

Parish Church of St Luke – Holmes Chapel (Church Hulme)

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council

held in Church

Monday 20th September 2021, 7.30pm

		Actions
	Present: Canon Rob McLaren (Vicar and Chairman), Alastair Cragg, Jayne Weaver, Janet Chettle (Secretary), William Hall (Treasurer), Rachel Copley, Peter Cotton, Val Cragg, Alison Dale, Tim Fryer, Stephen Haigh Yvonne Janvier, Paula Lavin, Wendy Macdonald, Fiona Pullé, Alan Rickards, Barbara Smith, Steve Smith.	
1.	Welcome and Opening – Rob Welcomed everyone and set the context by focusing on Articles 3 & 4 – Of the going down of Christ into Hell and Of the Resurrection of Christ from the 39 Articles of Religion of the Church of England. He invited members who wished to lead prayers.	
2.	Apologies for absence – Trevor Jenkins, John Oram, and Ray Davies	
3.	Chairman’s report – This had been circulated with the agenda. Rob highlighted that he is encouraged that the Lord has enabled us to make some progress in times which continue to be very challenging. He focused on addressing the implications of opening up and progress to date. He commented that while it had been a very difficult time that we were working through it. On a positive note the numbers attending services are very encouraging. Taking communion at the front is working well and has been welcomed by the congregation	
4.	Minutes of meeting on Monday 12th July 2021 – these had been circulated and were adopted nem. con. (as proposed by Jayne Weaver and seconded by Alastair Cragg): the minutes will be signed by the Chairman in due course.	
5.	Matters arising from previous meeting (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda): <ol style="list-style-type: none">Churches together – Yvonne gave some very positive feedback from the recent meeting. There is still another place so please think about it and suggest someone who would like to fulfil this role.The new organ was greatly admiredIt was agreed that if people wished to wear a mask, they would sit on one side of the church but that all the congregation would wear masks when singing.	All

6.	<p>Churchwardens report – this had been circulated. Questions were raised around the cost of the organ and the lighting. Provisionally £58K and £30K respectively. It is hoped to cover everything from the fund. Questions were asked about the reserve. We have been given £16,500 from the sale of the vicarage which has to go towards projects. It could be used towards the organ and lighting if needed but there is still a focus on fundraising for these.</p> <p>The lighting estimate could go up due to sourcing of parts, so the costs are not clear yet. However, we should be able to cover the cost of this.</p> <p>The concert should raise £1000.</p> <p>The final stage with the organ is the tonal tuning which is a complicated task.</p> <p>Cranage school fund. This is a restricted fund that can only be used for specific purposes, educational ones. It was agreed that suggestions on how this could be used would be considered by the standing committee.</p>	Standing Committee
7.	<p>Financial Matters – A report was circulated with the agenda. There has been the addition of extra funds to supplement income due to appeals made. There should be a small surplus at the end of the financial year.</p> <p>A question was raised around why we received the amount of £16,500 from the sale of the vicarage. Rob explained the reasons for this amount from the Diocese. This was felt to be a realistic figure, its use is not restricted. It is timely as it may be needed for the lighting project</p>	
8.	<p>Organ and Lighting Projects – Organ.</p> <p>Philip Cartwright has confirmed that tuning of the organ will take place this week. The remaining case work will also be put in place. He is apologetic about the delay, but it needs to be perfect for the concert.</p> <p>Next week the organist will have a chance to try it.</p> <p>It was mentioned by Peter that if we have to cancel the concert, he will need to know by the Wednesday before the concert at the latest in order to inform everyone.</p> <p>Lighting – There has been some feedback from the DAC with queries and questions. We have given examples and sent this to the contractors. Installation is likely to be the end of the year or early next year. It is likely that the costs will go up. The major issue is the production of a detailed plan of where each wire will go which has been asked for by the DAC.</p> <p>It was mentioned that it is very likely that the electricians will need scaffolding in place.</p> <p>Rob explained that it will give us the option of having different colours on the ceiling of the church. There would be pre-settings installed so that different colours can be used for specific occasions.</p>	
8A	<p>Safeguarding- It was agreed that this would be a regular item on the agenda.</p>	

	<p>Training needs were discussed as it is necessary to undertake a course every three years along with a refresher. This is being put in place.</p>	<p>Paula</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Relaxation of COVID-19 Restrictions –</p> <p>Wearing of Masks – This is personal preference and if people wish to wear them, they will be asked to sit on one side of the church with those without on the other side.</p> <p>Hymn Singing – Continuing with masks</p> <p>Receiving communion at the altar rail. This is working well</p> <p>Communal Cup It is recognised that people will not feel comfortable using the communal cup. However, the house of bishops advised earlier in the pandemic against the use of individual cups. A range of options were discussed as a way forward. It was recognised that we need to have a level of unity so that those who wish to can partake. As Covid-19 is ongoing and likely to be around for the foreseeable future it was agreed that some research would be done to see if a way forward to address this issue could be developed.</p> <p>Groups Some groups are still meeting on Zoom, but others are now meeting in houses, so some progress has been made.</p> <p>IT issues – the use of screen training was mentioned, and Peter and Trevor will make use of this. It would cost £120 to update the software from the 2009 version. Currently there is a chance that the current software could crash and if this happens, we will need to update to the new version. The Genesis laptop is being updated A spare bulb for the projector is needed and this will be ordered.</p>	<p>The Wardens, Steve and Tim to research</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Any other Business – The Church Hall The cleaner/caretaker is retiring and will be replaced with a cleaner. The Church Hall Committee have been discussing access to the hall and systems for unlocking it. There are security issues with lots of sets of keys. They have had two quotes using key card access for those who need it. The cost would be around £2000, and they would be looking towards the PCC to support this. The church hall account currently has £4500 in, so they are unable to afford this with the funds they have. A request was made for the PCC to underwrite the £2000. The meeting agreed that in principle the PCC is happy to underwrite this, but it was suggested that the Church Hall Committee work on finding the right solution and come to the PCC with a proposal</p>	<p>Church Hall Committee</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Future PCC Meetings (normally 7.30pm 2nd Monday in the month – the venue will be confirmed when the agenda is sent out)</p> <p>2021: 8th November 2021</p> <p>2022 10th January and 7th March Annual Church meeting Sunday 8th May 2022</p>	

12	Close of Meeting – there being no further business Rob closed the meeting with everyone saying the Grace together. The meeting closed at 8.45pm	
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