AE**
Charitable Trusts AE said the questions which need answering by LCGs are: • Are they a registered charity in themselves? • What do the deeds say regarding who are trustees and who can appoint trustees? • Are any linked to the churches? Information from the LCG's needs to be supplied to the PCC. The Upton School House Trust says it is the incumbent and two churchwardens. Vernham Guilliams Trust – no deeds can be found currently. JA has all the information from S & E, Charlton and H & T. SC asked if we can make a request to the diocese to give permissions as to who can run the trusts. Following discussions this cannot be done.	**ALL LCGs**

AE said that a trust does not need to be a registered charity but could still be a legal trust. It is registered charities that may cause a problem, but we still need to know about the others. WB said we need to get a register in place so we know what we need to do.	**JA**
CCLI Raised as Vernham wish to have a license as they use songs for Craft and Chat fellowship. JA confirmed the license is per church and not per parish. Services have an exemption. WB spoke about various levels. Full details to be looked at and what is available.	**JA**
Grave Reservations A grave reservation had been passed by the LCG for Lyn Hancock's at H & T. This was **approved** by the PCC. SC said there was one coming through from Vernham.	
Any other Business. MW asked about the new rector post. It was confirmed this was still with the diocese.	
Next Meeting Tuesday 10th November 7.30 pm at Hatherden	



Signed …….

Dated…10th November 2026

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Attendance/Apologies

PCC Members				Notes/ Substitute
Revd Carol Dunk	CD	Vicar	✓	
Sally Brewer	SB	Pastoral Warden	✓	
Terry Milne	TM	Administrative Warden & Deanery Synod Rep	✓	
William Belben	WB	Treasurer	✓	
Judith Appleby	JA	Secretary (co-opted member)	✓	
Alice Brewer	AB	Charlton LCG	✓	
Harriet Cooper	HC	Penton LCG	Apologies	
Jan Yeo	JY	Weyhill LCG	✓	
Zoë Cleeton (Non-Voting)	ZC	Hatherden & Tangley LCG	Apologies	Andrew Lancaster
Rod Bowker	RB	Smannell & Enham LCG	✓	
Jane Jones	JJ	HBT LCG	✓	
Stuart Cowan (Non-Voting)	TB	Vernham Dean & Linkenholt LCG	✓	
Vacant		Faccombe LCG		
Alan Evans	AE	Deanery Synod Rep & Lay Chair	✓	
Martin Williamson	MW	Deanery Synod Rep	✓	

Non-PCC attendees

Name	Church
Irene Wilson (IW)	S & E