

St Simon and St Jude PCC Minutes

Wednesday, 13th August 2025

****Opening****

- The meeting was opened with prayers and a reading from the Bible

****Attendance****

- Apologies: Phil Owen
- Present: Reverend Miranda Hayes, Claire Stancer, Julie Bringloe, Moira Leach, Rachel Waters, Linda Wright, Liam Blackwell, Tammy Owen

****Approval of Minutes****

- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

****Matters Arising****

- Liam Blackwell has confirmed that he will continue in the role of Secretary but will be assisted by Rachel Waters. Whilst Liam will remain the legal Secretary for the PCC, Rachel will provide administrative support. The PCC thanked Liam for his hard work and dedication to the role. This will be reviewed yearly to ensure that the system is working and implement additional strategies where necessary.
- Phil Owen is still outstanding for safeguarding training. Liam is almost up to date with training. Kayleigh Naylor is still outstanding for her safeguarding training and DBS which is required in order for her to assist with Little Saints Toddler Group.
- Summer Fair was a success with Thur-Crufts being well received.
- VJ Day service has been organised with Rev Judith Trickett to take place on Saturday 16th August.
- Removing the bins from the Church Garden was reconsidered. Only one will be removed to observe the impact as the bins cannot be reinstalled after removal.

****Safeguarding****

- No formal safeguarding report was submitted due to personal reasons. However, it is believed that there were no significant safeguarding concerns.
- Louise Lambert expressed an interest in assisting with Little Saints Toddler Group. She will need to complete a DBS check.

****Health and Safety****

- Wasp nest has been removed
- Noted that Children have been climbing trees in the Church Garden. This situation will be monitored.

****Finance****

- Summer Fair raised £850 which is an increase on the previous year.
- Wasp nest removal was £99
- Fire alarm service has been booked for 26th August and smart meter install for the 3rd September.

**** Any other business ****

- Suggestion to make a calendar from the Thur-Crufts event pictures considered. Noted that it would require permission from all involved so would have to be limited to those who would agree to be included. Look to implement this in the future.
- MAP 2025 to be addressed by Rev Miranda Hayes and Rev Dave Johnson before being fed back to the PCC and the congregation.
- North roof faculty discussed. PCC unanimously agreed to use the previous roofers as they were a good price, the work was an excellent standard and they are a local company which helps with our community outreach. Considering asking the Parish Council for a grant towards the work.
- Contacting our Architect for recommendations for tradesmen to complete stonework and bell tower repairs.
- All Age Worship services have been planned until February.

****Closing****

- The meeting concluded with the Grace