Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on Sunday 2 August 2026

Attending (in bold):

Scrutiny Committee Members	**Executive members**
Janine Coaker, Banbury	**Chris Mundy, Master**
Steve Vickars, Bicester	
Kate Edgar, Central Bucks	
Mark Instone, Chiltern	
Sally Austin, Chipping Norton	
Jon Boughton, EBSB	
Lucy Hopkins Till, Newbury	
Alan Marchbank, North Bucks	
Andy Bennett, ONB	
Elizabeth Mullett, Oxford City	
Giles Winter, Reading	
Vikki Bulbeck, Sonning Deanery	
Amy Herlihy, South Oxon	
Jackie O'Hagan, VOWH	
TBC, Witney and Woodstock	
Brian Gatward, VP	
Graham Clifton, VP	
Hilarie Rogers, VP	
Jon Wells, VP	
Jon Chamberlain, VP	
Catherine Lane, VP	
Ken Darvill, VP	
Patricia Newton, VP	
Robert Newton, VP	
Ron Thorne, VP	

1. This was the inaugural meeting of the Scrutiny Committee. The only item on the agenda was the election of Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary of the Scrutiny Committee, and the meeting was chaired by Chris Mundy (CM) until the Chair had been elected.

2. The following were proposed, seconded and elected unopposed:

   Chair, Giles Winter
   Deputy Chair, Jon Boughton
   Secretary, Elizabeth Mullett

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3. AOB:

- Giles Winter (GW) will discuss the formal terms of reference for the Scrutiny Committee with CM and bring these to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

- CM reminded the meeting that the role of the Scrutiny Committee is to listen to and challenge the Executive; to ensure that the voice of Guild members is heard; taking a proactive stance as well as reacting to Executive plans and actions.

- There would be two meetings of the Committee each year, of which one would be in person.

- CM would email Branch Secretaries to let them know that the Committee had been inaugurated, that the officers had been elected, and that branch representatives should be contacted with any matters raised by members.

- Catherine Lane (CL) undertook to check whether the Witney and Woodstock branch had completed election of their branch representative

4. Date of next meeting:

   Elizabeth (EM), GW and Jon (JB) would liaise with the Guild Secretary to set the date and location of the next, in-person, meeting.

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