



**Minutes from the  
Meeting of the LCC of Hyde  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 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.***

Welcome from Chair

Opening Prayer led by Rev. Kate Wilson.

- 1) Apologies for absence from Canon Michael Anderson, Heather Clark, Sheila Collis, Heather Brooks, Peter Chew, Rev. Tom Burden.  
Present: Martin Ings, Jan Butcher, Anne Edwards, Rev. Kate Wilson, Alan Moore, Julie Francis, Robert Herridge, Jeremy Houghton-Brown, Marriane Tomkies, Julian Sims, Carrie Darke.
- 2) Minutes of the LCC meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

- Accuracy.

Point 1. A donation to pay for the car park repairs has been promised but not yet paid.

Point 7. The next Community Service is on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month.

Point 13. Use of the heading 'Secular Charities' on the Income and Expenditure sheet was correct in this instance as the mission funds given had gone to The Red Cross charity.

- Review of action points and matters arising

Jan Butcher proposed that Robert Herridge should be made Sexton of Hyde Church in recognition of all the work he has coordinated in the Churchyard. This was seconded by Martin Ings and all were in agreement.

**Subsequent to this meeting Mr Robert Herridge decided that he wished to decline this title.**

a.i) Car Park. On going.

**MI – to contact NFDC for information.**

a.ii) God's Acre.

Felt to be very successful, raising £1008 and drawing a lot of people into the Church and Churchyard. It was felt that this would work well as a biannual event with another fundraising event being run on alternate years. Other points for consideration next time included use of more prominent donation buckets, a ticketed system for the teas, inclusion of drama and/or puppet shows in the Churchyard either side of shorter concerts inside the Church. Thanks were made to all those who worked so hard to make this event successful.

JH-B suggested the purchase of proper donation buckets for use at this and other events.

a.iii) Purchase of first aid kits. One purchased and another will now be purchased to replace the out of date one in the kitchen.

**MI to purchase a second first-aid kit.**

### **Community**

3) AVCM update.

- The Charity Shop is running very well with Laura as fulltime Manager and Daisy as parttime Manager a wonderful team of volunteers and two relief managers have now been appointed to cover holidays etc.
- The Friendship Group are having a day out in Portsmouth thanks to community business donations.

- The Miscarriage Support Group has registered with the Miscarriage Association and further grants are enabling this to progress.
- Super Stars has stopped for the holidays but through grants to this group Claire Godson has been employed as befriender of families with neurodiverse children and they have all been invited to the six summer picnics being organised for families across the holidays.
- Little Acorns at Hale has had to be stopped due to lack of uptake.
- Messy Church is being halted until Christmas for reconsideration as it is not officially registered like the Messy Church at Hyde and future youth work needs consideration.
- Trustees are still being sort from Breamore and Hale & Woodgreen so that they can have a voice on the committee for their area.
- As the result of an abusive interaction with a man in the charity shop recently a direct contact number for the Police Constable Special Officers is being sort for the security of the shop staff.
- RKW has been carrying out Bereavement training with all the staff and first aid training will take place next week.

RKW expressed her particular joy at the 'social profit' of the charity above and beyond it's financial success and its ability to reach and support many people who would never approach the Church directly for friendship or help. The philosophy of the shop is showing God's love and care to people.

- 4) Christmas Fair. 2nd December 11am – 2pm. The Grand Draw and kitchen staff are being organised. Hyde School are being approached to be involved as well as a number of craft stalls. It is hoped that a Tradecraft stall will be run on behalf of Martin and Jenny Rice, as well as a cake stall, second hand book stall, Christmas crafts/decorations stall and Guess the Weight of the Cake. RKW offered for the Charity Shop to run a toy stall.

**JB to continue with planning. Ask Jean Brown and Brenda Dow re. Guess the weight of the cake and MU re. cake/preserves stall this year rather than a hamper raffle.**

- 5) Ibsley Churchyard replacement gates. The family of Mrs Elaine Micklewright would like to pay for replacement gates to Ibsley Churchyard, with a plaque in her memory. The work is to be carried out by Mr John Cook. A proposal was made by Robert Herridge to accept this, seconded by Martin Ings. All were in favour with the request that MI and JH-B have sight of the plans ahead of the final installation to ensure all is in order. Currently it is unclear as to whether a faculty is required for this process but it is under consideration.

### Congregation

- 6) Vacancy and report of two meetings.

- i. Ringwood PCC Meeting with Bishop Debbie.

JS attended this meeting as an observer on behalf of the AVC PCC. The majority of the meeting was unsurprisingly focused on the Parish of Ringwood. Bishop Debbie did however express again the fact that the applicants to the post in the AVC had left the social event feeling very strongly that the Churches of our Parish were pulling in different directions rather than in a united direction. This had prevented them from applying for the post. She also suggested the possibility of the two Parishes holding an open day event together as a way of encouraging more interest. Any interested applicants could then apply to either one or both of the posts. PCC members were encouraged to have a vision for the needs of their Parish that span at least five if not ten years into the future, supporting the longer-term needs of our Churches.

