St Simon Stock Parish, Walderslade

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee Held in the Parish Office on 25 April 2024

In attendance: Fr Pawel Sobol (FrP), Mavis Westbrook (MW), Tanya Wilkins (TW), Sandra Rocco (SR), John Billing (JB), Lynne Pearson (LP)

The meeting commenced with a prayer led by FrP.

Apologies: Deacon Martin Smith (DcM)

The Minutes of the last meeting on 25 January 2024 were agreed and signed.

Agenda Item	Summary	Action
1A Main Account	There are still problems with the IQ system. Last year's reconciliation was not done until 3 weeks ago. TW had contacted Adrian Radford who said he was looking into it. Maria came back and said it had now been reconciled (despite 1p difference) and signed off.	
	TW started the 2024 accounts but there are still problems. Sum Up payments are still wrong. TW is waiting for a response to her email to Maria on this and on a £10 payment which is missing. TW asked Maria to upload it. On Monday TW had a reply saying Maria would investigate. To date, nothing adjusted. TW will email again on Monday. No money has been taken by the Diocese for second collections because the information for this year is not on the IQ system. This is around £2,000. TW is still inputting all the financial information on the old system so she can ensure everything is correct.	TW
	However, it was decided that we cannot just sit back and not do anything about this ludicrous situation. TW will draft an email raising concerns about this situation, which she will forward to the committee members for comments, before it is sent. Lynne had queried a coding of 100 Club payments. This has now been amended and the payments are under Code 18. The Give a Little direct debit of £9 comes out of the credit card. There is £2,500 in this account.	TW

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1B	As at 25/4/24, there is £34.905.13 in this account.	TW
Development	There are some funds to be transferred from the	
Fund	Main Account into the Development Account.	
1C	£14,487.63 in this account (£5,000 to be transferred	TW
100 Club	towards the cladding).	
1D	£33,901.66.	
1 st Reserve	Occurs describes will consider this account O	
1E	Some donations still coming into this account. 3	
Covid Support Fund	families have been given help from it. Currently,	
Fullu	there is £2,214 in this account.	
	Still need to pay for some wool for Stella Maris.	DcM
1F Loan	£51,640.	DCIVI
Account	201,070.	
1G	Windows, blinds and decorations all completed.	
Hall Decoration	£749 outstanding to spend.	
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	Need radiators for the toilets. Quote was for £926.	FrP
	Agreed to go ahead with this.	
Any Other	We cannot apply for another grant before 19 May	
Business	2024. LP has been liaising with Roisin and Keely on	
	this. FrP stated that Roisin had sent an email today	
	concerning updates she needs on this. We will be	LP
	asking for £20,000. Roisin will need a current bank	
	statement with Parish name etc on it.	TW
	FrP had 2 quotes for the work to be done at the top of the field vis-à-vis the brambles, removal of material, reseeding etc. Also the trees may need to be cut on the treeline by the fence (not included in price of this job). Not much difference between the 2 prices. At £10,300 (top quote) it was felt to be too expensive at this time and not essential. However, the quotes give us an idea of probable costs if the work was to be done in the future. Although, we would need to be aware of how that work could affect the fence and/or the wall, which would mean substantial additional expense. The collection amounts have not been going in the newsletter. These will be in every month in the future.	TW
Letters from	None.	
Parishioners		

The next meeting will be in the Parish Office on 4 July 2024 at 6.30 pm.

FrP led the closing prayer and the meeting finished at 7.35 pm