

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

Held on 03/07/2012 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

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

3. Minutes from PCC of 31/05/2012

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

4. Matters arising

31/05/12- 7b iii. (pulley for the chandelier). TO has investigated- we will need some bespoke ironwork. TO will ask Greg Anniuk of Forgecraft, Cheddar.

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

5. Any other business

Items received- 6c, 7g, 8a, 9a.

6. Items for Decision

6a. Fabric Committee Recommendations

- i. SR has submitted a faculty for the removal of the stud wall in the vestry
- ii. Steps to boiler house: the suggestion from the committee to cap the stairwell was not approved by George Chedburn the church architect, as this would increase our damp problems. The area could be better secured with a purpose-made grille.
ACTION: DC will contact a suitable workshop (possibly Forgecraft) and also take advice from the archdeacon.
- iii. Two joinery jobs were suggested: a weatherboard on the back door (the bottom of the door was somewhat rotted and should be made good); a burst panel in the south choir needs investigation and mending.
ACTION: DC to arrange both

6b. School Foundation Governor

- i. We have informally instructed the school that the PCC approves the latest choice for foundation governor. *ACTION:* CG to sign the form when it has been located.
- ii. SR wants to have an evening social event with the school governors and PCC. Provisional date- October 3rd at 7:30 pm. PCC to provide cheese, biscuits and wine.
ACTION: SR to contact the school. PCC will discuss at next meeting.

6c. Alan Rowntree- thanks

The PCC should thank Alan for all his hard work at our summer concert .

ACTION: CG to write a letter of thanks.

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship

- i. When Sue is away, all Draycott services will be covered to allow a weekly Eucharist.
- ii. Next Ministry Team meeting- not yet arranged, but will probably be before SR is back.
- iii. Sermon series- starting next week. Theme- the Eucharist.

7b. Fabric

- i. SR met Robin Russell (Corbel)- they will prepare quotes for the vestry alterations. Also looked at damp patches. Corbel will get back to DC.
- ii. The water company have tried to free the stop-cock- at the road end of the churchyard- but have not succeeded. They will have to renew the old pipe. Several adjacent properties will have their water disconnected while this is done.

7c. Finance

- i. General account- £10,234; Fabric account £3,322
- ii. The festival proceeds are yet to go into the bank.
- iii. The parish share is up to date. Insurance is due in October.

7d. School

DC had received a letter back from Cathy Lowe. This was put on file.

7e. SoSP

Skittles- ongoing.

The concerts were an excellent series of events. Many thanks to everyone involved.

7f. LMG

All previously announced dates are still correct.

7g. Magazine

- i. DC pointed out that nothing in the current issue had come from Draycott- we need to try a bit harder! Can we think of something to provide a regular series?
- ii. One suggestion- Owen Spencer has maintained weather recordings for many years- could he share some of the statistics in the magazine? People are always interested in the weather! *ACTION*: TH to ask.
- iii. Book reviews- still a good idea. *ACTION*: CG to contribute one on Religion for Atheists (Alan de Botton), continuing our theme of 'dialogue' with modern-day atheists.

8. Items of new business

8a. Festival- next year?

There is an appetite to keep the music festival as a regular event- BR and DC are both keen. NB. it could be centred on St. Peter's day again, but with some other themes. How about a flower festival, or spread it more widely to include other crafts? There is a lot of creative talent in the village. We could have displays in the church, on window-sills and free-standing pedestals.

ACTION: convene a group to plan- CJ, Gordon Jeff, DC, BR, CB, TL.

9. Items for information

9a. Staffing

Hilary Thomas is leaving our ministry team on 29th July, to take up a house-for-duty post at Allerton. This is a three year posting.

Julie Simms is an ordained minister in the area who is willing to join the ministry team.

9b. Deanery Synod

TL reported back on the last synod meeting.

The Deanery Synod was given feedback on the bishops' visits- these had been very successful. They took in a variety of businesses as well as schools.

There were speakers on vocation and training.

10. Dates

- a. Guided Prayer- October 22-26th . Make sure you book up if you want to take part.
- b. PCC meetings this year: Wednesday 29th August, Tuesday 6th November. (The October 3rd meeting with school governors would be extra- regular business would not be covered).
- c. Joint PCC meeting on 4th December at the Vicarage, Cheddar.

11. Closing prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.