

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

Held on 10/01/2012 at 8:00 p.m. at 9, Barnett's Well, Draycott.

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

3. Minutes from PCC of 30/11/2011

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). SR is working on this.

18/10/11- 7b. iv. CG read a reply from Parish Council, containing response from the Traffic Engineer at Somerset County Council Highways. The Traffic Engineer questioned whether it was strictly necessary, and informed us that we would need to meet the cost. Concern was raised that it might interfere with efforts from the school to get a traffic crossing set up. *ACTIONS*: CG to inquire about costs, SR to ask Cathy Lowe about the school crossing application. *Other* (TO?) – could we put an indicator on our church notice board?

18/10/11- 7i. We have been approached by Friends of St. Leonard's, who are arranging their own party. We will support what they are doing rather than arrange something ourselves.

10/12/11- 6a. Christmas cards had been printed and distributed.

10/12/11- 6b. Sermon Feedback. Resting with CG- will try to get something arranged for this Sunday (Chris B preaching).

10/12/11- 7b. i. Dripping overflow over the cellar steps- has got worse and will be dangerous if it freezes again.

10/12/11- 7b. v. Richard Oliver has cleared leaves from the lower guttering, but does not think that chicken-wire over the hoppers will do any good (our thanks to Richard).

10/12/11- 7f..LMG guided prayer group on 21st Jan. Would we like the heating on – 10-12 a.m.? Yes please, although if there are not many it might be held in the Den in Cheddar.

10/12/11- 7i. (Deanery plan- away day). CG had received a couple of responses, but we needed some dates from venues to focus our minds. *ACTION*: SR to get dates from venues, and circulate to PCC members for their availability.

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

5. Any other business

Items received – 6a, 7h, i, j

6. Items for Decision

6a. Fees to wardens

Parish fees payable at weddings and funerals should be uniform over the benefice, and should be decided by a joint meeting of church wardens. Motion proposed by TH, seconded CG, all were in favour. *ACTION*: SR to put this to other PCCs before arranging a joint meeting.

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship

There was some discussion about the Christmas services- generally agreed to be very successful.

7b. Fabric

- i. Damp chasers- there is rather a wide variety on offer (including price)- how can we tell the difference? Richard Oliver will check.
- ii. Quinquennial Survey. Nothing yet. We hope no news is good news.

7c. Finance

- i. DC reported £2,552 in the Fabric Fund, £9,481 in the General Fund.
- ii. We are up to date with the Parish Share.
- iii. DC requested updates on our charitable giving so that a proper account could be compiled from all sources. If possible this should be split between Rodney Stoke and Draycott.

7d. School

(nothing to report)

7e. SoSP

3rd Feb- Curry night at The Strawberry Special is going ahead; £10 a head, proceeds to be split with the church. We need puddings to be provided. Time is probably 7:30.

7f. LMG

- i. LMG quiz night was very successful.
- ii. Pet Service will be 20th May at Badgworth Arena.
- iii. There will be a pulpit exchange on 11th March- Tim Hawkings will preach at Draycott.
- iv. A 'Reader Exchange' is proposed too, but nothing yet arranged.
- v. The Lay Pastoral Assistants Course is to be rearranged.

7g. Website

New pictures have been uploaded.

7h. Families and children

Further discussion was held on this topic. *ACTION*: for discussion on the Parish Away Day.

7i. Ministry Team

Rather depleted at the moment- Richard Dingley and Ann Wait are out of action and need our prayers.

Gordon is thinking of stepping down- Richard also.

7j. Summer musical event

Following our very successful anniversary celebrations, Barrie has sensed a keenness for another musical event for a week in the summer - however, car parking is an issue. We are not currently able to rely on the Glebe Field.

ACTION: TO will ask the Parsons whether we can use any of their land.

8. Items of New Business

8a. Lent Groups, first thoughts on Easter

Hilary Thomas has been looking at Lent groups and favours one by Stephen Croft. She will try and arrange them soon as she is going away in February.

Maundy Thursday- Eucharist at Draycott, 8 p.m.

Good Friday- Taizé style service- earlier (6?).

9. Dates

- a. Wed 29/02/12, Tues 27/03/12. NB. Richard Dingley invited us to meet in his house so that he could participate.
- b. APCM: Sun 22/04/12 at 6:30. Preceded by evening prayer at 6.

10. Closing prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.