

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

*Held on 18/10/2011 at 8:00 p.m. at 9, Barnett's Well.*

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## **1. Opening prayers**

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

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

### *Present*

Christine Butler      CB  
David Cheetham      DC  
Chris Green          CG  
Tricia Heckbert      TH  
Colette Jeff          CJ  
Janet Jeffries        JJ  
Tricia Lumley        TL

### *Apologies*

Richard Dingley      RD  
Thea Oliver            BR  
Barry Rose            TO  
Sue Rose               SR

## **3. Minutes from PCC of 07/09/11**

The PCC minutes (2nd version- 16/10/11) were agreed as an accurate record subject to minor corrections

## **4. Matters arising**

05/07/11- 6a. (Painting). Richard Oliver removed the lock and chain, and the painting is done.

05/07/11- 6b. (Faculty to include removal of stud wall in WC). Carry over, but NB. we still need to decide whether it will be worth while. *ACTION*: SR.

05/07/11- 7g. (Web site- picture uploading). All present had been able to see the four albums that CG and TO had published, using the link supplied on the Benefice page. It was a bit trickier than we had hoped to do the uploading- for the moment, it is probably best to supply pictures to CG and TO. We would like to include some of CB's priesting.

- 16/10/11- 6a. (Pastoral Measures). Rodney Stoke supported the joint benefice proposals as set out. Neither SR nor CG had seen the need to suggest corrections to the wording.
- 16/10/11- 6f. (Parish Share- standing order). DC had arranged to pay the Parish Share by standing order- in fact we are getting a 1% discount.
- 16/10/11- 7c ii. (Glebe field insurance). CG spoke to Ecclesiastical Insurance. It is up to whoever is responsible for maintenance to provide insurance cover. For the moment it does not seem practical to arrange this, and hence to use the Glebe Field.
- 16/10/11- 7c iii. (Energy costs). DC had not approached Len May, but instead had contacted the Church Energy Group. The only thing they had to suggest was possible discounts for a longer contract with the energy company.
- 16/10/11- 7f. (LMG- Bible celebration). Maureen is doing something on our behalf.
- 16/10/11- 7g. (Cheddar website). Sue has asked but there has been no further progress.
- 16/10/11- 7h. (Deanery Plan debate). Carry over, until SR can be with us.  
(other matters arising were dealt with under agenda items already tabled)

## **5. Any other business**

Items received- 7j, k.

## **6. Items for Decision**

(no items)

## **7. Items for Discussion**

### **7a. Worship**

SR and CB will discuss Christmas services with CG & ND- they will put forward dates

### **7b. Fabric**

- i. It takes a good hour of heating for the church to get warm. We must find ways of economising where possible. Perhaps the children would be warmer sitting on the carpet, for example? *ACTION*: CG to put this to Nikki Devitt.
- ii. George Chedburn has given us a date for the Quinquennial Survey- 25<sup>th</sup> November. It is dependent on weather. We don't yet know how much he will charge.
- iii. Laurel trees. We had asked MDC to look into removing them, but they have not. Ray Denning-Kendall has offered to do some work on these- cutting down the nearer of the two trees (near the angel) and thinning the other.  
  
The meeting agreed with this proposal- with further thanks to Ray. One benefit will be to make the church more visible from the main road.
- iv. Following from the previous item- can we have a brown sign to indicate the church from the road? It is easy to pass by without seeing it.  
*ACTION*: CG to write to the parish clerk, Richard Kilburn, to ask on our behalf.
- v. Locks- the combination lock on the shed is proving difficult to use- is there a knack to it? (Suggestions, please!). Also we need the lock back on the boiler house steps, but first Gordon is going to clean up the sand on the steps.

### **7c. Finance**

- i. General fund is £14,337 and Fabric fund £1,700. NB. the general fund will mostly disappear once the diocese has taken the parish share.
- ii. VAT refunds- these have been capped this year. We received £578 from a £805 claim.

### **7d. School**

Nick Cobby has left the governing body. Joe Hogan will be leaving in the new year, and we must look to finding a replacement.

### **7e. SoSP**

SoSP are organising another quiz (last Sunday of the month, 8 pm). It would be nice if the church could put together a team.

### **7f. LMG**

Forthcoming events as in the previous minutes.

### **7g. Website**

(covered in 'arising')

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

There was a successful meeting at St. Peter's on 15<sup>th</sup> September. NB. St. Peter's is a good venue for a meeting such as this and draws compliments from all who visit it, particularly since the refurbishment.

### **7i. Young people in church**

We addressed the question of why so few young people joined regular worship at St. Peter's, although they did attend some festivals and school-related events in church.

CB put forward the idea of an 'after school club'- she would have a hand in running it. (CB to talk with SR).

Events such as 'Messy Church' in Cheddar were one way to go- but it could be that supporting the Cheddar effort was more effective. (The PCC supported the Cheddar events and were happy to see it advertised at St. Peter's).

There will be street parties instead of the Strawberry Fayre next year- could we do something on the back of this, considering our success in the village with our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations?

We need to be more up-front about what we do- we should use spaces such as the church notice board on the Glebe Field more effectively.

### **7j. Community of the Sisters of the Church**

CG had taken a full car-load of food up to Bristol in the week, comprising harvest festival offerings and accumulated donations over the summer from Draycott and Rodney Stoke. What more might we do to generate interest in supporting this good cause? We need some imaginative suggestions. NB. With a little encouragement the children might get more involved.

*ACTION:* CG to publish the Harvest thank-you letter with the Christmas appeal in the December/January newsletter.

**7k. The Laurels**

CB and SR will be visiting The Laurels. Could we organise lifts for the residents on Sundays? This may not be possible on a regular basis- there are not enough of us to sustain this along with other duties.

We agreed to try a special effort next Easter.

**8. Items of New Business**

(no items)

**9. Dates**

- a. PCCs- Wed 30/11/11, Tues 10/01/12, Wed 29/02/12, Tues 27/03/12.
- b. APCM: Sun 25/03/12

**10. Closing prayer**

The meeting closed with the Grace.