

Minutes of Blessed Hugh Faringdon- Finance Committee Meeting 15 September 2025 at 8.30pm

Present: Fr Claro, Andrew Chell, Lorraine Brabin, Neill Taylor.

Apologies: N/A

Opening Prayer: Fr Claro led with an opening prayer.

Matters arising and Finance Report.

AC reported the Building Account is now closed with £ 586.82 transferred to Buckland St George current account. Lloyds Bank are going to charge on the basis of no. of accounts from now on.

Gift Aid claims to HMRC are fully up to date , including the cash small donation claim. The annual gift aid reports are in process of being distributed. We have 2 new monthly standing order commitments. All agreed it was time for AC to remind people of BACS standing orders as the most tax efficient way to donate.

Our accounting year end is August 31 and the accounts are now completed and reconciled on Xero and the Diocesan Finance office have checked them.

£1066.82 has been transferred to CAFOD from the Charities Account as agreed at previous meetings.

AC proposed the remaining Charity contingency amount of £500 should be transferred and held in the current account and the Charities Account closed. All approved.

Current finance statement.

ACCOUNT NAME	Balance 15 September 2025	Balance June 2025	Balance March 2025	Balance 20Jan 2025	Balance 2 Dec. 2024	Balance 2 Sept. 2024
Current account	32,540	29,226	30,900	£.32,120	£. 30,437	£ 26,483
Charities account	500 to transfer to Current Ac.	1557	1557	2067	3067	3067
Buildings account	NIL Account closed.	587	587	587	587	587

Budget and Buildings Report.

The architect took measurements in June which will be most valuable given how dry the year has been. He has been contacted and is awaiting a meeting with the structural engineer to formulate actions going forward.

The budget has been prepared on Xero and submitted to Diocesan Finance . Values are generally based on historic plus 5%. The big unknown is the building spend until the architects' report is completed.

From 1 October the Hall Hire fee will have a £3 / hour surcharge for heating.

Pastoral Area Amalgamation – £500 has been paid by the parishes involved to a central fund to finance this process. Blessed Hugh queried this amount on the basis we are a small parish but the amount had been pre-agreed. LB has asked that in future it would be fairer to raise this money based on Mass Counts as the diocesan levy is calculated.

PPC Matters

PPC are considering some local press coverage. Faringdon Advertiser is £198 but we do have a commitment to an article about every 4-5 months which could be considered for the future . The October article is already completed. KBS was considered good value at £ 65-82 . Round and About is rather expensive but NT reminded us that they do list community events on a no charge basis. LB to discuss with JPC. All agreed that however we proceed the results should be carefully recorded for effectiveness.

The notice board selection is ongoing.

PPC requested a zoom link. NT has already set up a zoom link which they are welcome to use. LB to report back to PPC.

AoB

Mass counts are due over the next 4 weeks.

A new fridge has been ordered for the presbytery.

Date of next meetings – Mondays

17 November ; 12 January 2026 ; 9 March 2026.

The meeting closed with a prayer, led by Fr Claro.

Minutes by A. Chell