

WONERSH + BLACKHEATH

PARISH CHURCHES

**Meeting minutes for the Parochial Church Council meeting held in the Selwyn Room on
19th January 2026 at 8pm.**

In Attendance

Rev David Peters (DP) Chair
Heather Munro (HM) Secretary
Martin Keech (MK)
Rosie Twist (RT)
Charlie Wakefield (CW)
Darren Alford (DA)
Liz Lister (LL)
Patricia Allen (PA)
Jonty Shepard (JS)
Carmina Harlow (CH)
Nick Gray (NG)
Clare Hepworth (CH)
Lori Cook (LC)
Jan Durrant (JD)
Alice Bounsall-Hughes (ABH)

1. Introduction, welcome and prayer

DP led a reading and reflection based upon Romans 12:1-2 about wisdom.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Nick Bamber (NB), Mark Puttick (MP), and Calum Prince (CP).

3. Conflicts of interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

4. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2025 had been previously circulated and were agreed as a true record.

5. Matters arising and action points

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. Safeguarding Report and adoption of Safeguarding Strategy

One safeguarding report has been made and sent to the Diocese. It was not linked to the congregation.

The Statement of Safeguarding Policy as previously circulated was voted on and approved.

7. Health and Safety

There have been no incidents reported.

St Martins fire extinguishers were all checked and one replaced as required.

8. Children and Families

There was a general discussion relating to future children's work. The minutes of the recent Children's Committee were noted and thanks offered to all involved.

9. Building Committee – Including Churchyard Wall

MK summarised the buildings report and points for discussion.

- a. The fence is now in place with more planting to go in.
- b. A defibrillator is now installed. Perhaps put a notice about the new defibrillator in Wonersh Surgery.
- c. St John's roof quote for repairs of £688 has been approved to go ahead.
- d. St. Martin's water leak – decided not worth doing the mural repairs until the roof is repaired and sure that the water leak issue is addressed.
Lawnsmead – The current condition and future maintenance requirements for Lawnsmead were discussed.

10. Confirmation of Electoral Roll Officer

We are delighted that Clive Couzens has agreed to become Electoral Roll Officer. Voted and all agreed.

11. Adoption of Social Media Policy

CH circulated a draft Volunteer Code of Conduct and draft Social Media & Safeguarding Policy before the meeting. There was feedback and discussion. CH will revise these based on the feedback and circulate them again before the next meeting. **Action : CH**

12. Defibrillator

Defibrillator is now installed. Discussion about how to raise awareness in the community.

13. Christmas Review

The team worked very hard in November to plan which helped ensure all the services worked smoothly. Well done to the AV team and everyone involved. All events were particularly well attended and no significant changes proposed.

14. Cemetery Plots