

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

*Held on 05/07/2011 at 8:00 p.m. in the church.*

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*Note-* Rev. Sue requested that we use part of this meeting to celebrate the recent 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, and put forward some ideas for future uses of the building. We invited other members of the event organising committee for this item. Though not strictly part of the meeting, some notes on this are appended as item 10 in these minutes.

## **1. Opening prayers**

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

## **2. Attendance, apologies and welcome**

*All Present-*

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

## **3. Minutes from PCC of 11/05/11**

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

## **4. Matters arising**

16/11/10 – 6a vi. (Shed lock). Done.

23/03/11- 6a ii. (Key cutting- vestry). Done

23/03/11- 7i i. (Nikki's readership placement). Nikki was happy to give an 'Epilogue' address on her placement, but Nikki & Chris are both away on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of July.

11/05/11- 7e. (Toilet). Done- DynoRod has not only inspected, but unblocked the drain as well. TO now has a plan of the drain- the route is not where we thought it was.

11/05/11- 7g. (Disabled access). Ongoing.

11/05/11- 8g. (Contribution to Tim Bibby). CG had received a thank-you from Tim.

11/05/11- 9a. (Area for cremated remains). TO inspected the sleepers and they were not in sufficiently good condition for the purposes. Thea and Richard have tidied the area up, and it now looks presentable. Other options would be more difficult than we thought. (No further action- the PCC agreed that it was now acceptable and thanked Thea & Richard).

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

## **5. Any other business**

Items received- 7i (taken immediately).

## **6. Items for Decision**

### **6a. Painting day- exterior**

This would be to paint the new downpipes and guttering when they have been installed- also the railings to the crypt. We have the paint (bright green).

*ACTION:* PCC agreed to ask for volunteers when the installation is complete.

### **6b. Vestry and WC**

The stud wall between the toilet and the store cupboard could now be removed. This would also allow wheelchair access. The PCC agreed.

*ACTION:* this would go into the faculty application with the other works.

### **6c. Nave Altar**

The free-standing altar in the nave is currently in the south transept, making in effect a side chapel. DC suggested that we continue with this arrangement, using the high altar as our main one for Sunday communion services for the time being. The PCC agreed.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

### **7a. Worship**

‘Epilogue’. The special services at 6pm on the first Sunday of the month had not really proved sufficiently popular to be viable. We will revert to the normal time and format of morning service (i.e. 9:30 communion), and drop the later service, for the time being.

### **7b. Fabric**

(already covered- see 6a, b).

### **7c. Finance**

General fund is £14,200 and Fabric fund £1173.

The festival made an (unplanned) profit of £2,382- part of the General Fund balance above. It was suggested that we donate a proportion of this sum to charity, and possibly put aside the balance for some special purpose.

#### **7d. School**

The concert at the Anniversary celebrations had been very much appreciated, and the school had enjoyed doing it. There was no special report to give for the school, although CG recommended that PCC members read the article in the church newsletter about the SIAS inspection.

#### **7e. SoSP**

A sum of £51 had been raised at the Strawberry Fayre.

Harvest Festival arrangements had not been finalised (working date- Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> October).

#### **7f. LMG**

Forthcoming events-

- i. 'Country Praise' at Flagstaff farm- 17<sup>th</sup> July, 3-6 with activities, followed by bring and share tea and an act of worship.
- ii. Rodney Stoke pet service and pet show, also 17<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **7g. Website**

- i. The Draycott website has now been updated with more recent pictures that reflect the refurbished interior.
- ii. CG and TO had both experimented with ways of uploading pictures, which could be viewed via a link to the website. CG's link had been tested by PCC members, and this had worked for most people. TO had tried to upload fresh pictures to it but had not succeeded. She had however created a Facebook page that could be viewed by the public.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- CG and TO would work together to try to resolve any technical issues.
- CG to update links on the website so that everyone could access both sets of pictures.
- Anyone who has additional pictures that we could publish, please give them to CG or TO.

#### **7h. Deanery Synod**

Nothing to report.

#### **7i. Christian youth worker at Kings of Wessex**

For information- SR. A youth worker employed by Kings of Wessex school in Cheddar has been made redundant, but the Cheddar Churches are employing someone to replace them- 2 years funding agreed, interviews next week.

### **8. Items of New Business**

#### **8a. Reports on Anniversary celebrations- Church & Parish Magazines**

The Church Newsletter editor has requested an article from SR about the anniversary celebrations. Gordon Jeff was contributing one to the Parish Magazine.

#### **8b. Donation of proceeds of Anniversary celebrations.**

DC suggested we should make a contribution to charity with 10% of this. The PCC agreed.

**ACTION:** PCC to send a cheque to CSC for £200. CG will write a covering letter.

CG said that he had a DVD on the CSC 'Loaves and Fishes' project. He would circulate to anyone who was interested.

## **9. Dates**

- a. PCCs- Wed 07/09/11, Tues 18/10/11, Wed 30/11/11, Tues 10/01/12, Wed 29/02/12, Tues 27/03/12
- b. APCM: Sun 25/03/12
- c. Church painting- provisionally Sat 03/09/11, 10:30 am.

## **10. Celebration of the Anniversary Events- what next?**

We were joined by Gordon Jeff and Alan Rowntree, who had been on the organising committee for the celebrations.

We started by reading two letters to the PCC that had been received by CG, one from Maureen Richardson and the other from Revd. Stanley Price. Both thanked the church for putting on such excellent events, and appreciated the contribution made to village life. Many similar comments had been made to others present. We had been responsible for activities that had enhanced village life and drawn the community together (NB. some were not even church-centred- such as the scarecrows and open gardens).

We were also reminded that a big thank you was also in order for Sue and (especially) Piers Rose, for gifting the work (including materials) carried out on the new vestry, a significant part of the refurbishment which had made a big difference to comfort and appearance in the church (note added in proof- we should also thank the Olivers for the lovely oak door which tops it off).

Events and activities that were suggested in discussion:

- Summer music concerts
- School concerts in the church- perhaps one a term
- Occasional sung evensong, with an invited choir
- Open gardens and scarecrows- make a regular event? (but every *other* year- and Rodney Stoke will probably have open gardens next year, so we should probably leave this an extra year after this- 2014).
- Use of church- make sure that its availability is widely known (advertise locally and in website)