



**Minutes for the
Meeting of the LCC of Hyde
Tuesday 31st of January 2023 at 7.30pm at
Hyde Church**

***This LCC exists to work together joyfully in step with God's Spirit to fulfil his mission
in this place, at this time.***

Present: Martin Ings(Chair), Heather Clark, Peter Chew, Alan Moore, Robert Herridge, Marianne Tomkies, Jan Butcher, Julie Francis, Anne Edwards (Treasurer), Carrie Darke (Secretary).

Welcome from Chair

Opening Prayer led by HC.

1. Apologies for absence from: Rev. Kate Wilson, Sheilah Collis, Canon Michael Anderson, Heather Brook, Rev. Tom Burden, Julian Sims, Jeremy Houghton-Brown.
2. Minutes of the LCC meeting of Monday 21st November 2023.
 - Accuracy – Minutes approved and signed by MI.
 - Review of action points and matters arising. The new microphones which are now being used for Church services seem to have improved the quality of sound for most of the congregation who have hearing difficulties, although one gentleman still reports difficulty hearing. AM reported that he thought there was a spare amplifier for the old loop system now unused in St. Giles Chapel that we might be able to use at Hyde.

AM to see if the amplifier at St. Giles Chapel could be used at Hyde Church.

Community

3. AVCM – Report attached from Stephen Darke. In the absence of RKW's there were no further updates.
4. Pre-school – The Churchwardens have met with the managers of the Pre-school and have agreed the new hourly rates for the use of the hall at £5.50 and the guidelines for use of the building and outside areas. One of the swings in the 'forest schools' area of the Churchyard has been removed and the Pre-school have provided risk assessments for the remaining two as well as accepting all liabilities on their insurance for their use.
5. Upcoming events (Plant Sale, etc.) – The Plant Sale/God's Acre events this year will clash with other celebration events for The King's Coronation. The desire to celebrate The Coronation as well as have a Church fund raising event during the spring were both recognised but it was agreed that we needed to know more about the community events planned for this before more could be agreed. A plant stall at a different event rather than a Plant Sale this year was felt to be the way forward. Decisions to be made at the next meeting.

HC to speak to Dai Morgan to clarify plans for community events.

MI requested that ideas for how to develop the Christmas Fair this year could be brought to the next meeting.

Congregation

6. Vacancy update – The last advert for the post will be this Friday 3rd Feb and the closing date for application is the 9th February.
7. Upcoming services.
 - Palm Sunday Service will begin with the Palm procession from Hyde School.
 - Maundy Thursday Service with a meal will be held at Hyde. This needs prebooking due to catering requirements.
 - Good Friday Walk of Witness in Fordingbridge and an afternoon service at Hyde.
 - Easter Morning Sunrise Service on Hyde Common at 6.30am followed by breakfast and Easter Day Communion Service at 10am.

8. Flowers – Heather Brooks has very generously offered to take over from Audrey Gambel. HC felt that this was a good time to review the 'flower fund' to ensure that there are sufficient funds for the needs of the flower arrangers. It was also thought that sourcing flowers from a professional florist in the community would be a very good idea if it proved to be affordable.

**HC to speak to past flower ladies regarding the flower fund.
MT to enquire about possible sourcing of flowers from Julianne Ginger.**

9. The Quinquennial inspection – Report attached. Improvements made in the last five years were praised. The recommended works need to be approached in priority order. This year it was agreed that the brick work on the west end of the Church should be repaired as well as repairing the roof on the north side of the vestry. RH reported that he believed the air bricks along the west wall are blocked, thus contributing to an ongoing damp problem. This also needs exploring and correcting as necessary. Once these jobs are done we can progress to the redecoration of the inside of the Church.

HC to approach Michael Shuttler and Greg Cook for quotes for these jobs.

Members of the LCC expressed their surprise at the presence of plastic downpipes on the outside of the Church building as permission for this had not been granted and they should not be there. Cast iron downpipes and gutters only should be on the Church. This will be an expensive exercise to correct at a later date.

10. APCM – This will take place on Wednesday 3rd May.
Hyde LCCAGM – Arranged for Friday 14th April at 7.30pm in Hyde Church Centre.

Church Building/ Churchyard.

11. Churchyard work-party report. – RH reported good progress with works and thanked Heather Brook for all the cakes and refreshments she provided.
Next work-party will be 18th March in the morning and every other month there-after.

RH to contact the secretary of the Council and Link editor re. publicity for this event.

12. Finance, including Accounts – AE presented the accounts. She highlighted the fact that the figures included a bequest of £5000 and a year's gift aid which made them look more positive than they might usually. HC reported that the new parish was finally registered with the Charity Commission which enabled the PCC to register with HMRC and to be able to collect that gift aid in reality. Fawcett's are currently auditing the accounts. The consolidated accounts should be returned in time for the APCM in May but may not be available for the AGM in April.
13. Charges for occasional offices. – Some of these are statutory within the Church of England Statutes such as the Vergers fee. Currently our Vergers generously give their fees back to the Church and they are recorded as donations in the finances. Other charges can be set by individual churches included choir and organist at weddings and funerals, and the heating. These are reviewed annually. These were agreed at;
- Organist fees – weddings £120 funerals £100
Choir fees – weddings £120 funerals £100
- The choir have recently made a donation to music in the Church and charity from the funds raised through singing at weddings and funerals. They will be asked if this is how they would like to proceed in the future.

MT to speak to the choir about the use of their fees for the coming year.

Heating – winter funerals £100

14. AOB
- It is the 250th anniversary of John Newton writing Amazing Grace and CMA would like to celebrate this in a service. HC to consult with CMA on this. Recommendation for two of his hymns for the congregation and one for the choir to sing. The service is proposed for the 5th March.
 - Hyde LCC would like to recommend Jeremy Houghton-Brown to the AVCPCC to participate in a BCM in outreach. Proposed by HC, seconded by RH, all in favour.
 - The vestments in the vestry cupboard, which are never used, need disposing of. The cupboard can then be used for other Church linen which is currently getting spoilt due to a lack of proper storage facilities. The vestments will initially be offered to the wardens of the other Churches, and if they have no use for them either, they will be offered to the sewing ladies of Hyde Church. They are not of any significant value to sell. The LCC were unanimously in agreement with this suggestion.

15. Date of next meeting – Thursday 9th March at 7.30 in Hyde Church.

LCCAGM Friday 14th April at 7.30 in Hyde Church Centre.

Closed by saying The Grace together.