

**St Simon Stock Parish, Walderslade**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee**  
**Held in the Parish Office on 17 July 2025**

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

The meeting commenced with a prayer led by FrP.

After 2 minor amendments at 1G, the Minutes of the last meeting on 24 April 2025 were agreed and signed.

<b>. Agenda Item</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1A Main Account</b>	<p>Answers to LP's current queries were:</p> <p><b>Code 63:</b> the monthly payments are for the service contract. The Diocese has changed provider and the new one is charging us for the rental of the gas meter so we're having the meter removed.</p> <p><b>Code 58:</b> Rentokil empty and clean the bins every fortnight. We will look for other companies next year which, hopefully will be cheaper than £992.08</p> <p><b>Code 58:</b> Is £1405.05 on the budget. This is correct. The additional costs on the Overall Totals are for treatment to the trees and is money taken from the Development Fund.</p> <p><b>Code 65:</b> The SSE payments are for electricity from September to 11 December 2024 when we changed companies and joined the IMF scheme via the Diocese. The other 4 payments which come out of our account monthly are for gas and electric for the Church and the house.</p> <p>The horizontal annual totals are incorrect from Code 51 (excluding Code 52). The formulae had been deleted but this has now been rectified and the totals are now correct.</p> <p>Annual Totals Income is 41,284.12. Expenditure is £49134.01. The overspend should be £7,849.89, not £2417.91. This has now been amended to the correct overspend.</p> <p>We can cover the overspend of £13,475.06 on the Overall Totals from the Loan Account.</p> <p>DBS costs are infrequent and shown as expenditure.</p> <p>Maria had now left the Diocese so Adrian will deal with any queries. There was one where money paid in didn't agree but that has now been sorted out.</p>	<p><b>FrP/TW</b></p> <p><b>TW</b></p>

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	There is £2,500 in this account.	
<b>1B Development Fund</b>	£16,045.87	
<b>1C 100 Club</b>	£11,203.22  Diocese has previously taken money out of this account in error. This was supposed to have been sorted out but they are still doing it. TW to contact Adrian to sort this out.	<b>TW</b>
<b>1D 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve</b>	£21,537.74	
<b>1E Covid Support Fund</b>	£1664.00	
<b>1F Loan Account</b>	£69,692.15	
<b>1G Cross for the Church</b>	The Caretaker of the St Thomas More School is making the Cross. Any costs will be met by FrP.	<b>FrP</b>
<b>1H Gas Supply</b>	The gas meter will be taken out soon. Cost £300+.	<b>FrP/TW</b>
<b>Any Other Business</b>	<p>The updated budget will be attached to the minutes on the website. Someone will have to explain the budget i.e. what we hope to raise to keep the parish running, not what we have already.</p> <p>FrP has received 3 quotes for painting the inside of the Church: £3,600, £2,080 and £4,100. The £2,080 from Steve Murphy was accepted. He will need 4 – 5 days to complete the work Fr Joseph to let him know the dates that work for him.</p> <p>New computers are needed for the office. Fr Joseph to contact the Diocese to arrange this.</p> <p>FrP thanked everyone for their hard work during his 5 years at the Parish.</p>	<p><b>FrP</b></p> <p><b>Fr Joseph</b></p> <p><b>Fr Joseph/ TW</b></p>
<b>Letters from Parishioners</b>	There were no letters from parishioners as a note had not been put in the newsletter to inform them of the date of the meeting. Need to ensure we keep parishioners apprised of the dates.	<b>TW</b>

**Fr Joseph will decide the date of the next meeting - sometime in October.**

DcM led the closing prayer and the meeting finished at 7.15 pm