Clarendon Team Council Meeting Notes

Thursday 16 July 7.30pm

In Team Office, Winterslow

Present: Simon Chambers, Jane Dunlop, Marcia Wadham, Alan Jewell, John Hawkins, Heather Lowndes, Sara Atkinson, Sara Bossom, Liz Parsons, Michael Barratt, Alison Larkham, Sharon Grant, Alice Page, Debbie Case (notes)

1 **Welcome** from Simon

2 **Opening prayer** - led by Simon

3 **Apologies** received from: Debbie McIsaac, Rachel Funnell, Ruth Livesey, Liz Bayford.

4 **Matters Arising**

Amendment made to previous minutes 10 Parish Feedback – Ministry Team. Amended from communion services to confirmation services.

Martyn's Law – Marcia shared some feedback - Alderbury had taken the opportunity to review their site and discovered an exit door in the Vestry. The area has been cleared, the door checked and keys located. This is not intended as a fire door but simply as another means to escape the building in the event of an unknown incident.

GDPR – several parishes reported are in the process of a collection phase where data storage and content is being reviewed.

5 Team Council as Legal Body

Further reviews carried out by Simon, Debbie and Michael suggest the team council would be best to become a Joint Council rather than a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Under a Joint Council, the team can adopt the previous constitution structure with some amendments as guided by model rules under the Church Representation Rules. Some terms would need to be reviewed such as steps to dissolve a Joint Council compared to how the Team Council is dissolved. Recommendations are to move forward as a joint council.

Next steps: Simon will provide a summary to take back to PCC's. Once PCC's have approved, the Archdeacon and the Chancellor can be consulted.

6 Service Planning

Service plan for August was confirmed. Whiteparish remains unaffected by any proposed changes. Provisions made during the vacancy period are now no longer ideal and feedback has been sought from several parishes for the future.

East Grimstead are probably looking to become a 'festival church', celebrating special services throughout the year such as Remembrance Sunday, Harvest Festival, etc. With specific services held at key points throughout the year, this will hopefully engage the wider community in attending. Services will mostly be in the afternoon, freeing up time for services elsewhere within the team. East Grimstead would like the Iona service to continue during the summer, potentially cutting down once festival services begin.

West Dean would like to bring more regular services, the idea being that more routine will bring about a greater community feeling.

With the proposed changes to East Grimstead, West Grimstead can now have a 2nd communion service in the month. When there is no service, attendees frequently travel to Alderbury or East Grimstead already.

A trial period from September to November will be put in place and feedback sought as to how this is received.

7 Safeguarding
No safeguarding matters reported.
A further joint PSO/Safeguarding administration meeting was held early July. Guest speakers from the Diocese Parish Safeguarding Support team were in attendance. Positive feedback was received from all. Next steps to look at getting PCC members up to the required DBS/training levels.

8 Finance
Thank you to all parishes – team subscriptions are currently at 50%.
Simon gave an overview of team finances, which are largely on track with budgets.

9 Parish Feedback
Winterslow The bell clappers have now been repaired, reinstalled and rung! A 'de-weeding' party has been organised for St Johns car park.
Pitton had a great St Peters Day but falling numbers are a concern.
Mandy Kerley has agreed to continue in the treasurer role until October this year.
Farley Repairs to the north roof have now been completed but sadly, further repair work to the tower was discovered. More regular givers are required in Farley which would help with the cost of repairs.
Alderbury 3 families with children between 2.5 -9 yrs old are now regularly attending services.
Whiteparish Repairs to the church wall are now nearly complete. The Whiteparish fete was successful raising a good income for the church.
The downpipes and hoppers need upgrading to manage current rain flow levels. These repairs will help with the damp issues in the porch.
East Grimstead have been approached for by a local youth project being supported by Salisbury Council. There is a good level of interest and good resources. Numbers continue to be low.
West Grimstead Numbers are consistent but any role with a level of governance is proving difficult to manage.
Ministry Team 47 Sarum College students attended the rural weekend in the benefice. Positive comments were received about the team, its structure and performance and how well we work together.

10 AOB
Anna Hardy, Giving Advisor for the diocese, has shared a link offering support for parishes support we can offer. Anna asked that we share this amongst the parishes.

11 Closing Prayer - led by Simon

Next meeting	Wednesday 9th September 2026 at Whaddon 7:30pm
Team Council meetings	Tuesday 10th November 2026 at Team Office 1:30pm
	Thursday 14th January 2027 at Whaddon 1:30pm
Joint PCC Meetings	Tuesday 29th September 2026 Via Zoom 7:30pm

Please plan PCC meetings around these dates to enable appropriate information sharing.