

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

*Held on 06/11/2013 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	Barry Rose	BR
Tricia Heckbert	TH	Sue Rose	SR
Richard Dingley	RD		
Chris Green	CG	<i>Apologies</i>	
Colette Jeff	CJ	David Cheetham	DC
Janet Jeffries	JJ	Thea Oliver	TO

## **3. Minutes from PCC of 04/09/2013**

Subject to a minor amendment, the PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

## **4. Matters arising**

12/03/13 8b iv. (Has Ecclesiastical Insurance received our Smart Water declaration?) Done- EI referred CG to Smart Water, who confirmed the receipt.

03/07/2013 7b ii. (Candle stand from Forgecraft of Cheddar). Thank you letter written , circulated to PCC by CG.

04/09/13 6a. i. (Sound system) SR has not had a reply from archdeacon (*SR- carry over*).

04/09/13 6a. ii. (Sound system) On his last visit Ben had not had time to look at the sound system, but he had offered some good (sound?) advice. Crackles most often due to faulty leads, sometimes connections. Easiest to replace the leads (*ACTION: a church warden to progress?*).

04/09/13 6d. (Health and safety) Most urgent item- floor- has been repaired, other known trip hazards (gate stop, boot scraper) not yet addressed. Health & safety survey not yet done, but we could probably do something for the two remaining known hazards (*ACTION: church wardens?*).

04/09/13 6f. (Baptismal register) SR has bought a book, not yet written in. (*SR- carried over*).

04/09/13 7b. (Undergrowth clearing on lime tree avenue). Done.

04/09/13 7d i & ii. (Harvest appeal & school) Actions carried out as stated.  
*FURTHER ACTION-* CG to write letter of thanks to school via Head Teacher.

04/09/13 7j. (Electoral roll) Circulated, not yet on notice board (*carried over- RD*).

04/09/13 9a. (Bookshelf & bibles donation from TH). Done- now in church!

## **5. Any other business**

(Items 8a, 9b and 9c added)

## **6. Items for Decision**

### **6a. Christmas services and events**

- i. Now agreed that Michael Taylor playing at Rodney Stoke Christmas Eve service.
- ii. Barry Rose concert. The village concert has now been moved to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> but Barry thinks this is still too close to be ideal and may be detrimental to audiences at both events. He has consulted Nicola and the other prospective singers and they could do the 28<sup>th</sup> December instead. PCC decided it would be better to move BR concert to the 28<sup>th</sup>, although it was acknowledged that some would not be able to attend. CB offered to help with refreshments. *ACTION-* BR to change publicity in church magazine and put it into the parish newsletter with the new date.

### **6b. Lectern**

DC proposed in a letter to the PCC that the proceeds from Anthony Cardale's funeral should be used in part for the new lectern; TH thought that this was a good idea. TO has commissioned the work from Forgecraft. The PCC approved.

### **6c. Choir music**

DC advised in a letter that he had spend £134.17 on choir music, and hoped that the PCC might be able to approve. SR proposed that we accept this and BR seconded, all were in agreement.

### **6d. Brass cleaning**

CJ said that Clé Boyd had managed the brass cleaning until now, but since she is incapacitated for the time being someone else will need to do this. CJ and Gordon will clean the brass this Friday but would like someone else to come forward. It was suggested we might ask Wilf Lacey. *ACTION:* SR or CB will ask Wilf at the next opportunity.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

### **7a. Worship**

- i. TO, CG and SR had met to discuss the future pattern of worship at Draycott, with a view to starting regular non-eucharistic worship. We looked at the Book of Common Prayer Mattins service and also a modern Morning Prayer. After some adjustment the latter was thought much better (changes included having 3 readings rather than 2, and a sung version of the creed). We suggested continuing the service into a discussion over coffee, after leaving an opportunity for people to leave who preferred not to participate (or who had other engagements). SR expressed her preference for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month- this would synchronise with a change in routine for Rodney Stoke, who are thinking of doing their non-Eucharistic service on the same week- thus freeing a clergy person from the need to come out to the two villages. A suggested name for the service would be 'Second Sunday Service' as the clue would be in the name for anyone wondering when it would happen! Can we start this on 12<sup>th</sup> January?

*ACTION:* CG to consult TO on what she thinks, and get back to SR.

- ii. Mike Brownbill has agreed to come forward for readership training. Since he has already covered the foundation years (having taught them) he could be licensed by October next year. NB. We will be asked for our share of costs in due course!
- iii. Four people have come forward as lay worship assistants, including Thea.

### **7b. Fabric**

- i. (From letter from DC). The floor at the west end of the church has taken longer to dry out than expected and needs to be damp-proofed before the new piece of carpet can be laid. Apologies for the disruption. (This is now finished).
- ii. A new lightning conductor has been installed.

