

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council, St. Peter's Draycott

Held on 11/05/2011 at 8:00 p.m. in the church.

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1. Opening prayers

Rev. Sue opened the meeting with a prayer. Tricia Heckbert took the chair.

2. Attendance, apologies and welcome

<i>Present</i>		Thea Oliver	TO
Christine Butler	CB	Barry Rose	BR
David Cheetham	DC	Sue Rose	SR
Chris Green	CG		
Tricia Heckbert	TH	<i>Apologies</i>	
Janet Jeffries	JJ	Colette Jeff	CJ
Tricia Lumley	TL	Richard Dingley	RD

3. Minutes from PCC of 23/03/11

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Minutes from APCM of 17/04/11

The APCM minutes were agreed as an accurate record, with one minor amendment, pending confirmation at the next APCM.

5. Matters arising

16/11/10 – 6a vi. (Shed). BR had not yet found a suitable lock.

ACTION: BR to have another look.

18/01/11- 6c iii. (Telephone charges). SR had tried to get some help from BT but had not succeeded yet. TO was going to make some enquiries.

23/03/11- 6a ii. (Completion of vestry). As we could all see, this has been completed, and is a magnificent job- our grateful thanks to Piers. There is also an excellent new oak door- for which we thank the Olivers. There are two keys for this door- we decided that two more were needed. *ACTION*: BR agreed to get two keys cut.

23/03/11- 6a iii. (Distemper). We should wait until Corbel do their final paint job, and get them to make up enough paint to allow us to do the vestry and WC as well.

23/03/11- 7b iv. (Letter to Rob Millard). Done.

23/03/11- 7d viii. (Minibus hire for school trip to Cheddar festival). SR had taken this to Rodney Stoke PCC which was not enthusiastic. In any case it is not clear what is happening in Cheddar. SR may raise again when things are clearer.

23/03/11- 7i i. (Nikki's Reader's placement). Nikki has submitted a report (to SR and the School of Formation at the Diocese). SR wondered if she would be prepared to present something at one of the Sunday Evening 'Epilogue' events? *ACTION*: CG to ask.

(other matters arising were dealt with under agenda items already tabled)

6. Any other business

Items received- 7f, g.

7. Items for Decision

7a. Confirmation of officers

This was to confirm that at the PCC meeting immediately following the APCM the following officers were appointed:

- Treasurer: David Cheetham
- Secretary: Chris Green
- Covenant Secretary: Tricia Heckbert
- Lay chair: Tricia Heckbert

At Sue's request, added Christine Butler, as vice chair

The standing committee consists of the two churchwardens, the secretary and the incumbent.

7b. Refurbishment

- i. Drainpipe work is imminent. The price will include painting.
- ii. Drainage- no bill yet, but this work is incomplete. We are not sure whether we will now be successful in claiming back VAT due to the 'cap' that is now in place.

7c. Anniversary celebrations

A poster and a banner have been organised. Sheets will go out for rotas for different tasks.

7d. School Foundation Unit use of church

Nikki Devitt's letter (sent on behalf of Cathy Lowe) had been circulated. The meeting was in favour the school using the church as requested, and thought we should not charge for heating and lighting (although this expense might be significant). It was important for us to make this a goodwill gesture of support, both because we support our church school, and also because we are sometimes beneficiaries of the school's hospitality ourselves. The school's activities should be covered by their own insurance, and we must obtain a letter from them to this effect.

ACTION: CG to reply to Cathy Lowe to convey our willingness to allow this use, and also the stipulation over insurance. Further practical details to be worked out nearer the time.

7e. Toilet

Can we use the toilet, or not? We should at least get an estimate of the cost of fixing the drain.

ACTION: TO will first make enquiries as to whether this can be done locally.

7f. Use of church for event on 26th Sept.

TO had been approached for the renting of the church for a wine-tasting event. She had provisionally accepted, but the use of the toilet could be an issue.

7g. Disabled access to church.

This needs to be arranged for the 150th anniversary, although it is a more general requirement as well. We need ramps for the steps, which could be temporary. Could Piers make some? Perhaps, but wooden ramps would be heavy. Ideally they would be stored in the church, where they could be deployed quickly as the need arose.

