

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

Held on 04/09/2013 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>		Tricia Lumley	TL
Christine Butler	CB	Thea Oliver	TO
Tricia Heckbert	TH	Barry Rose	BR
David Cheetham	DC	Sue Rose	SR
Richard Dingley	RD		
Chris Green	CG	<i>Apologies</i>	
Colette Jeff	CJ	Janet Jeffries	JJ

3. Minutes from PCC of 03/07/2013

Subject to a minor amendment, 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 know whether Ecclesiastical Insurance received it? *ACTION*: CG to contact EI and ask them. (Not done- carried over)

03/07/2013 6a (St. Peter's Summer Festival follow up). All actions completed. Response from item vi (Invite Rodney Stoke to participate in combined Good Friday service). SR had taken this

up with Stoke and (while being generally supportive of combined services) they feel they should continue to do their own as a separate event, as it had become a local fixture for many people.

03/07/2013 6b (Food Bank). CG had written a letter which had been circulated, also an article for the magazine which had been published. SR had not yet raised the idea with Cheddar or Rodney Stoke that the proceeds of the end-of-year Benefice service would go to the Food Bank as a parish (they are donating the proceeds of their Harvest Festivals).

03/07/2013 6c (Thanks to David Oliver). Done, letter circulated.

03/07/2013 6d (Car park). SR has heard back from Cathy Lowe, who asked who should progress to get quotes. SR had suggested that the school should do this. NB. it is understood that the school will bear the greater part of any expense.

03/07/2013 7b ii. Candle stand from Forgecraft of Cheddar. TO pointed out that we had not formally thanked the company properly for their gift. *ACTION*: CG to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Greg Anniuk of Forgecraft.

5. Any other business

(Items 6d, 6e, 6f, 7j and 9a added)

6. Items for Decision

6a. Church Sound System

- i. SR had sent the archdeacon a letter, but has not yet received a reply. *ACTION*: SR will chase this up.
- ii. CG had spoken to son Ben to get advice. He had recommended a company 'Stagecraft' who specialise in audiovisual installations (they have a Bristol branch), and suggested some things to try ourselves. H also offered to take a look himself when he was next in Rodney Stoke, possibly the last weekend in September.
ACTION- CG to accept Ben's kind offer. We agreed we could buy him a bottle of wine!

6b. Cheddar Valley Food Bank

CG had heard nothing following his letter. SR had more recent news, and said it was progressing but was initially stalled on setting up a bank account (now done) They have been offered premises by Cheddar Methodist Church. SR is a trustee and will organise a speaker for 29th Dec.

6c. New patterns of worship

- i. Summary of proposals for Draycott- two Sundays with clergy- 'regular' services (celebrant preaching); two Sundays 'on our own', led by CG, TO- or another who is trained & willing!
- ii. This will only become a necessity when CB moves on. However there is much to be said for getting things planned and maybe even started as soon as possible. In practice this will not be before January next year. We might start with one Sunday a month.
ACTION: a worship planning session to be arranged as soon as possible to produce some initial ideas for consideration- Sue, Chris and Thea, plus if possible David and Barry.
- iii. Further suggested that the Patronal Festivals should be joint ones, at the appropriate churches- this arrangement to take precedence over the current 5th Sunday 'in turn'.

6d. Health and Safety

CB had been noticing some hazards around the church. First the gate stop at the front gate (set into the path) presents a trip hazard, and there is another trip hazard in the bulge in the stone flooring inside the church next to the entrance.

ACTION: Carry out a health and safety inventory of the church. A churchwarden to organise.

6e. Lectern

The current eagle lectern is not fit for purpose- it is too high for some of our readers, and it is also difficult to move. TO proposed that we consider a new one, which could either be a metal one from forgecraft or a wooden one (of which there are a number available).

ACTION: TO to get a quotation from Forgecraft for the metal one. We would look at catalogues to consider the alternatives and decide, once we know what Forgecraft will do. NB. the metal one would have to have wheels or some such system to allow it to be moved.

6f. Baptismal register

We have lost our baptismal register- and no-one can remember having seen it for many years.

ACTION: SR to order a new one. NB. Cost would be £33. It could be filled in retrospectively, using information from the diary.

