

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

Held on 08/05/2013 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
Tricia Heckbert	TH	Thea Oliver	TO
Barry Rose	BR	Sue Rose	SR
David Cheetham	DC		
Richard Dingley	RD	<i>Apologies</i>	
Chris Green	CG	Colette Jeff	CJ

3. Minutes from PCC of 12/03/2013

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record subject to one correction.

4. Matters arising

12/03/13 8b iv. (Smart Water). CG has anointed several items of value and taken photographs. He had sent the form to certify these actions. Photos to be sent to SR.

12/03/13 9a. (Magazine). CG has communicated our message to the editor.

5. Any other business

(Items 6d, 6e, 7h, 7i, 7j and 9a and 9b added)

6. Items for Decision

6a. Appointment/ Confirmation of Church Officers

SR proposed that officers be reinstated as per the previous PCC, viz. David Cheetham, treasurer; Chris Green, secretary; Tricia Heckbert, lay chair and covenant secretary; Richard Dingley, electoral roll officer. RD seconded, all were in favour.

6b. Parish Return/ Electoral Roll Return

The Parish Return form had already been completed and despatched by SR. The electoral roll return had yet to be done.

ACTION: RD to pass the latest electoral details to CG who would complete and send the form. NB. RD was hoping to get another couple of people onto the roll over the weekend.

6c. Somerset Churches & Chapels Membership

Our subscription had lapsed. We agreed we would like to continue our membership (£30 p.a.). CG passed the forms to DC for action.

6d. Messy Church

SR introduced the idea to us- supervised craft activities for children in church (NB. not necessarily too messy!). Date arranged for Draycott- Saturday 15th June (craft theme- crowns). Organisers required for teas and organisers/ supervisors for crafts. 2 pm for organisers to set up, 2:30 for children; finish 4:30. Rodney Stoke had already had a go and attracted 10 children, some from the village, others beyond.

6e. Bishop Peter- retirement

Cathedral on 22nd June at 2 pm. Music and bands on the cathedral green; we are all invited to attend, also to bring a picnic. Do we want to contribute to his retirement collection?

Suggested that we contribute £50 from church funds. CG proposed motion, TO seconded, all were in favour.

ACTION: SR to give details of collection to DC who would make the payment of £50.

6f. Foundation Governor

We had an application from Mark Rickard to renew his foundation governor membership. SR gave us some relevant background concerning the school. The meeting agreed to accept the renewal (one abstention).

ACTION: CG to sign and return the form.

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship

Review of Easter- services- especially the Thursday and Friday Holy Week services. We were not sure that three simultaneous services were a good idea, forcing everyone to choose. This was especially a pity for Rodney Stoke choir who had rehearsed music we sang on Friday with us.

Draycott would like to explore combining with Rodney Stoke- hosting one and inviting Rodney Stoke, for example on Friday. Music would be an important part as it brings the congregations together through participating in the choir.

ACTION: SR to take the idea to the next Rodney Stoke PCC (19th June).

7b. Fabric

Nothing to report.

7c. Finance

Current accounts: £9,793 in general account, £4,154 in fabric account. We had received a BACS payment of £267.09 which no-one seemed to know about.

The parish share would be £1,013 per month.

7d. School

(already discussed).

7e. Deanery Synod

Meeting next week in Theale.

7f. SoSP

Jumble sale had been very successful, raising £308. People had come from quite a long way- helped by wide publicity.

Next event- skittles on 16th (next Thursday).

Coming up soon- Teddy Bear's Picnic.

7g. Local Ministry Group

Next LMG event is Pentecost Praise at Flagstaff Farm on 19th May. Also having a walk to view conservation work- 3:00 for a 3:15 start at the farm.

7h. Cheddar Valley Churches

Father's day event- 16th June. We are organising the craft tent.

7i. Kafue

We need to keep Father Bob supplied with information about us. How about an article on our APCM? (NB. CG is already writing this for the Magazine).

ACTION: SR to let CG know Fr. Bob's e-mail address, CG to send article.

7j. Food Bank at Cheddar

At the last public meeting in Cheddar it was decided to go ahead with this, affiliating with the Trussell Trust. Their system is for those in need to be referred, by various bodies (e.g. Social Workers, Police- but not by the churches themselves).

ACTION: We would continue to support the Community of the Sisters of the Church in Bristol for the time being, and see what develops with the Cheddar food bank. CG to write an article on the CSC for this or the next issue of the church magazine.

8. Items of new business

9. Items for Information

9a. St. Peter's Tide Music Festival

A leaflet is being produced- will need help with distribution when it comes out.

Banners are being produced by the School.

9b. Ministry Team Update

There was a Ministry Team meeting on 11th March. Several developments to report:

- Richard Dingley is becoming 'Reader Emeritus', so no longer on general active service.
- Ann Wait has never fully recovered her health and energy, so will not be preaching in future- but still undertaking some other work.
- Mike Brownbill has a diocesan license to preach from other work as a diocesan education officer- so may be asked to step in from time to time.
- Nikki is stepping back from active involvement after her next sermon, official designation 'Pending active ministry'- we don't know how long for.
- Chris Butler is applying for jobs. We will all pray for the right result – for everyone.

10. Dates

- Next PCC meetings: July 3rd, Sept 4th, Nov. 6th (all Wednesdays). CB apologies for July 3rd. We are invited to Kundsan.
- Faithnet conference- 20th June 2013 (publicity received by CG, passed to RD).

11. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.