ACTION: TO will investigate what is available.

There is also the requirement for disabled toilets. These could not be met by the church as it is, even if our toilet was working properly, due to the doors being too narrow. CB had been looking at getting 'portaloos' but since our festival coincides with Glastonbury Festival, had been experiencing some difficulties.

ACTION: CB will continue to look. JJ said that they would be willing to provide an emergency facility when they were around.

8. Items for Discussion

8a. Worship

- i. Easter had been wonderful, with lots of children. Good feedback had been received
- ii. Epilogue- not many attended, not advertised enough. There had not been sufficient follow up to initial planning. The next epilogue on 5th June was still undecided.
- iii. Baptism last Sunday- the church was nearly full. There had not been enough notice for Draycott- SR apologised.

8b. Fabric

(already covered- see 7b).

8c. Finance

General fund had £5.5k, fabric fund £6k. However most of this is spoken for (downpipes, drainage). .

8d. School

CG gave the meeting some of the highlights of the Ofsted inspection report. It was especially gratifying that in this church school the 'spiritual, moral, social and cultural development' rating was 'outstanding'.

8e. SoSP

Most of the current activity is centred on the 150th anniversary. NB. the publicity materials for this are excellent- we must make sure that this gets distributed as widely as possible.

8f. LMG

Bible reading marathon event- finished on time, was very enjoyable. Forthcoming events-

- i. Flagstaff farm- 17th July, 3-6 with activities, followed by bring and share tea and an act of worship.
- ii. Social Evening- 19th November in Church House at 7pm. Quiz with fish and chip supper.

8g. Website

This had been discussed at the APCM, and the PCC had been asked to discuss it further. CG reported back on the actions taken so far:

- i. (Anniversary publicity) Barry Rose had supplied the programme for the anniversary events, as promised, and CG had published them on the website.
- ii. (Rodney Stoke website) CG had advised Tim Bibby to reinstate the original version of the Rodney Stoke part of the website. This he had done, and it is now working again.
- iii. (Updating to reflect refurbishment) CG was still working on this, and would be grateful for any pictures he could use.

It had also been suggested that we should make some financial contribution to Tim Bibby's expenses, as he had himself paid for the website hosting (£120 for 5 years). He was currently looking to purchase some Web building software, of the same kind as CG had already obtained (which would cost him £25).

ACTION: The PCC agreed to contribute £50 to Tim Bibby for website expenses past and future, and a cheque was passed on to CG to give to Tim.

8h. Deanery Synod

Next Synod- 14th June.

9. Items of New Business

9a. Area for cremated remains.

The vases made it scruffy, but having once allowed them we could not throw them out. The surface is uneven. Should we consider digging it up and re-laying? (fraught with difficulty!). We should at least clean the plaques. It would be good to provide some proper boundary- a hedge, or a wall (railway sleepers?).

ACTION: TO will ask the archdeacon at the visitation.

SR checked with us as to whether we allowed ashes to be scattered in the graveyard. We do not.

9b. DAC annual tour.

The archdeacon Nicola Sullivan had asked for permission to bring the DAC annual tour to Draycott, to inspect the various refurbishment works. SR had made sure that she knew about the vestry alterations (done without a faculty as the walls were not attached to the stonework). This would be on 15th June, in the afternoon.

9c. Chris Butler- ordination.

CB will be ordained on 2nd July. Brian Halliday has booked a coach- £5 for a return journey. The following day Chris will celebrate her first Eucharist at Rodney Stoke. Rodney Stoke will host a barbecue at the Symes' house afterwards.

10. Dates

- a. PCCs- 11th May, 5th July, 7th Sept., 18th Oct., 30th Nov., 10th Jan., 29th Feb., 27th March
- b. Joint Benefice PCCs- 16th June (Church House in Cheddar, 7:30 pm)
- c. Chris Butler ordination- 2nd July
- d. APCM: 25th March 2012
- e. St. Peter's 150th Anniversary celebrations- 18-26th June

11. Ending

The meeting finished with the Grace.