

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

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council

held in Church

Monday 8th November 2021, 7.30pm

		Actions
	Present: Canon Rob McLaren (Vicar and Chairman), Alastair Cragg, Jayne Weaver, Janet Chettle (Secretary), William Hall (Treasurer), Peter Cotton, Val Cragg, Tim Fryer, Stephen Haigh Yvonne Janvier, Trevor Jenkins, Paula Lavin, Wendy Macdonald, John Oram, Fiona Pullé, Alan Rickards, Barbara Smith.	
1.	Welcome and Opening – Rob Welcomed everyone and set the context by focusing on Articles 5 & 6 from the 39 Articles of Religion of the Church of England. 5.Of the Holy Spirit 6.Of the Sufficiency of the Holy Scripture for Salvation He invited members who wished to lead prayers.	
2.	Apologies for absence – Steve Smith, Alison Dale, Lee Hardy and Ray Davies	
3.	Chairman’s report – The knitted Bible story exhibition has been booked for next year. There are 35 displays from scenes of the Bible Both primary schools are bringing all their classes to visit this. We will need a team of people to help with this. There have been some newcomers which is optimistic. The Church of England has asked all parishes to take part in “Living in Love and Faith”. There will be a short course in January on this.	
4.	Minutes of meeting on Monday 20th September 2021 – these had been circulated and were adopted by those present. Two members who were not able to attend the last meeting abstained. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.	
5.	Matters arising from previous meeting (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda. No Items	
6.	Churchwardens report – This had been circulated with the agenda There was only one item that was commented on and this was that the CD player needs replacing.	
7.	Financial Matters – A report had been circulated with the agenda. The figures for the organ were overstated and will now be about £500 less than previously thought. We have got some VAT back and should get the rest back as well. £58K will be the final figure.	

	<p>It was mentioned that people need to be encouraged to change their bank details if they contribute by standing order.</p> <p>Deanery Synod – this was covered here as the Treasurer had attended the meeting. A report on the meeting had been circulated with the agenda This was the first face to face meeting in a long time. It was noted that Rob is now the Rural Dean of Congleton due to a difficult situation.</p>	
8.	<p>Lighting update – A successful example of what the project should look like has been shared. However, Chester DAC are being challenging. We are now reaching the end of what the contractors will be willing to do before we incur costs. However, we are in a stronger position as we can point to the success of the organ project.</p>	
8A	<p>Safeguarding- It was agreed that this would be a regular item on the agenda. There was nothing to report.</p>	
9.	<p>Relaxation of COVID-19 Restrictions –</p> <p>Wearing of Masks – Hymn Singing – Continuing with masks Receiving communion at the altar rail. This is working well We have established a pattern, however there is still the need to be vigilant as case numbers are high in the village. Members were asked the raise any concerns they may have.</p>	
10.	<p>Any other Business –</p> <p>a) William raised a proposal to continue support the parish in Brinnington and Barnabus as we have links with them. This was agreed.</p> <p>b) Rob proposed that we give something to the worldwide church, in particular the work of Dany and Flavia Lescano. Dany is pastor of an Anglican church in Salta, NW Agentiana. They are undertaking good work in the poorer areas of the city and they are a vibrant growing congregation. They communicate often to report the progress of their work. They are about to start a new church in an area of the city. They have trained a young man who has now returned and will lead the project. It was proposed that we give them £250 to support the vicar and £250 for the new project. Proposed by Trevor, seconded by Peter and agreed by members.</p> <p>c) The plans for inside the church while the Christmas market is taking place were discussed. Fiona will serve drinks and have activities inside the church for children and families. The community choir will be asked to sing – possibly outside. Wendy will organise this.</p> <p>d) AV system in church has had software issues. Suggestion is that a new laptop is needed. When a new laptop was used with an adapter this worked well. It was felt that it would still be useful to ask Expression media to come in and advise.</p>	<p>Fiona</p> <p>Wendy</p> <p>Tim</p>

	<p>e) There has been another complaint about the graveyard. A lady is upset that she is unable to take her elderly mother to visit her father's grave due to the condition of the path and the uneven nature of the grass. This grave is by the far hedge. Clive Nash has been consulted and he is going to put weed killer on the path and will sow a different type of grass. However, this will be a long-term project. It was agreed that we need to find a happy medium to this issue. A suggestion was made that we should have a graveyard fund. We do also need to make it clear to people that the fees are set by Parliament and are one third lower than a council graveyard and private graveyard's fees are 6 times higher. Clive Nash will be consulted again.</p> <p>f) The cleaner for the church hall has retired. A presentation was made to Greta to thank her for her years of service. She was delighted with this.</p> <p>There is a new system in place as commercial cleaners are being used three times a week. A different method of access will be required due to there no longer being a caretaker. A locksmith will be asked to come out and make suggestions on key options. There is also a problem with the doors and new ones are needed. Research is being done into this. The locks on the downstairs windows are being replaced. The church hall committee do not have the funds for all this work. As per the last meeting the PCC will support them with this.</p>	Church Hall Committee
11.	Future PCC Meetings (normally 7.30pm 2 nd Monday in the month – the venue will be confirmed when the agenda is sent out) 2022 10th January and 7th March Annual Church meeting Sunday 8th May 2022	
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	