MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST NICHOLAS CHURCH COMMITTEE HELD AT 2.00pm ON MONDAY 15th JUNE 2026 AT THE RECTORY

PRESENT: Revd Mary Moore (**MM**), Karen Farr (**KF**) (Warden)**,** Jeremy Foster (**JF**) (Treasurer) Carolyn Jones (**CJ**), Martyn Jones (**MJ**), Jane Moggridge (**JM**) (Secretary), Carli Porter (**CP**)

1. **WELCOME**

   MM welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. **APOLOGIES:** There were apologies from Chrissie Farr and Russell James.

3. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Church Committee meeting held on 10th May 2026 were accepted as a true record, and were signed by **MM**.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

(a) Planning and Development of the Post Office

JF reported that he had been in touch with **AT** but that there had been no change in the situation. It was agreed that **JF** should inform the planning officer of the state of the building as it was close to the church access and could pose a danger.

Action: JF

(b) Friends of S. Nicholas

JM said that she had asked if Grosmont Events could include a discussion about volunteers at their next meeting. This had been done and they had agreed that St Nicholas could use the Grosmont Events Volunteer list. The **CC** agreed that it should only be used for working parties either cleaning the church or working in the churchyard, initially, and that **KF** should be the sole contact.

Action: **KF/JM**

(c) Replacement of Pews

A faculty had been submitted to the **MAC** and would be displayed on the noticeboard. It was now a question of waiting. The **DAC** had been informed that neither the prayer desk nor the choir stalls were being touched. A Resolution was passed that the **CC** agreed with having the twenty chairs. Proposed: **MM**. Seconded: **JM**

Action: JF/KF

(d) Sandy Ireson Memorial

KF produced a sketch of the proposed memorial. It was to be a wooden structure and **KF** to find out from Ted Williams what size of plaques might be available. A discussion was also had about setting up a template to 'guide' people as to the number of words that could be accommodated and the possible font. It was proposed to choose several different sites in the churchyard and ask the congregation for their thoughts on this.

Action: MM/KF

(e) Review of Keys

There was not sufficient height in the cupboard for a larger safe, so **JF** reported he had ordered a second key safe.

Action: JF

(f) Access to the External Parapet of the Tower

This matter is ongoing.

Action JF/KF

(g) Heating System

The heating engineer would be coming on 1st July to flush out the radiators. It had already been reported that the boiler no longer complied with the regulations and would need to be replaced so steps needed to be taken to begin this process.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

JF reported that on a cash basis to May 2026 we were £2,594 in the red. Receipts included Planned Giving, Collections, Funeral and Weddings, Nave Rentals. Payments included Parish Share, Insurance and Group Benefice costs, electricity, and other costs/consumables. We are likely to be faced with costs for the repair of the Transept Roof and a new boiler. It was agreed that we need to explore ways in which to fund raise.

6. WARDEN'S REPORT

Most of the issues from the Warden's report had been covered under Matters Arising except for the Churchyard. **KF** and **CJ** had been working with Jamie Edwards regarding the regulations of ECO Churchyards. A plan of the churchyard with "No Mow" areas labelled had been drawn up and decisions were being made as to the placing of Bird Boxes, Bug Hotels, and cameras. **CP** would be involved through the Youth Club.

Action: CF/CJ/CP

7. MINISTRY AREA REPORT

The next meeting of the **MA** was scheduled for the tomorrow so there was nothing to report.

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

There was nothing to report.

9. SAFEGUARDING REPORT

MM to follow up the safeguarding matter previously discussed.

10. MINISTRY MATTERS

MM expressed her concern for the future of the Online Church services on a Tuesday morning and Sunday. It had become a lifeline for the few who attended on a Sunday and it was hoped that those who took services would continue to do so. **JF** was following up on the possibility of putting Wi-Fi into the church so that Sunday services could be relayed. The question of cost was raised.

MM mentioned the Service Rotas, and reported that, with the help of the **MA**, all Communion Services have been covered to December, with some gaps in other services likely to be filled.

MM informed the meeting that the Carol Service would be held at 4.00pm on Sunday 20th December, that Andrew Harter would be taking the Midnight Mass Service at Grosmont and that there would be no services on Sunday 27th December. All the leaflet for the services had been done and were in the vestry.

Action: MM/JF

11. AOB

Church Committee Meetings - JM asked who would be chairing the Church Committee Meetings during the interregnum and whether Julian Gray would be involved. **MM** said that meetings would be chaired by the Churchwarden or Treasurer and would be held in the vestry.

GDPR – JM referred to the Data Protection Policy that we were using at St Nicholas and asked if the Ministry Area now had one of their own. **KF** said she would ask the question at the next meeting of the MA.

Action: KF

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 28th July at 5.00pm at Whitney Villa.
At 4.05pm the meeting closed with a prayer.