

CROFT YARPOLE & LUCTON PCC MEETING Minutes

12th June 2025 at 7.15 pm: St Leonards

1	<p>Welcome & Opening Prayer Chair: Revd. Matthew Burns Present: Sandy Ewing, Richard Fletcher, Matthew Burns, David Nightingale, Gordon Ewing, Jane Higgins, Anna Morley, Sue Smith, Caroline Seaman. Apologies: Val Ainsworth & Miriam Graham</p>
2	<p>Discussion Matthew expressed his thanks to the recently retired PCC members: Ruth, Morwenna and especially to Rose & Ollie.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of previous meeting approved Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re. The APCM. Carol Clare raised why there was no AOB. This is because it's a set agenda! Any points can be raised at the end of the meeting. • No date has been set for Safeguarding training new PCC members • Croft Church already has signs stating that St. Michael's Church is maintained by the Parish of Yarpole. Matthew will check that they mention Cof E and that they look in good order. • Collection plate to be re-instated and also mention to the congregation that they can scan the QR code or make contactless contributions.
<p>Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon is happy to continue as the SLM rep to the PCC • Special Services will be advertised on the village website, the WhatsApp group, signs around the village and an A5 flyer in the Parishoner – <p>Sandy & Rose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidesmen/Churchwarden/Readers to help with the collection plate • Parish Giving – Mark Simmonds to be approached to help with a campaign to raise awareness - <p>Sue</p>	
<p>Discussions</p>	
4	<p>1. Anna Morley for Church Warden post. Val's statement read, in support of Anna. Matthew to write to the Bishop as Anna is not a communicant of this Parish.</p> <p>2. Gordon raised a concern about 3 children attending Chess Club. John Nurse has been DBS checked</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Officers should be advertised in the Parishoner and on the Paris website – <p>Jane & Anna to follow-up & liaise with other Safeguarding organisations within the Parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also, "Safe Space" drop-in sessions within the Parish; the Vestry? • C of E, so need to follow process via the Diocesan Safeguarding Team Officers (Carl & Lisa) <p>3. Safer Church –</p> <p>Matthew has forwarded the link to Parish Safeguarding including the posters to be displayed and the information needed for websites. Posters attached to Minutes email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.hereford.anglican.org/parish-support/safeguarding/parish-safeguarding/ <p>4. Lay led Services on 4th Sunday – Sue Russell has requested the are changed back to 9:30am; currently 10:30am</p> <p>Jane will arrange this, to begin in September</p>

5. The Chancel is being cleaned. SLM are looking to repair the crumbling mortar which is creating dust!
6. Candle stick cleaning rota. Agreed quarterly, in the church, as they are not insured if removed from the church –

Anna, Jane & Sue

7. Display boards are double sided. Thanks to all those involved in setting them up. They must only be used for Church matters or celebration of the local community; no commercial advertising. “A regular focus of events related to the PCC & SLM” –

Gordon

8. Church bookings – PCC, Cafe Church, Be Still etc. –

Sue will contact Shanti

9. Yarpole website –

Rose

10. Team Coffee Mornings – could compromise St. Leonard’s cafe!

Sandy & Gordon will visit the Hamnish event to see whether it’s worth us getting involved

11. Red candle in St. Francis Chapel. £63 for 20 candles (each burn for 1 week); approved –

Sue

12. Crib Festival. Last held, very successfully, 25 years ago. 30th November for Advent/Christingle service. Also, Croft and Christmas Carol Crib service. Service sheet from Matthew –

Sue

Gordon & Val to contact Ann Pitts to ask if Luston & Kingsland Schools would like to be involved

13. £1000 legacy; to be spent on the burial ground as per conversation with Rita Shaw’s daughter-

David

14. Herefordshire Churches Tourism Group approved –

Sue

Reports – sent as attachments

- Safeguarding report & action plan for future training –

Jane

- Treasurer’s report. N.B. 32 books donated to Croft Church, to be sold at £10 each

Sue

Updates

5 Any Other Business Correspondence & Forthcoming Events

- 6th July, 9:30am @ St. Leonard’s - William’s 1st first administration of communion service
- SLM are seeking grants for the upgrade to the automatic doors; currently have a £5200 shortfall. PCC agreed to an additional contribution, making £2000, in total –

Sue

- SLM quinquennial report says £90k required for the bell tower! Banners need repairing which require tower scaffold; able to purchase for £1,300 & then it could be hired out to recoup costs –

Gordon

- Croft floor needs repairing & render falling off outside –

Sue to email Jane

PCC meeting on 3.7.25 cancelled as all business matters covered this evening.

8 **Notification of Forthcoming meetings/ events**

PCC Meetings: Sept 4th, Nov 6th, Jan 8th, March 5th

Be Still (1st Wednesday of the month 5:30 – 6pm)

July – Sandy & Gordon, August – Rose

4th Sundays

June = Jane	
July = Rose	
Aug = Miriam	
Sep = TBC	
Oct = TBC	
Nov = TBC	@ Croft due to “Made in HR6” booked in St. Leonard’s
Dec =	Christingle Service