- ii. AVC PCC Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Representatives from the staff team expressed their opinions that there are differences between the Churches as to what their Mission work is. This led to discussion regarding advertising again at the end of August with the same profile and advert as before or not. If we meet this deadline and the advert remains the same then it will be free. Minor positive changes to the Parish Profile regarding the fact that we have two new additional trainee ordinands and a trainee Anna Chaplain who will be licensed to work with the older members of our community, would be beneficial without impacting the advert. The Wardens will discuss this further at their next meeting and MI will support going ahead with the advert with minimal changes to the Parish Profile at this stage, with a view to a more serious overhaul in the Spring if we still fail to attract any applicants and then have to pay for another round of advertisements.

A query was raised about the circulation of LCC minutes to the PCC and PCC minutes to the individual Churches. It was felt that this was not always happening as smoothly as it should. AM offered to put the approved minutes of PCC meetings onto the website if they were made available to him. This offer will be taken forward to the PCC.

**MI to ask PCC if they would like adopted minutes uploaded to the Parish website.**

Members of the LCC were asked to consider the question 'What is the role of the LCC within Simplification?' What works well and what doesn't? This will be a main point for discussion at either the next meeting or at a special meeting, as it is seen as a subject that needs consideration as part of our response to the failure to attract any applicants to the role of incumbent in our Parish.

**ALL – Prepare thoughts ahead of the next meeting.**

7) Mission Working Party. MI asked JH-B if he would consider forming a working party from the congregation to consider the effectiveness of the mission work of our LCA in reaching our wider community. Jeremy had already given a great deal of thought to this and spoke at length about the many strands that could be addressed including;

- Proposing a mission statement for Hyde Church, which could be used widely on publications etc. This should be clear and approachable for all.
- Ensure that the congregation feel empowered and supported to practise this mission work in their daily lives.
- Look for ways to bridge the gap between the 'supporting/befriending' mission work carried out regularly by individuals and groups within the Parish, such as the Friendship Group, and the deeper engagement with individuals to know Christ in their lives which requires engagement from trained persons within the Church.
- Make proposals for ways to reach out to and befriend our wedding couples, Christening families, bereaved relatives etc and hopefully support the links that these life changing moments present.

JH-B proposed that a working party should be formed to consider these and the issues surrounding effective mission work, seconded by AM. A vote was carried.

**JH-B to create a mission working party and to feedback progress to the LCC**

Kate explained that the AVCM could support our Church mission work if we needed help with funding and training of personnel. She also explained that their focus was forming relationships between Christians and non Christians as a point to begin developing faith.

8. Stride and Hike. Plans for this are being considered.
9. Picnics Together. To take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August.
10. Ashes burial plot. Two plots were proposed as in the attached information. Safe access and size were seen to be the two overriding factors which meant that a short/medium term and long term plan will be needed.

Short/medium term – Develop the plot in Option I which is smaller but easily accessible and adjoining the current burial plot .

Long term plan – Improve the access paths to the lower west corner of the churchyard by levelling the foot paths and the possible addition of steps and/or handrails ahead of developing the plot in Option 2 which will provide a much larger space for the future.

MI proposed that we follow this two-phase approach seconded by JS, all in favour.

11. Upcoming Services. Community Service covered in point 2.

**Church Building/ Churchyard.**

12. Bequest for glass doors in memory of Peter Clark. – The Church has received a legacy from the estate of Mr Peter Clark, together with an additional memorial donation both of which have been requested go to the Church Improvement fund with the suggestion that they should pay for glass doors to be installed on the outside of the porch. The secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, Mr Richard Stretfield, is visiting to make a recommendation.

JS proposed that the LCC approves this process in principle and support this project going forward to the next stage seconded by JH-B. All in favour.

13. Churchyard work-party. – Next one is 19<sup>th</sup> August.
14. Finance, including Accounts.

The collection at the Tent Service in July raised £1136 which is being shared between Tear Fund and the Ringwood Foodbank.

New gift aid envelopes have been printed for Hyde and will be available at the back of Church.

New boxes of numbered envelopes for giving will cost about £100 and as so few people now use them the question remains as to whether or not this is a valid cost. It was felt that the few remaining individuals could be asked to use either plain or the gift aid envelopes and put their number on them as a way of saving this expense. JB said that she believed HC, the new Parish Treasurer, is in the process of drafting a letter to the Hyde Church community on the subject of how to give to the Church and that this may stimulate further change.

AE expressed her opinion regarding simplification and the organisation of the administration, that although initially this had been a huge hurdle, the appointment of a parish treasurer, together with the excellent work carried out by Zoe in the office means that much progress has been made and that this no longer presents the obstacle that it once had.

15. AOB.

- There was a request to use the collection bags during the service in place of the giving plate. It was explained that there have been changes to the post covid arrangements which have not yet fully bedded in. There continues to be a need for both the 'just giving plate' in our now more cashless society as well as the bags.
- The intended Banners and Beetle Drive have been cancelled with the intention to replace it with a Parish Quiz Night in September.
- Mission Matters are requesting a film night in October.
- Plans to run an Alpha Courses in the autumn starting at 9.15 in the upper room of the Hyde Church Centre in the hope of enabling the parents and carers of the pre-school/Messy Church to attend. Possible venue for a late winter/early spring course is being considered too.
- Parish events are now being included on the Fordingbridge Town Council website so that they will hopefully be seen more widely. Any events happening in Hyde that would benefit from this exposure should go through JB who will liaise with the Church Office to arrange this.

DONM -Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 in The Church Centre.

Meeting closed at 21.30 with the saying of The Grace.