### **7c. Finance**

- i. (From letter from DC). No figures yet, but will mail PCC members when they are available. Not expecting any surprises
- ii. (From letter from DC). Our parish share for 2014 will be £12,694, up by 3.89% from the 2013 figure of £12,219. Monthly direct debit will be £1054.66.
- iii. BR asked how the share is calculated. SR described that it is a combination of the income group- now A, B, C, D or E- and the 'membership number'. The latter should reflect the number of regular worshippers we would expect to see at least once per month, plus visitors and including also those who would come but are prevented by ill health. In SR's opinion the current figure for Draycott- 30- is too high (sadly). We need more accurate figures, which we could get by keeping a register for two months or so.

*ACTION:* CJ volunteered to do this, using RD's electoral roll as a starting point for names.

### **7d. School**

- i. Cathy Lowe had written to CG with a renewal application for Geoff Astle's school governorship. The PCC agreed. NB. Under Federation, the current governing body will be dissolved next year.  
*ACTION:* CG to sign the form and forward it to diocese.
- ii. SR briefed us on the new governing body in the federated school. There would be two foundation governors to be shared between Shipham and ourselves, one of which will be the

rector (of either parish)- i.e. Tim Hawking or SR. After discussing this between them SR will be putting her name forward. This being so, Shipham would have priority in filling the other position. NB. The church representation will be small, so it is important that the governor should be able to speak out strongly for the church interest.

- iii. For the school assembly today there had been no heating, probably because DC who usually does it was away. We must try to organise this better. Does it need to be set the same day?  
*ACTION*: DC to advise.

### **7e. Deanery Synod**

- i. TH reported back. The issue under discussion was human sexuality. It was excellently chaired and different points of view were heard respectfully.
- ii. Christina Barron will be our new General Synod delegate.

### **7f. SoSP**

(From letter from TO) SoSP are organising a small Christmas Fayre type event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December to coincide with the School Christmas Fayre. We are planning to decorate the Church Christmas tree, have mince pies and mulled wine, sell tickets for Barry's concert etc., as well as run some other stalls.

CB added some detail. One of the stalls being planned is a 'nativity photo booth' (entitled 'Get in the Picture'- see the website <http://www.getinthepicture.org.uk/>). This is a photo opportunity where children can dress up and pose as Christmas nativity characters, in a crib scene set up for the purpose. It comes with some instruction on its religious significance, so is a piece of Christian education. Photos would be published to the website. For further details, look in the magazine next month. NB. We are thinking of doing this instead of 'messy church' that month.

### **7g. Church Magazine**

The editor is producing a Rodney Stoke and Draycott edition for December and January combined, as usual. We had considered a joint publication with Cheddar, as last year- this had not happened, but we might revive the idea next year. Rob would be grateful for copy- but NB. copy date is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

*ACTION*: All to consider whether they might contribute to the next issue- quickly!

### **7h. Local Ministry Group, Cheddar Valley Churches**

- i. Allerton and Wedmore were present at the last meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- ii. There will be a joint service on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, at Axbridge.
- iii. An open evening session on bereavement visiting will taken by Richard Neal – date to be communicated.
- iv. A marriage preparation session will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- v. The Cheddar Valley Churches are putting together a bible training course starting on January 14<sup>th</sup> lasting 10 weeks. It is to be entitled H+ and will be led by Judith Rose, Paul Spanring and Sue Rose. They had already attended a day's training themselves.

## **8. Items of new business**

### **8a. Planning for the future**

(SR) Having very successfully sorted out our building, our focus should shift not to growing the church- both in depth and numbers. Sue proposes a meeting, either PCC or a joint PCC and congregation- probably at Bagley Baptist church, with a facilitator. Andrew Hemming from Axbridge would be an excellent one, as he has already introduced initiatives which are bearing fruit there. It should be before Easter next year, on a Saturday morning. Two dates were agreed for further consideration- 15<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March.

*ACTION:* SR to investigate availability at Bagley.

## **9. Items for Information**

### **9a. Ecclesiastical Insurance 'Listening Event'**

Details would be forwarded by CG to PCC members. NB. 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### **9b. Food Bank**

(SR) Premises and a bank account had both been arranged. There will be a meeting this Friday with the Trussell Trust, and a training session arranged. We should be getting further information shortly- possibly even a newsletter.

### **9c. Hymn books**

The new hymn books were on order, and should be with us by Advent Sunday. NB. they are the new A&M (*Ancient and Modern- Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship*, Canterbury Press).

### **9d. Clergy Availability**

There will be a clergy conference in the last week of November- clergy will not be available during the week. SR will be at General Synod the previous week- commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### **9e. Church Notice Board**

Can we get the description on the painted church noticeboard to read 'Rector' as Sue's proper designation now?

*ACTION-* Can DC look into getting our usual sign writer to amend the notice board?

## **10. Dates**

Next PCC meetings: SR invited us on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Jan to the vicarage for a meal. A purely social occasion! Time 7:30 for 8 pm.

Next 'Answers Needing Questions' session- 24<sup>th</sup> November.

## **11. Closing Prayer**

The meeting closed with the Grace.