Pastrow Family

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Parish of Pastrow

Parochial Church Council Meeting

8th September 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 CD reminded people to raise hand if they wished to speak and to treat people with love and respect.	
Minutes of the 11th August Notes from SC noted and agreed and all those present agreed this to be a true record and duly signed.	
Matters Arising Quinquennials – no report yet from architect on Hurstbourne, date needed still for Faccombe, TM is chasing. Have the registers been stored at Vernham yet? Currently in the strong box but the new safe is in hand. Benedictus 26 – Email from Andrew Lancaster – **Benedictus '26** (As Ordinand and Lay Worship Leader) I don't know the reason for the agenda item. Brief update therefore from myself: I have preached 5 times this year specifically on the Blessings schedule as identified in the Benedictus '26 document. I have referenced Benedictus '26 in a further 4 sermons. I organised and produced the Lent Course on Blessings of Forgiveness; undertaken by circa 100 people I think you said All of the Collective Worship weekly themes for this year are based on Benedictus '26	**TM**

I thank Jude with the Grapevine identifying the Weekly Benedictus '26 blessings On a personal note, I do not believe that the MTM have bought into Benedictus '26 and with two PFG exceptions, I don't recall attending any service where Benedictus '26 has been mentioned in the sermon slot. CD highlighted Benedictus had been followed in collective worship in schools and James' Place, and we have preached and completed the Lent course, although we could have done more, we have carried out more than was first thought. Thanks were given to Ann Lancaster for all her work with collective worship and James Place. MW – also raised that the holiday club also followed the Benedictus's. CD thanked Ann for the great service in August and both Jude and Ann for their work on the Holiday Club, before, during and after.	
Mission & Ministry	
Vacancy The advert will be £1099 + VAT for the Church Times to run until filled. All those present agreed to this.	
Pastoral Care With SB absent there is nothing to report. CD is being taken away from this due to other commitments and has very little time, though needs to be aware of any needs etc., that she may be able to assist or help with in whatever capacity. CD asked within our roles to feedback anything that needs TLC please report back. MW asked if the consultation was still on hold. CD said that it was on hold, as the consultation presented, for a variety of reasons, wasn't the agreed one that the Ministry Team had confirmed should be sent out, much to their distress, dismay and anger in some parts. MW asked if this would stay under review. CD confirmed yes.	
LCG Review Vernham (from CD) – still plodding through and picking up from previous work, with SC & AS sharing the local warden role. SC will be the VDN & Link rep.	

The LCG are thinking of a permanent memorial for the late David Holmes. Hatherden & Tangley (from AL) – Faculty for the toilet etc at Tangley has been granted and DAC have approved but is subject to TVBC approval. TVBC have been informed by the DAC and TVBC have not given permission but have been reminded of their roles. Neighbours now will be given notice and notices will go up. Hatherden Graveyard – new fencing has gone up and the gate needs to be renewed with help from the neighbour. Weyhill (from JY) – 5th Sunday – now it is a single service our congregation is missing 2 weeks and they would like their own service which could be lay led. CD confirmed others are also saying this and it may need to go back to the Ministry team to be looked at. Liturgy needs to be checked so that it is compliant and staffing sorted, this all needs to be discussed. Going forward it may mean PFG moving. AE said when we went into one parish this had been raised then. JA said that in 2025 we have gone two and two and this year moved back to just being all combined. CD said that we should think about this suggestion and that it should only happen in the afternoon but not clash with the 4pm Communion. Weyhill is also having new glass doors and is still under review following the breaking of the stones. WB asked if Morning Worship could be used. CD said that they couldn't and that a suitable format should be put together that is compliant with Canon Law.	
Fabric & Finance	
Safeguarding JA reported that new information on DBS checks had recently come out and was waiting on Winchester for full details and if it may affect us.	
Treasurers Update The accounts had been pre submitted. WB reported a discrepancy with payments on the insurance and will look into this. GC reported Penton was behind on insurance payments but all was in hand. But Penton is paying the CMF regularly and are looking to pay £8400 but will be short of the £16500 requested, Though CD stated that every church	**WB**

should be attempting to pay their CMF, if we were expecting to attract a new Rector. Suitable monthly payments should be being paid by each church and only in extremes should individual churches default on payment and with a valid reason.

Total CMF figure for CMF in 2027 will be £105271

Hurstbourne will be discussing paying more at their next LCG meeting.

CD feels that we need to budget and the CMF figures should be shown as an overall figure.

Centralization funds will be kept separate via the accounting sheet.

Going forward we need to know what is being paid.

