Notes of the Team Council Meeting
14 May 2024 at 7.30 St Mary's Hall

1 **Welcome**

Special welcome to Mary Clark who has joined the group from Alderbury

2 Opening prayer led by Simon Chambers

3 Present: Gill Sowerby, Liz Bayford, John Hawkins, Alan Jewell, Debbie McIsaac, Heather Lowndes, Jane Dunlop, Sara Atkinson, Mary Clark, Rachel Funnell - minutes

Apologies :Sara Bossom, Michael Barratt

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Communication to PCCs – Documents can now be found on Website (Menu: Resources / Team Council) but there was a request that documents continue to be emailed for convenience.

4.2 Sung Evensongs around the Team – After discussion, the team has capacity for quarterly sung evensongs in Whiteparish and annual sung evensong in Farley – associated with Farley Music.

5 Vacancy

5.1 Team Council members are aware that we received no applications at this time – but this is not a reflection of anything negative about our team, purely timing. The recruitment panel and Bishop Andrew have agreed to run the advert again, timescale as follows.

Adverts	30th August and 6th September
Closing date	10th October
Shortlisting	17th October
Interviews	4th and 5th November
Likely start date	February 2025

Action – please ensure advert stands out and is not too wordy – needs to draw people in.

5.2 Rev Lisa Rodrigues has accepted a Rector's post in the North West Hampshire Benefice and will be attending her last Clarendon service at the end of May, likely in Pitton. Simon will video the thank you presentation which will be shared on Church Connect. Any donations to Simon, Rachel in the office or Church Wardens.

Consideration was given to a replacement curate post, 2025 is too soon but we hope to welcome a new curate to the team in 2026.

6 Service Plans We discussed how to cover services with current ministry team. Baptisms would be better arranged outside of a normal service to allow flexibility. A subgroup will meet to plan realistic expectations, Special consideration for Remembrance, Christmas, joint services to be considered.

Action – subgroup to meet and propose plan (DM, GS, SA, AJ, AL/MC)

Team services will all use the Ordinary Time Eucharist to ensure "team" approach. The Team service in Pitton on 30 June was discussed and agreed to start at 11am (not 10).

Action : advertise time widely

7 Financial Review of Subs for 2025-2027 The summary was discussed and members were reminded that the subs rely on the "worshipping community", those that we know will come to a service at least once a month – regular church goers.

Action: West Grimstead to re-consider their numbers and pass asap to Jane.

8 Safeguarding Grateful thanks were expressed to Jane Sims who has offered to be safeguarding officer for West Grimstead as well as Alderbury.

Rachel was thanked for organising a safeguarding training session in the team office. This worked well and it was suggested we run an annual training day for all PCC members, covering the 3 necessary units and supply lunch. We would need a projector and screen, possibly in a school?

9 Review of Team Council's Focus Areas The team needs to review the areas for discussion embracing the 5 core areas of the diocesan Vision "Making Jesus Known"

Action all members to review discussion areas and digest diosesan vision. Consider how they fit into the vision areas. **Next meeting will allocate time for an activity to move this forwards.**

10 AOB – Robert Eggar from Alderbury has offered to design a pilgrimage walk around all 10 Clarendon churches – around 22 miles. Can be divided into 3 sections. Would be great to get Bishop Andrew involved as well for reflective pieces and his involvement would bring in many from beyond the team. Team Council enthusiastically accepted his offer. Action – Alison to pass on our acceptance and thanks to Robert.

11 Closing Prayer led by Simon Chambers

Future Meetings in 2024/25

Thur 11th July 2024 @7:30pm – Team Office

Wed 11th Sept 2024 @7:30pm – Whaddon

Tue 12th Nov 2024 @2:00pm – Team Office

Thur 16th Jan 2025 @ 2:00pm - Whaddon