

## Minutes of the SPAN meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

The meeting started with the SPAN Prayer.

**Attendance:** Jenny Armstrong (Chair), Paul Manning, Michael Barker (Treasurer), Paul Hayden (Secretary), Anne and Roger Elson, Patrick Reddin, Jonathan Holden, Aveena (formerly Halwinder Basi or Halli).

**Apologies:** Allan Mulholland, Caroline (Vice Chair), Fr Stephen Day, Fr David Hartley, Jeanette Davison, Clare Burdett, Mary Holden.

Minutes of the last meeting were circulated, approved and signed. **Matters arising:** N/A.

**Summary of Correspondence:** NB\* means - attachment supplied for the meeting.

- **Phil Tunstall, STAND – We Walk Together (formerly Legs4Africa)**, dated 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025. “The attached report shares more about the project.” **Also** dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Receipt for £ 500.
- **Barry Harper, EACP \***, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025. Thanks for £ 500 sent.
- **Jacqui Grove, Helping Hands**, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025. “On behalf of all of us at Helping Hands, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation of £500.”
- **Fr Frederick Franco Kasozi**, dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025. “the donation helped offer support to some needy orphans, widows, and elderly in the parish. The parishioners of Regina Mundi Church, Otumbari are so grateful for SPAN. **AND** dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025. “Greetings! I would like, with much gratitude, to acknowledge receipt of the fund from SPAN. We are so grateful for the annual support and ensure that the fund shall indeed help the beneficiaries.”
- **Fr Gabriel Kwaku Mwanza**, dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025. “Greetings from Zambia. I am well. I have been working at Martyrs of Uganda, Vubwi Parish still the Catholic Diocese of Chipata, since September 2020. I did receive the money sent last year and the donations sent every year. By the end of the day, I will send you the report of the money sent last year.” **AND** dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025. “2024 was a bad year for our country since we had draught in most parts of the country. Thank you for the donation for it allowed us to help the needy not only with clothes, but also some food stuffs. Our people have greatly appreciated the help given us every year for a long time.”
- **Michele Foot, Turbo Ghana**, dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025. “Thank you so much for your very kind and generous donation to Turbo Ghana. We also note your specific request that the donation is to support the latrine work, water pumps or toilets, and we shall be sure to spend it on this work. “
- **Sally Searle, Empowering Kids in Kenya \***. “Please see our newsletter attached. The amazing progress the children and school have made in the past year has been made possible thanks to your wonderful support. I am very proud of all the kids and their achievements and also the staff. I will forward all the news in the next newsletter. [*£ 440 March 2024, £ 200 books July 2024.*]
- **Katy Bird, Deki \***, dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025. “Please pass on my thanks to all the trustees for their ongoing support of Deki’s programmes. I have attached a copy of our latest report.”
- **Dr Caracache, House of Light and Hope \***, dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025. “Here is the latest article by Fady Noun, on Hezbollah's (the pro-Iranian party) stubborn refusal to hand over its weapons.”
- **Kerry Johnstone, Temwa \***, dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025. “I’m delighted to attach an update on the Farmer Field School’s Project.”
- **Amber Bauer, Project Play**, dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025. “I have pleasure in attaching a receipt for SPAN's recent donation of £300 for their work supporting displaced children in Calais and Dunkirk.”
- **Angela Docherty, New Ways \***, dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Thanks for borehole funding.

## Finance – Treasurer Report by Michael on the July and August 2025 Accounts

You will see we have £ 2,126 to spend in the month, which is a good month produced by two months of receipts offset by two months of payments to our first call beneficiaries. We were also assisted by our quarterly receipt of investment income of £ 1,001.

I am pleased to report we have processed our annual payments to our African priests so both Fs Kasozi and Mwanza have received their £400 payments.

We have received a further £300 from the Leamington Spa Catenian President, proceeds of their raffle which will be reflected in next month's accounts.

The audit is underway and so far no comments received from the auditors, I expect they are waiting for the Charity Commission deadline of end of October.

Jonathan queried the large balance on the account and I confirmed we are in the process of creating a new CCLA account which should allow us to transfer a balance and earn some future investment income.

*[£495.02 will be added to amounts earmarked for hospitals at Nyenga, Uganda and Ortum, Kenya.]*

**Appeals Summary** – \* indicates that attachments with further details were sent out ahead of the meeting.

- **Dr Richard Bbaale, Bana Pads\***, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025. "BanaPads is a Christian Community Based NGO that aims to combat Period Poverty and Shame." **Agreed not to support.**
- **Sarah Ingleby, Tools for Self Reliance \***, dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025. "working with partner organisations to empower people to build viable and sustainable livelihoods through the delivery of skills training and through the provision of tools for their trades." **£ 500 Agreed. Malawi.**
- **Ali Bogere, Helping Hands 4 Africa \***, dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025. "a voluntary grassroots Organization working with the less fortunate populations. **Agreed not to support.**
- **Kate Delaney, Opportunity International \***. "our work supporting refugees in Uganda to develop businesses to move from dependence on humanitarian aid. **Agreed not to support.**
- **Lameck Kayira, ECOD Malawi**, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025. **Agreed not to support.**
- **Caroline Ticharwa, Sand Dams Worldwide \***, dated 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025. "I write to you from Sand Dams Worldwide to share an update about our work over the past year with you. **£ 500 Agreed. Kenya.**
- **Hannah Kirubi, Transform Trade \***. "a global community of farmers, workers, collectives, we work together for trade that values people over profit." **Agreed not to support.**
- **Jason Woodroffe, WasteAid \***, dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025. "- Sharing knowledge between the international development and solid waste and resource communities. **Agreed not to support.**
- **Let the Children Live! Spoken about at St Joseph's on 22<sup>nd</sup> June \***. **£ 500 Agreed. Colombia.**
- **Kiirua Mission Hospital, Kenya £ 800 so far this year – target £ 1,200. £ 400 Agreed. Kenya.**
- **CAFOD for Darfur £ 600 so far this year – target £ 1,200. £ 200 Agreed. Sudan.**
- **Earthquake Appeal via CAFOD - Afghanistan August/Sept 2025. £ 500 Agreed. Afghanistan.**

**Any Other Business:**

**Justice and Peace:** Celebrated everything **eco** on Saturday 30 August 2025. Emphasising Live Simply and raising signatures for CAFOD's Cancel the Debt campaign.

**Church Heritage Days:** We will have SPAN displays OL's Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm, SP's Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 11am-4pm.

The meeting finished with a prayer, remembering those friends who had died recently.

**The next meeting will be on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the Davenport Room at SP's.**