CD said William is doing a good job, despite his protestations and limitations on William's skill set on budgeting etc.. and that we would be in an even worse position without him.

AE asked if the columns could be colour coded for each church.

Discussions ensued on how CMF payments are known who pays what. JA to see if we can have a sheet of who has paid what.

JA

CD pointed out we don't seem to know what the left and right hand are doing.

MW asked how the money works, WB explained.

Faccombe was raised as currently Pastrow pays for them, but their costs and income are kept separate so we are aware of how much it costs to run.

GC asked if he could have a copy of how they would be in in central finance

Post meeting information regarding payments of CMF (figures are a minus as this is how Winchester work their sheets) -

WB

CMF Position as at 9th September 2026

Church	Target	YTD	%
Charlton	£31,547.27	£23,670.00	75%
Hurstbourne Tarrant	£16,282.46	£9,000.00	55%
Penton Mewsey	£11,194.19	£5,600.00	50%
Smannell with Enham Alamein	£13,229.50	£2,500.00	19%
Pastrow Core	£29,511.97	£20,165.30	68%
Total	£101,765.40	£60,934.30	60%

Vernham Dean also contributed £1000 in February towards the 2025 CMF Hurstbourne Tarrant is currently targeting £12,000, but will see what excess is available at the end of the year.

Charity Commissions Reports

Alan explained about the documents which had been pre supplied.

Corrections had been noticed on the CC16A form and new forms will be submitted to all. JA asked why Hatherden and Tangley had an independent examiners report for 2025 accounts when they have been in central finance since the 1st January. No answer could be given. AL said that James Place should also be included under collective worship. CD asked if all agreed to submission. It was proposed corrections should be made and re circulated for approval. AE & JA to sort	**AE & JA**
Gift Aid AE legally the old parishes don't exist and once the letter is sent to HMRC no parish can claim in their own right. JA asked with Gift Aid could claims be back dated from the old parishes and AE confirmed no. Therefore, all parishes need to be up to date with claims.	
Charitable Trusts CD has been thinking about the legalities of and has investigated local trusts and we aren't legally compliant on many, if not them all. For example, The Upton School House and the Vernham Dean Gillam Trust information were in the paperwork from David Holmes and the trustees are supposed to be the incumbent and the church wardens plus the diocese. SC has checked on the Charity Commissions site and both trusts were held as Alex Randle-Bissell and the local wardens which leaves the trust as one signatory only. Currently one of the treasurers wishes to stand down and with the death of David Holmes, business can not progress. The diocese has been asked for advice. WB said that banks can help regarding signatories in these circumstances. It was also noted that both trusts are not directly related to the PCC. Under Canon law Pastrow is now the parish and the old parishes and wardens no longer exist. MW asked if a sub committee could be set up to sort this out.	

WB said no as we are not trustees. AL spoke about liability, conflict of interest and declaration of interest and the need to have all this information moving forward, so we can understand how we stand. JA said at the Finance meeting information on Trusts known to each parish was submitted so that we know. Currently only 1 (old parish) has submitted this information. CD has been put onto a Trust specialist at the Diocese. MW said collating this information. May give us a picture of any liabilities. CD asked it to be minuted that all LCG Chairs find out the local information on trusts within the parish that have connections even if not directly. Full name and charity number if known is needed. AE spoke about time frame and how we may be breaking charity law. RB said about their trusts and how paperwork overtime can be lost and how the LCG took them on as this was how it happened over time. CD, AL, AE & WB reiterated the importance of getting all this information sorted.	**ALL**
Next Meeting Tuesday 13th October 7.30 pm at Hatherden	

Signed ……A Evans…….

Dated……13/10/26……

Originals held by PCC Secretary.

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Attendance/Apologies

PCC Members				Notes/ Substitute
Revd Carol Dunk	CD	Vicar	✓	
Sally Brewer	SB	Pastoral Warden	Apologies	
Terry Milne	TM	Administrative Warden & Deanery Synod Rep	✓	
William Belben	WB	Treasurer	✓	
Judith Appleby	JA	Secretary (co-opted member)	✓	
Alice Brewer	AB	Charlton LCG	Apologies	
Harriet Cooper	HC	Penton LCG	Apologies	Giles Cooper
Vacant		Weyhill LCG	✓	Jan Yeo
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	Apologies	
Vacant		Faccombe LCG		
Alan Evans	AE	Deanery Synod Rep	✓	
Martin Williamson	MW	Deanery Synod Rep	✓	

Non-PCC attendees

Name	Church
Irene Wilson (IW)	