

CROFT YARPOLE & LUCTON PCC MEETING Minutes

2nd July 2026 at 7.15 pm: St Leonards

1	Welcome & Opening Prayer Chair: Rev. Matthew Burns Apologies: Val Ainsworth Resignation: Gordon Ewing Present: RF, JH, AM, DN, SS, MB, MG & CS
2	Discussion Safe guarding; CAS read out VA's report, in full, having attended the Safeguarding Area Meeting. To summarise, we comply entirely with local requirements for safeguarding practices. Conflict of Interest; Gordon Ewing has resigned from SLM & therefore as SLM rep on the PCC. CS has sent an email to thank both Sandy and Gordon, for their time on the PCC.
3	Minutes of previous meeting Accepted as a true account Matters Arising: 1. AM – approved volunteers 2. Croft repairs & appeal 3. CS - Footpath adoption YPGC 4. RF - Shed roof felting 5. JH & AM – 4th Sundays
Decisions	
4	1. AM has made a list of approved volunteers and will put a copy with the insurance docs. Also, to add church page on Yarpole.org 2. Croft: AM/SS - Places of Worship grant. A/c to register expression of interest for monies, for work and to cover costs. Mike Gammon has made an offer of £5000 as a partial refund of cost of failing rendering. The PCC is not happy to accept this offer as quotes are needed. Clearly, the mix was not right! DN reported that the lime putty was mixed off site and there is a lack of hair in the mix. Jeremy Wilding (Diocesan Solicitor) advises a “finger-tip” search which will necessitate a cherry picker (from BJM). RF suggested sections be taken off and numbered then a tarpaulin to cover & protect the remaining render. MB to contact Steven Chandler (Church Building Project Advisory Committee). Also, to take photos of the tomb. JH to check legal cover insurance and James Horsey, solicitor, to pre-action protocol. 3. Footpath; YPGC is happy to discuss what is needed and explore ways it may be able to assist with maintenance, however Kevin Davies is currently strimming the path, for free, so any other decisions are on hold. 4. Shed roof; not yet done! 5. Sorted for the next 4 months. MG has agreed to take on the rota from JH who will forward the list of contacts.
Discussions	
5	1. Tree maintenance will be carried out in the autumn; 4 Yew trees need reducing. 2. Parish Offer of £8000 sent 3. Church Wardens: AM would like to step back, but still help out. MB stated that she's excellent and he hopes she will reconsider. Due to health issues, JH will take a sabbatical for a year. 4. SS to contact Mark Simmonds (Legacy Policy) re. regular givers/gifts in wills. CS taking on Electoral Roll info from Rose Jenkins. AM suggested an Open Day to promote the work of the PCC and SLM. She will advertise this in the September issue of TheParishoner. 5. RF's appointment to Synod; meeting 24.9.26. 6. CS to update Team Office, Deanery and Sarah Hedley on changes to the PCC members. 7. Forthcoming Services; Harvest 18th October 8. JH will lead All Saints 1st November, Remembrance 8th November, Crib Festival 27-29th November, followed by the Christingle service, Nine Lessons and Carols 13th December. AM to contact Kate Griffiths about “Carols around the village” as Rose J has stepped back. 9. SS to arrange new signatories on bank A/c; SS, MG & CS.
Reports	

6	• Treasurer; SS provided the PCC with an updated report of church finances. DN to get Bread contract signed by Gareth Poole. PCC agreed that any costs less than £100 do not need PCC approval. The organ pedals need assessing and a quote for the work. Simon (piano man) recommends that we need a new digital “stage piano” at a cost of approx £1400. Birchpole Singers may contribute. • Churchwardens; AM “The Terriers” (list of church items) has been catalogued for St. Leonard’s & Croft. MB to check.														
7	Any Other Business Correspondence & Forthcoming Events Burial Ground; CS read out an email from Rose J re. the “Adopt a Grave” group who have produced a plan of the burial ground with names and positions, where known. The Mens Shed have offered to make an A1 noticeboard to house it, however the PCC have not approved this as it is not seen to be in keeping with the churchyard. An alternative acceptable solution would be to hang an A1 or A2 map in the church and/or put it on-line. A request for a water supply and a compost bin in the Burial ground were also declined.														
8	Notification of Forthcoming meetings/ events PCC Meetings - 3rd September, 12th November, 7th January ’27 and 4th March Celtic Evening Prayer – 16th August moved from St. Leonard’s to Croft “Be Still” – Aug; Val Ainsworth, Sept; Sue Smith, Oct; Sandy and Gordon Ewing, Nov; Rose Jenkins 4th Sundays <table border="1"> <tr> <td>July</td><td>Miriam Graham</td></tr> <tr> <td>August</td><td>Sue Russell</td></tr> <tr> <td>September</td><td>James Forrester</td></tr> <tr> <td>October</td><td>Marion Forrester</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	July	Miriam Graham	August	Sue Russell	September	James Forrester	October	Marion Forrester						
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