

Woodbridge Group Council

Minutes of meeting on January 29th 2025

at Lea Church Room

In the absence of David Briggs, Secretary, whilst convalescing, the Rector kept brief notes of the meeting.

Present: Rev Steve Wilkinson, Rev Christian Saguyan, Rev Mike Graham, Ian Henderson (Garsdon), Gill Smith (Lea), Robert Beverley (Lt Somerford), Anna Kent (Gt Somerford), Roger Sherhod (Brinkworth), Tony Yates (Dauntsey), Emma Bakewell (Diocesan Support Services – Head of Governance)

Apologies: Cec Smith, Stephen Tuck, David Briggs, Liz Walker

Minutes of meeting of 9th October 2024 were accepted as accurate. No matters arising.

Governance Arrangements

The main topic of the meeting was the possible governance arrangements for the future. Emma Bakewell was present to advise us on the technicalities of the process. She presented an outline Scheme which she had discussed with the Diocesan Registrar and on which she still had a couple of outstanding questions to resolve. However, it was good enough for discussion. Emma took us through the general legal outline, the reasons for choosing this type of scheme, and invited discussion.

Looking at the details, the following amendments were requested (and accepted)

Section 4: Scheme to be called “The Woodbridge Group Council Scheme”

Section 10(a) (membership) include all licensed clergy in the benefice (rather than simply ‘the minister of each parish’)

Section 14: Typo “it’s”

Section 22(1)(a): include Safeguarding in the scope of this paragraph.

Add (e) Any other matters corporately agreed

Schedules: to include an explicit statement that the only substantive item to transfer would be the bank account operated by Lea and Cleverton PCC, which would be renamed and transferred to the new legal entity. *There will be no other transfer of items or finances from the PCCs to the new body.*

Emma took notes and feedback and will discuss further with the Diocesan Registrar.