All Saint's Church Lydiard Millicent PCC Code of Conduct for Meetings

- 1. Begin with prayer and hold the meeting before God
- 2. Read all reports prior to the meeting
- 3. Be familiar with the agenda for the coming meeting and come prepared
- 4. Do your best to arrive in good time
- 5. Draw attention to any potential conflicts of interest that may arise in the meeting.
- 6. Agree to discuss only those matters on the Agenda or those matters agreed to be added during the meeting
- 7. Speak respectfully to one another. Treating each other as we would like to be treated. [Matthew 7:12]
- 8. Keep in mind, and our sights upon, the aim/objective/focus of the meeting
- 9. Accept that we are happy to be guided back to the point of discussion by the person chairing the meeting if we go off at a tangent; understanding that it is done with love and courtesy with no offense meant or to be taken
- 10. Listen with care to the discussions and with respect to all points of view
- 11. Encourage *all* members to contribute
- 12. Discourage side conversations
- 13. Be aware that others may be trying to speak and allow them to do so
- 14. Respect the confidentiality of matters discussed during meetings
- 15. Agree that, once a decision has been reached, where all opinions have been explored, everyone should support that decision irrespective of any remaining personal misgivings