

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

Held on 03/07/2013 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
Tricia Heckbert	TH	Tricia Lumley	TL
Barry Rose	BR	Sue Rose	SR
David Cheetham	DC		
Richard Dingley	RD	<i>Apologies</i>	
Chris Green	CG	Christine Butler	CB
Colette Jeff	CJ	Thea Oliver	TO

3. Minutes from PCC of 08/05/2013

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

12/03/13 8b iv. (Smart Water). Follow-up question from DC- do we have any assurance that Ecclesiastical Insurance has received it? *ACTION*: CG to contact EI and ask them.

08/05/13 6b. (Electoral Roll Return). Done.

08/05/13 6e. (Bishop Peter retirement contribution). Done.

08/05/13 6f. (Foundation Governor form). Done.

08/05/13 7a. (Combined Good Friday service with Rodney Stoke). SR had unavoidably missed the last RS PCC. Carried forward.

5. Any other business

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

6. Items for Decision

6a. St. Peter's festival follow-up

- i. A letter of thanks from Ian and Ruth Ames-White was read out.
- ii. Official thanks to the different people involved.
ACTION- letters drafted by Gordon Jeff, be signed by SR.
- iii. Robin Gray needs something more
ACTION- bottle to be organised by TL.
- iv. Clothing rail- TL needs help to take this down
ACTION- will get some volunteers next Sunday
- v. Cheddar Church choir had expressed particular appreciation of being part of a joint service, and we all felt the same. *ACTION*- we would see if it was practical to combine again for the next joint service, at Rodney Stoke (DC to lead).
- vi. Further joint services to consider- Carol service, Sunday before Christmas (22nd). We could combine Cheddar and Draycott choirs in two services, one at each church. We would extend the invitation to Rodney Stoke to participate if they wanted, while recognising that they have their own well-loved service tradition to uphold.
ACTION: SR will approach Rodney Stoke on this.

6b. Cheddar Valley Food Bank

- i. The letter from the Action Group had been circulated to PCC members.
- ii. We reiterated our support for the scheme, deciding on the following:
ACTIONS:
 - a. Publish an article in the Parish Magazine (CG)
 - b. Write to the Action Group and pledge £100 from collections (the amount to be underwritten by the PCC) (CG)
 - c. Organise a joint service and invite Matthew Dumelow to speak at it, NB. no more than 15 min. This would be at the joint service on 29th December (SR)

6c. Bier House repair

David Oliver has already fixed it! *ACTION*: CG to write to thank him.

6d. Car park

Cathy Lowe, the head teacher, has brought the state of the car park to our notice. We agreed to contribute to the cost if some modest repair work was organised by the school. *ACTION*: SR will communicate our decision to Cathy.

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship

The Festival Service on Sunday was wonderful- well executed and well paced. Thank you to all concerned.

Does the PCC object to fresh bread (e.g. rolls, pitta bread) to use instead of communion wafers, at least occasionally? This works much better as a symbol, although there are practical disadvantages. There were no objections. *ACTION*: SR will organise at some future date.

7b. Fabric

- i. Thanks to Margaret Moulton for the extra table and chairs.
- ii. The candle stand is very substantial and a big improvement on what we used before (Forgecraft).
- iii. Is it time to look at replacing our sound system- with festival funds contributing?

ACTIONS: Ask archdeacon whether she can offer any advice and/or contacts (SR). What about the sound department at Kings. CG to contact son Ben who works in the industry. Agenda item for next meeting.

7c. Finance

No statement at the time of the meeting- the following was forwarded by DC on 4th July and is included for completeness-

Fabric Fund: £4198.82

General Fund showed £9486.31 on the 28th June, plus £4522.37 in the Deposit Account.

These sums do not include takings from the festival.

7d. School

The Federation consultation concludes on Monday. We should lodge a response. SR read out the following suggested text:

"Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this exciting development for the schools in this area.

We are delighted that the schools want to work together more closely to enhance the learning experience of the children, whilst also recognising the pressures on budgets and personnel that currently exist for all schools.

We understand the tensions around the make-up of the proposed new Federation governing Body, not least in terms of effectiveness, but would still want to register our disappointment at the small number of Church sponsored governors proposed, especially from Draycott and Rodney Stoke VA School. The proposal for a statutory sub-committee to uphold the ethics and values of the school's Christian foundation and heritage is a really positive step towards providing a solution to this issue.

We wish the Federation every success. We look forward to working with the new sub-committee and governing body in the future, and hope to continue to support our children's education in the future, in every way we can."

The PCC agreed to adopt this as our response. *ACTION*: CG to submit this to the school by Monday.

7e. Deanery Synod

TL and TH attended the meeting at Theale on 15th May. Items discussed included the vacancy, and progress on the Deanery Plan. Neither TL or TH can attend the next meeting- can TO and RD go?

7f. SoSP

The Teddy Bear's Picnic event on the Festival Sunday was very successful, with lots of participation.

The next meeting is being planned to discuss future events.

7g. Local Ministry Group, Cheddar Valley Churches

Father's day was very successful in spite of being wet, and over 350 attended the service.

Ken Brown is putting on a course for worship leaders- coming up in Autumn.

The guided prayer week is being put on again, in October (w/c 14th).

7h. Magazine

The editor is doing an August/September joint issue this summer, to allow us to use the (cheaper) printing facilities at Kings of Wessex. This is a break from recent practice, where we have a joint July/August issue. The new timing is not good for the notification of events in September, which is unfortunate. Can we consider moving it back to July/August next year?

NB. The Parish Magazine should be a standing item for discussion at the PCC.

7i. Patterns of Worship

The church wardens and ministry team have been discussing possible rearrangements of Sunday worship times and service types in the three parishes for when CB leaves us. SR shared them with the meeting. Two alternative arrangements were put forward, one with an evening service ('Songs of Praise' or Evensong) on the fourth Sunday, replacing the morning service; and the other keeping the 9:30 Eucharist (but with a question mark over who would celebrate). Both would feature a non-Eucharistic service on the second Sunday.

ACTION: PCC members were asked to respond to SR with their comments. We will discuss it at the next PCC.

8. Items of new business

(None received)

9. Items for Information

9a. Church Housing Trust

A letter was received from the Church Housing Trust asking for our financial support for hostels; this was considered by the PCC, but currently we are unable to take on further commitments.

10. Dates

Next PCC meetings: Sept 4th, Nov. 6th. We are invited to Kundsan for Sept 4th.

11. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.