

CROFT YARPOLE & LUCTON PCC MEETING Minutes

4th September 2025 at 7.15 pm: St Leonards

1	<p>Welcome Chair: Gordon Ewing</p> <p>Present: Sandy Ewing, Richard Fletcher, David Nightingale, Gordon Ewing, Sue Smith, Val Ainsworth, Miriam Graham, Caroline Seaman.</p> <p>Apologies: Anna Morley, Jane Higgins</p>
2	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Issues with the notice board outside having the wrong information – GE to contact The Priory and formally notify the Team Office.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of previous meeting approved</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Harvest Festival service – Luston and Kingsland Schools have been invited to take part and have accepted.</p>
Decisions	
4	<p>Earl Mortimer School to be approached by VA or GE for the Harvest Festival</p> <p>VA Luston and Kingsland Schools to be approached re. the Crib Festival</p> <p>SS & VA will organise “Carols around the Tree” + mulled wine and mince pies beforehand</p>
Discussions	
5	<p>Gordon Ewing co-opted onto the PCC, as a full member, in order that SLM are covered under the present insurance policy. Proposed by VA & seconded by RF.</p> <p>Safeguarding: AM, VA & JH are Diocesan trained. Recent basic training has been undertaken by MG, DN, CS & AM, who will distribute Safeguarding Pocket Guides for the PCC shortly.</p> <p>GE mentioned changes in the law whereby the PCC will should adopt a policy of mandatory training every 3 years.</p> <p>SS will contact AM to confirm how/when to renew her DBS and any training required.</p> <p>SS – Tenancy agreement for Gareth Poole on the 2 acres of agricultural land (“Bread” charity, for the burial ground). Need to give 6 months notice that the annual payment will increase. DN to check.</p> <p>Harvest Festival Service listed as 4:30pm in The Parishoner; this is too late! The “Forthcoming Services” flyer states 3pm, which is correct. Matthew will be required for this service & to organise the service sheet, readers and contributors. The Brownies will help with the decoration of the church and a quiz. Tea/coffee afterwards. CS has informed the flower arrangers of these services.</p> <p>VA will notify The Parishoner about the Remembrance service on Sunday 9.11.25 at 9:30am and the gathering at Welshman’s Lane War Memorial at 11am on 11.11.25.</p> <p>RF will put a notice board up a fortnight beforehand.</p> <p>Nativity scenes for the Crib Festival offered by VA & CS</p> <p>Crib Festival Christingle service – Mary & Joseph to begin their journey around the Parish.</p> <p>MG will make child-friendly posters</p> <p>Nine Lessons and Carols to be held at Croft, after Christmas.</p> <p>SS/MG to ask Rose Jenkins about the village carol singing.</p> <p>SE will decorate the Christmas tree after checking with Rose where it is!</p> <p>SS Treasurer’s report. Assigned fees for funerals, memorial and weddings are in a general fund and not allocated to the burial ground. The PCC thanked Sue for the accounts and her on-going work.</p> <p>RF said that streamlining fees means that we should be ok for another year; The Forbury office fees have increased by 5%.</p> <p>GE reported on SLM paying fees for insurance, but finding out that they are not covered because they are a different entity to the PCC. GE co-opted onto the PCC, as a trustee of SLM, so that SLM are covered. William Talbot-Ponsonby too? SLM have a meeting on 17.09.25.</p> <p>SS one bell rope is broken. There are restricted funds for the bells & SS will get in touch with a contact in Worcester to repair or replace the ropes, as necessary.</p>
Updates	
6	<p>Repairs to the chancel; outside has been pointed and the scaffolding is now inside in readiness for Barrie Morgan to clear the loose plaster, in the chancel. SLM are overseeing this work. Kiem paint is required; RF has some to donate & will help, in October.</p> <p>SS new signatories to the PCC accounts approved as Sue Smith, Anna Morley & Caroline Seaman.</p>

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