

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

## Minutes of the Parochial Church Council

held in The Massey Room

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7.30 pm

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	<b>Present:</b> Canon Rob McLaren (Vicar and Chairman), Janet Chettle, Peter Cotton, Tim Fryer, Stephen Haigh, William Hall, Yvonne Janvier, Trevor Jenkins, Fiona Pulle, Wendy MacDonald Alan Rickards, Steve Smith, Jayne Weaver, Charlotte Webb, Allan Whiston	
1.	<b>Welcome and Opening:</b> – Rob welcomed everyone and set the context by focusing on Article 15 from the 39 Articles of Religion of the Church of England. 15. Christ alone is without sin Prayers were said	
2.	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> – Valerie Cragg, Barbara Smith	
3.	<b>Chairman’s report:</b> - a) Finance – There have been events over the winter where organisations have had free use of the Church buildings. There was confusion recently over the Holmes Chapel chorus rehearsals and event. There will also be the Christian Aid Lent lunches taking place in the Church Hall on 4 Fridays in March. A policy regarding the use of the Church needs to be in place. It was agreed that the Standing Committee would look at this. It was suggested that we check what other Churches charge so that we are in line with them. This has been done recently for the Church Hall. It was noted that these are both charitable events. b) Safeguarding- Allan is the new safeguarding officer and he has done the training and the DBS checks have been undertaken. It was agreed to co-opt him onto the PCC. This was proposed by Steve Smith and seconded by Alan Rickards and agreed unanimously by all those present. Rob explained that Allan’s role was to deal with the regular item on the PCC agenda and address any safeguarding issues in line with the policy. c) c) After very low numbers at our Christmas services in 2020 and 2021, we were keen to see people in large numbers again. So, we ordered a banner for the church railings and 1000 invitation cards in a similar style, most given out at the Christmas Markets. Nativity & Carol Service numbers were good. Crib/Christingle numbers were very good. Midnight numbers were good. Christmas Day Communion and Family Service numbers were very acceptable. So having started the Christmas season wondering if any of the services might need to be culled next year, we ended up recognising they were all viable (although having Christmas Day on a Sunday may have helped).	<b>Standing Committee</b>

	<p>d) There is a new leader for Exodus. Rachel and Rob have been the leaders for two and a half years. There are 10 regular attenders between the ages of 11 and 15. Steve Waltho has agreed to be a third leader to help run Exodus alongside Rob and Rachel. He is currently awaiting his DBS clearance. Meetings are a mix of face-to-face and Zoom currently.</p> <p>e) The date of the APCM. Due to the Coronation taking place on the weekend, we had planned to hold this and there was a Bank Holiday on Monday, it was suggested that we should delay the APCM until the following weekend. It will now take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 with the PCC Meeting being on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2023.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b> – these had been circulated. The Minutes were adopted by those present as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Matters arising from the previous meeting (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda).</b> Item 10 - A question was asked about the new Chairs for the Church Hall. It was noted that they have not arrived yet. This has been followed up and is due to a supply issue from the manufacturer.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Warden's report:</b> – A report had been circulated with the agenda. Questions were invited. It was noted that there is still a programming issue with the new lights in Church. Alastair is liaising with the installers over this.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Financial Report:</b> Reports had been circulated with the agenda in order to keep all PCC members up to date. Trevor went through these and highlighted the following:- We were successful in securing a grant equivalent to the VAT on the Lighting project from The Listed Places of Worship (LPOW) scheme, however, there remains a shortfall of £5800 in this fund which will be left open for further donations. We also secured a grant from LPOW equivalent to the VAT on the boiler replacement and ancillary work. There is a £500 surplus in the Pew Cushion fund which can be used for cleaning and maintenance or purchasing additional cushions. The new Church Hall chairs are on order and there is also a surplus of £2648.</p> <p>The HSBC account has now been closed. We also received a grant from Chester Diocese of £828 towards the increase in the cost of energy. Regarding the upkeep of the churchyard, we will carry on with this but agree on a budget with Clive Nash. A question was asked whether we could get a donation from the Parish Council toward this. It was mentioned that this did happen some years ago, but we have had nothing recently. Trevor will follow this up. The monthly income funds show that we have 3 months of cash flow in place. This has to be reviewed each year and will be done in March.</p>	Trevor
8.	<p><b>Safeguarding</b> – nothing had been raised.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Updating the Audio-Visual System:</b> A second quote from Piranha had been forwarded to all PCC members with the agenda.</p>	

	<p>Rob had approached the Archdeacon to check whether the money from the sale of the vicarage could be used for this. The Archdeacon had advised that this project would meet the criteria.</p> <p>Tim mentioned that we had received two quotes for this but neither considers that the sound cupboard needs to be changed. The cost of this depending on the type of wood used would be between £600 - £1500.</p> <p>A question was asked about whether we would need a faculty for this work. This may be the case, particularly over the new work of the cameras, and could take 4-5 months. There would be a cost for this. We would certainly need to run this project past the Diocesan Advisor.</p> <p>Tim mentioned that that quote from Piranha contained extras that the other quote did not. They planned to use the existing speakers on the balcony and the old one would still work outside for e.g., Remembrance Sunday. The new speaker would run the audio-visuals inside. There would also need to be a small screen so whoever is working the cameras can see what is being streamed. We would be able to charge for this service at e.g., weddings, christenings, and funerals.</p> <p>There was a lot of discussion around the two quotes with a unanimous decision that we should go ahead with the project and the quote from Piranha along with a new cupboard and Broadband. This was proposed by Tim and seconded by Jayne</p>	
10.	<p><b>Youth Worker Suggestion</b></p> <p>We do have the Cranage Educational Fund which could be used for projects such as this. There is currently £130K in this fund. A decision was made that we would come back to this in the future as it was not clear presently exactly what the aim of having a Youth Worker would be.</p> <p>It was mentioned that in the past we had considered a Parent and Toddler Group. The general feeling was that this could be a better proposal. It was agreed that this item would be on a future agenda for more in-depth discussion.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Any other Business</b></p> <p>Janet mentioned that this year we would need to hold an election for our Deanery Synod representatives. There were also a large number of PCC members who would reach their current term at the APCM. Janet asked if they could let her know if they wished to stand again so that she can give them the necessary paperwork to be completed in advance of the APCM.</p> <p>It was also noted that we need to appoint two Churchwardens at the APCM.</p> <p>Janet will circulate the dates for future meetings.</p>	Janet
12.	<p><b>Future PCC Meetings</b> (normally 7.30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in the month – the venue will be confirmed when the agenda is sent out)</p> <p><b>Dates of Future Meetings:-</b></p> <p><b>13<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p><b>Annual Church Meeting Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b></p> <p><b>15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p><b>Annual Church Meeting Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b></p>	

13.	<b>Close of Meeting</b> – there being no further business the meeting closed with Prayer. The meeting closed at 9.00 pm	
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