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship

Christmas carol services. We are proposing to hold ours on the 22nd in the morning (9:30), and to join with the Cheddar choir. We would then join with them in the evening for their service. SR and CB will design it and choose readings.

7b. Fabric

Undergrowth in the pollarded avenue. This has been sprouting apace and needs to be cleared. Can we have a working party? NB. David Oliver may be able to start us off. *ACTION:* Any who can to assist on Saturday 14th October, starting at 9 a.m.

7c. Finance

General Fund showed £15,181; Fabric £4,239 (these sums combine the current and deposit).

We were given £530 from the skittles league.

7d. School

- i. Assemblies are starting up again and a rota is in place.
- ii. Harvest will be Friday 4th October, and the Christmas concert on the 20th December.
- iii. School will be supporting the Sisters of the Church on its harvest festival, and needs a list of what is required.
ACTION: CG will contact CSC to find out details of their harvest appeal, and communicate to TO. (NB. CG will also put an article in the magazine for our own harvest CSC appeal).
- iv. There will be a coffee morning on the 5th October 10-12 a.m.
ACTION: Fliers to be created by TO for use by the school with a list of suitable things for children to bring. Any cakes etc. that can be provided will be gratefully received.

7e. Deanery Synod

RD went to the meeting on 15th May (thank you Richard!). A good social gathering although not much business was discussed. Next one is 8th October at Kings of Wessex school. Discussing issues of human sexuality. This is an open meeting, at 8 p.m.

NB. The deanery lay representative at General Synod is stepping down, and needs to be replaced. The deanery needs to put another name forward.

7f. SoSP

Events (further details in magazine):

15th September- Nicola and Barry Rose are borrowing the church to rehearse for a concert, and would love an audience- so we have a chance for our own free concert from them! 3 p.m.

29th September- quiz night at the Strawberry Special. SR will be quiz master.

11th October- Concert ('Miscellany'). Still needs some arranging.

ACTIONS: DC will organise, and get something in magazine. TO will do some posters. Easiest to have donations at the door rather than sell tickets.

12th October- Zambia day. Fr. Bob is having a church fete that day in Kafue, and would like us to do something to keep him company! There will be a coffee morning in Church House, Cheddar, and a Kafue evening with Zambian-style food and slides of the SR family visit (SR to organise).

14th October- 'Ride and stride'- still needs some organising . Warm drinks will be available.

19th October- curry night.

7g. Church Magazine

The editor Rob Walker will be away from 8th September, and has asked CG and Alison Jeffries do the final steps for printing at Kings of Wessex. Rob has left full instructions and we can both access the editor mail account.

ACTION: CG to liaise with Alison Jeffries- will do the necessary between them

7h. Local Ministry Group, Cheddar Valley Churches

Allerton and Wedmore have been invited to attend LMG meetings.

Forthcoming event- there will be a 'bereavement evening' to give people some guidance in being alongside those around them who encounter this milestone. NB. this is for anyone interested, not particularly for those in formal ministry.

There will be a joint service at Crook Peak one 4th Sunday in the month- to be arranged.

7i. Web Site

The subscription had fallen due rather suddenly during July (NB. Tim Bibby is the account holder- he previously paid for this himself). After consultations with the PCCs of Rodney Stoke and Draycott, my proposal to renew for 2 years, with ourselves paying 2/3 and Rodney Stoke 1/3 was accepted (the logic of this split is that we get a great deal more use from it than they do, and have a lot more content uploaded). Thank you DC for delivering the cheque so promptly. There was regrettably one or two weeks when the website was offline before this could be arranged.

7j. Electoral Roll

This should be available for inspection but could not be located in church.

ACTION: RD will check and make sure a copy appears on the notice board in the porch.

8. Items of new business

(None received)

9. Items for Information

9a. Extra bibles in church

TH had brought a bookshelf and some books as a donation to the church on behalf of her late father Anthony Cardale (after consulting with church wardens). It is in the south transept. Thank you, Tricia!

ACTION: perhaps others would like to donate suitable books that were surplus to their requirements, and we would have the beginnings of a library?

10. Dates

Next PCC meetings: Nov. 6th. We are invited to Kundsan.

The next question evening will be soon! *ACTION*: SR to arrange.

11. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.