

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

Held on 31/05/2012 at 8:00 p.m. at Kundsan, Westfield Lane.

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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
David Cheetham	DC
Richard Dingley	RD
Chris Green	CG
Tricia Heckbert	TH
Janet Jeffries	JJ
Thea Oliver	TO
Barry Rose	BR
Sue Rose	SR

Apologies

Colette Jeff	CJ
Tricia Lumley	TL

3. Minutes from PCC of 29/02/2012

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

4. Matters arising

10/01/12- 7j (car parking in Glebe field). TO had investigated and we cannot insure it with EI as we don't own it. Had investigated an alternative but it was expensive. We will not have anything in time for the concerts.

29/02/12- 6a. (Parish Away Day). Cannot find a suitable date before SR's sabbatical- defer until next year.

29/02/12- 6b. (Foundation Governor). CB and TO had both spoke to the candidate, and both recommend acceptance. The PCC accepted this recommendation.

ACTIONS:

i. We agreed that a document was needed with conditions/guidance for all foundation governors. SR/CB will send a draft to Nikki Devitt for her opinion, before sending to the candidate (and circulating to the others).

ii. When the above is agreed CG to write to Cathy Lowe with our formal acceptance.

iii. SR to find the date for a meeting between the PCCs and foundation governors.

29/02/12- 6e. (Christian Aid). Christian Aid week had passed off well, but TH had not yet finished counting the collections.

29/02/12- 7h (i). (Letter to Ray Denning-Kendall). Done.

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

5. Any other business

Items received- 9a, b.

6. Items for Decision

6a. School Foundation Governor

(covered above)

6b. Parish Away Day

(covered above)

6c. School Crossing

Since our previous meeting DC had written to Cathy Lowe on behalf of the PCC with a strong objection to the school crossing scheme as set out by Somerset County Council. SR had also contacted Cathy to explain the context of our concerns, and reassure her that whatever our feelings about the SCC scheme, the safety of children and parents was our paramount priority. DC further explained to the PCC the background to his letter, following a meeting with the Archdeacon in which we were advised to make our feelings known.

ACTION: CG to write to SCC to further express the concerns of the PCC.

6d. Summer Concerts

BR circulated some fliers for the events and encouraged everyone to distribute them as widely as possible. Help was needed for refreshments. Staging might be needed for Tuesday 26th- if there were people available after the service on Sunday this would be a good time to move it.

Our thanks to Barry for putting in so much work to what promises to be a memorable series of events.

6e. Jubilee Celebrations

We would include a prayer for the monarch in the intercessions, and sing the National Anthem (two verses). On Monday there would be a parade from the pub to the recreation ground in fancy dress. There was not banner, but we proposed taking the cross. We would be running a 'prize every time' stall. These plans were endorsed by the PCC.

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship

- i. There was some discussion on the Easter services.
- ii. The sermon theme agreed for ordinary time was a series on the Eucharist, taking different parts of the service and reflecting on its history, theology, and meaning for us today.
- iii. On July 29th there was to have been a united benefice service, but since this coincides with Hilary Thomas' licensing at Allerton (and the holiday club at Cheddar) Sue requested that this could be postponed until 12th August.
- iv. Baptism services were discussed. It was very desirable that some members of the regular congregation should attend. It is often requested that such services are later than our usual ones (e.g. 12:30 or 1 pm) to allow time for travelling, but we would have to fit ourselves around this. We did not propose abandoning our regular service (at the normal time) for the Sunday in question, however.
ACTION: we will all try to support these services when they occur. (Next one- July 29th).

7b. Fabric

- i. We need a fabric committee again- suggested DC, Ray Denning-Kendall, CB and/ or SR, CJ. It should meet soon.
- ii. Next piece of work- vestry. Should we do it ourselves, or get Corbel in? Committee to discuss.
- iii. TO asked if we could have a pulley for the chandelier, as it was difficult to light the candles from a ladder! TO will investigate.
- iv. TO also asked for our agreement to display aerial photographs of the village in the church. The PCC agreed.
- v. We have been given a 'hostess' heated trolley by Gill Dury. (*ACTION*- CG to thank her).

7c. Finance

General account- £10,900; Fabric account £3,300

7d. School

Nikki Devitt had reported that Cathy Lowe said the children (and staff!) particularly appreciated the assemblies.

7e. SoSP

Wessex walks- books are still open for contributions.

7f. LMG

The Lay Pastoral Assistants course has recruited several people- Alison Jeffries from Rodney Stoke, Mike Brownbill from Cheddar. Others have also expressed an interest. This needs the support of all three PCCs. This was agreed.

8. Items of new business

(none)

9. Items for information

9a. Discussion/ Study Groups

Next year we need to meet earlier if we are to get full participation in an ecumenical Lent course.

Other possibilities- a pre-Advent course. There is another Stephen Croft book. The PCC approved.

There will be a 'revisiting confirmation' course- further details later.

9b. Benefice Link with Zambia

We will get someone from the Diocesan World Affairs group to talk to us about the Zambian Link and what it might mean for us.

Father Immanuel from Zambia (attending a conference in the UK on sustainable development) will come and talk to us on Sunday June 17th.

10. Dates

- a. Father's day 17th June.
- b. LMG Pet Show- 15th July
- c. Guided Prayer- October 22-26th (NB. will need to sign up)
- d. Skittles: 24th November at The Lamb, Weare.
- e. Friends of Somerset Churches and Chapels- visiting on Saturday 20th October at 2pm.
- f. PCC meetings this year: Tuesday 3rd July, Wednesday 29th August, Tuesday 6th November.
- g. Joint PCC meeting on 4th December at the Vicarage, Cheddar.

11. Closing prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.