

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

*Held on 29/02/2012 at 8:00 p.m. at Kundasan, Westfield Lane, 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**

### *Present*

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

## **3. Minutes from PCC of 10/01/2012**

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

## **4. Matters arising**

18/10/11- 7b. iv. (Sign for church). CG had not progressed, and the matter may be superseded (see 7g, below).

10/01/12- 6a. (Fees to wardens). Drafted- to be agreed at the AGM.

10/01/12- 7j. (car parking on Glebe field). Julia Garrett is in agreement with this as long as we can arrange the insurance. *ACTION*: TO will contact Ecclesiastical Insurance (CG to supply the policy number and phone contact).

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

## **5. Any other business**

Items received – 8a

## **6. Items for Decision**

### **6a. Parish away day**

There had been some responses to SR's proposed dates (31<sup>st</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April). Neither is possible for everyone. *ACTION*: SR to find other dates from Bagley Church.

### **6b. Foundation Governor for school**

We discussed the candidate put forward by the school (details circulated previously). Although he seems excellent school governor material, we require further information and some evidence of his ability to promote a specifically Christian point of view before we are happy recommending him as a foundation governor. *ACTION*: CB will meet him over the weekend over other matters and will sound him out.

### **6c. Inventory**

We need to hold an inventory of all church possessions, and DC has already approached a number of church members. Who will catalogue the important documents (registers etc.)? We should aim to have the inventory completed by the ACGM and signed off. *ACTION*: SR to find catalogue documents held at Cheddar, CG those still in Draycott church. Others to report back to DC as already arranged.

### **6d. Draft accounts**

These had previously been circulated. *MOTION*: CG proposed acceptance of the draft accounts, and TH seconded the motion. All were in favour, and the motion was carried.

### **6e. Christian Aid**

TH needs to recruit additional help, especially in Rodney Stoke. *ACTION*: SR will raise this at the Rodney Stoke PCC. Others to help out in Draycott.

### **6f. Easter Services**

- i. (The Laurels). We had previously decided to invite members of The Laurels to our Easter service. Transport is the issue. *ACTION*: Announce this in church- able-bodied members to be a taxi service.
- ii. (Choir). We would like to have a choir at the Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services. Choir practice proposed on Thursdays in Lent, starting 8<sup>th</sup> March at the Jeffs.
- iii. (Study Group final session). It has already been agreed that we would host a final session on Wednesday of Holy Week at St. Peter's. This has not gone on any of the advanced notices. *ACTION*: CG to check that Hilary Thomas has taken this on board and agrees with the time of 7:30. If this is agreed it needs to be announced in the three churches, and each group made aware.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

### **7a. Worship**

The discussion session in place of the sermon was well received. *ACTION*: we should do this again- this time, with congregation copies of the readings (but still unannounced until the day).

### **7b. Fabric**

(nothing further to report)

### **7c. Finance**

DC reported £2,622 in the Fabric Fund, £4,650 and £4,518 in the two General Fund A/Cs.

### **7d. School**

Easter Services- 'Mothering Friday' on 17<sup>th</sup> and Easter service on 30<sup>th</sup>, both at 2:30.

### **7e. SoSP**

- i. The curry night was very successful. Another is planned for October as our Harvest Supper.
- ii. The musical event depends on car parking.
- iii. TO has contacted a Christian singer/songwriter called Paul Field who is a possibility for us (*ACTION*- TO to take this to the worship group)

### **7f. LMG**

- i. Week of guided prayer- Gordon facilitating. Proposed, not yet arranged.
- ii. Skittle evening- 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- iii. Pet Service will be 20<sup>th</sup> May at Badgworth Arena.
- iv. There will be a pulpit exchange on 11<sup>th</sup> March- Tim Hawkings will preach at Draycott.
- v. 17<sup>th</sup> June is Father's Day- we have been asked to run a Craft Tent and/or a Prayer Stations Tent, with Axbridge. To be discussed further!

### **7g. Road Crossing**

Somerset County Council has responded positively to the School's request for a pedestrian crossing on the Wells Road. There will be street lighting (on a portion of School Lane as well as on the Wells Road), and it will significantly change the character of this end of the village. This will pose some problems for funeral cars which would be parking illegally if they used their normal space. The works are due to be carried out in April.

### **7h. Churchyard Trees**

- i. Tree work agreed with Mendip District Council as needing to be done has still not been actioned by them.
- ii. Ray Denning-Kendall has carried out work on the two Laurel bushes as promised, removing one and cutting back the other. *ACTION*: CG to write and thank him.
- iii. Four separate trees are now interfering with power lines. DC has informed the inspector at Western Power Distribution.

### **7i. Water supply**

The tank above the WC door needs a new ballcock to stop it dripping. This requires the mains supply to be turned off. The nearest accessible stop-cock (in the WC) was corroded and not serviceable. Bristol Water was informed and (eventually) located the master stop cock in the road- which was also too corroded to be serviceable. Bristol Water will replace this, then we can then proceed with our own plumbing jobs. DC has now become an expert in the mains water supplies in this part of the village.

### **7j. Children/families**

To be raised at our away day- but in the meantime, CB has worked on a questionnaire to put to the school families. A draft was shared with the meeting

*ACTION:* It will be properly produced and run past Cathy Lowe before being put out to everyone at school (if Cathy is agreeable).

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

### **8a. Coalition for Marriage**

This is a petition supporting traditional marriage and opposing widening the definition to include same-sex couples, as is being proposed in some government circles. RD proposed that we should put this in church for any who were so minded to sign.

After discussion this was put to a vote. Two were in favour, one abstained, seven were against, so it will not be done. NB. this does not mean that the PCC takes a view on the substantive issue, merely that it was worried about the perceived message to visitors.

## **9. Dates**

- a. Tues 27/03/12.
- b. APCM: Sun 22/04/12 at 6:30. Preceded by evening prayer at 6.
- c. Confirmation: 20<sup>th</sup> June (church not yet known)
- d. Wedding: 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## **10. Closing prayer**

The meeting closed with the Grace.