

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

Held on 30/11/2011 at 8:00 p.m. at The Vicarage, Cheddar.

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

3. Minutes from PCC of 18/10/2011

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record subject to minor corrections.

4. Matters arising

05/07/11- 6b. (Faculty to include removal of stud wall in WC). Carry over. *ACTION*: SR.

18/10/11- 7b. i. Warming of the church for assembly- arrangements had been suggested to Nikki.

18/10/11- 7b. ii. Quinquennial survey was done as planned- awaiting report.

18/10/11- 7b. iv. CG had written to Parish Council, letter circulated. No response yet.

18/10/11- 7i. We have been contacted by the Sarah Knight of the Strawberry Fayre committee, who are arranging their own party. We will support what they are doing rather than arrange something ourselves.

18/10/11- 7j. Christmas appeal from the CSC has been published in the Newsletter.

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

5. Any other business

Items received- 7i (order rearranged to take this as 7h).

6. Items for Decision

6a. Christmas preparations, publicity

- i. Chris & Sue presented their designs for a church Christmas card, giving details of services. We approved one of the alternatives. They were also designing posters, ready for Sunday.
ACTION: SR/CB will produce approx. 600 cards for us to deliver in Draycott & Rodney Stoke, and several posters for us to display round the village. NB. The carol service needs extra publicity as it does not appear in the Parish Newsletter.
- ii. Christmas lights- Richard is putting them up, and may ask for help to do this over the weekend. CG said he would assist if he could.
- iii. Christmas morning music- BR had said he would play (TO will lead the service).
- iv. Carols at The Laurels residential home and The Strawberry Special pub. DC will play. SR will be at the second but not the first.
- v. Midnight service on the 24th- Gordon is our organist.

6b. Sermon feedback

The format proposed by SR after discussion by the Ministry Team had been tried out last Sunday, when CG had preached- DC had provided feedback, and TO and TH were thinking about it.

Generally the questions were usable, but we did not like the 'boxes' (constraining the responses to these questions). Also DC had suggested some alternative wordings, and missed out the first question ('what did you hear?'). We liked this question, but agreed over the boxes and some of the wording.

ACTION: CG to feed back a modified version of the form for further consideration.

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship

(Covered under 6a)

7b. Fabric

- i. Drip over the steps at rear of church- this is getting worse and will need attention soon.
- ii. DC wants to get a 'damp chaser' machine, to monitor the moisture in the walls. The PCC agreed the purchase for a modestly priced model (£20-£30).
- iii. Quinquennial Survey. George Chedburn seemed pleased on the whole, though not convinced that the interior was drying out satisfactorily.
- iv. Painting- this will be done in April if possible.
- v. Please could Richard Oliver check the lower guttering and place chicken-wire over the hoppers to prevent leaf accumulation.

7c. Finance

- i. DC projected a balance of about £7,700 at the end of the year in the general account.
- ii. The fabric fund will be £2,350 at the end of the year.
- iii. The parish share will go up next year (having gone down to D, they will put us to C/D at first, before we go back to C).
- iv. SR reported that better records had been kept of photocopying, and will consequently have a more accurate idea of Draycott expenses.
- v. DC said that Kings of Wessex were now cheaper than the Benefice office.

7d. School

SR reported that she and CB were looking to do school assemblies on the weeks when Nikki was not, so there would be an assembly each week.

The school Christmas Fayre would be on Saturday 10th, and there would be candle dipping for the children. Contributions of cakes would be very welcome.

7e. SoSP

There have been successful quiz nights, and a number of items sold at the Trading Post (some money to come to DC from TO).

3rd Feb- The Strawberry Special is proposing a curry night; £10 a head, proceeds to be split with the church.

7f. LMG

LMG quiz night was very successful.

On 21st Jan, Jane Eastell is leading guided prayer groups.

A pet show was planned for May- Badgworth Arena.

7g. Website

New items on Website- link to Draycott pictures, and new 'history' section of the Rodney Stoke site. There have been no new developments on the development of the Cheddar website.

CG had changed the title of the home page from 'Benefice of Rodney Stoke with Draycott' to 'Parishes of Draycott and Rodney Stoke'.

7h. Church Newsletter

Alison is finding it difficult to keep the Newsletter up, along with work and family commitments. Please can we think of someone in the villages who might take this on- preferably someone connected with the church? We must pray about this.

7i. Deanery plan

The Rural Dean is revisiting the current plan. Currently this tends to be driven overmuch by clergy, and SR wants to hear from the parishes. What should we be doing in our church?

SR suggested a parish away day (just Draycott). We need a vision for our parishes, and this should be the main item on the agenda. This would be for the PCC plus ministry team members (i.e. Nikki and Gordon).

Suggested venues- Bagley Baptist church, or Lypsham village hall. Saturday or possibly Sunday- probably in February or March.

ACTION:

1. SR will get availability of these venues
2. PCC members to mail CG about their availability during the weekends of February and March- CG will collate and pass on to SR.

8. Items of New Business

(no items)

9. Dates

- a. 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.