

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

*Held on 12/03/2014 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>		Thea Oliver	TO
Tricia Heckbert	TH	Barry Rose	BR
David Cheetham	DC	Sue Rose	SR
Richard Dingley	RD		
Janet Jeffries	JJ	<i>Apologies</i>	
Colette Jeff	CJ	Christine Butler	CB
Tricia Lumley	TL	Chris Green	CG

## **3. Minutes from PCC of 06/11/2013**

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

## **4. Matters arising**

04/09/13 6a i & ii: Fixed by CG buying new lead for the lapel microphone.

04/09/13 6d: DC – can hazards to be painted white to draw people's attention to them? Agreed.

04/09/13 6f: SR has nearly completed writing up the new baptismal register.

04/09/13 7d i & ii: CG has written a letter of thanks to the school via the Head Teacher.

- 04/09/13 13 7j: RD has placed a copy of the electoral roll on the notice board.
- 06/11/13 6a ii: (Christmas services & events publicity). Done
- 06/11/13 6d: Wilf has now taken on the brass cleaning duty. CJ suggested he be given his own set of keys to the vestry & the PCC were in agreement.
- 06/11/13 7a i: (Future pattern of worship at Draycott). Done
- 06/11/13 7c iii: (Membership number). Done
- 06.11.13 7d i: (Renewal application for G Astel's school governorship). Done
- 06/11/13 7d iii: (Heating for school assembly). Done
- 06/11/13 7g: (Church magazine content). Done
- 06/11/13 8a (Planning for the future) – covered in this meeting.
- 06/11/13 9e: DC told the PCC that the last time the notice board was amended it cost £130. Would it be more prudent to wait until there are more amendments? Agreed.

## **5. Any other business**

(Items 6f and 6g were added)

## **6. Items for Decision**

### **6a. Arising from away day on 15th Feb**

i) SR asked the PCC what we should do with the materials. Would it be beneficial to invite Andrew to help us to take things forward? There was general agreement  
*ACTION:* SR will speak to Tim and Andrew to get dates.

ii) SR - SoSP events are already contributing to outreach. General agreement that the first Saturday of the month coffee mornings were a great success- Sue's office contributed to this by bringing people into the church. TO – could we use the church as a wedding fayre venue, with local people displaying their products- flowers, photography, etc.?

SR – can we use central publicity material? Few realise the true costs of a church wedding.

*ACTION:* SR to investigate central publicity material.

### **6b. Deanery Choral Eucharist.**

Axbridge Deanery Choir had approached DC to hold their choral Eucharist at Draycott on the evening of 16th October at 6:30pm. We would need to provide a 'high tea'. DC - could this be our main service for the day? SR noted a clash with Deanery Bible Society service. *ACTIONS:*  
1. SR to ask the Bible Society if they could move their date. 2. DC to liaise with Deanery Choir.

### **6c. Holy Week and Easter Music.**

SR gave dates for the Easter week services:

- Maundy Thursday: 8pm Eucharist and vigil in Draycott
- Good Friday: 10am Cheddar, 2pm Rodney Stoke, 6pm Draycott (Taizé service)
- Easter Day: 9:30am Eucharist in Draycott

TL- Could we hold the traditional sunrise service, as Di is already booked? Although she will not offer breakfasts she might be happy for us to still hold the service there. If this is not possible we

might hold the sunrise service in Draycott. *ACTION*: SR to speak to Di. DC – can we have a joint choir as in previous years? The PCC agreed. NB. BR will be playing on Easter day.

#### **6d. APCM.**

CG would like reports a week before the APCM, preferably electronically. TL wondered whether TH would be able to do the Deanery Synod report this year as she has been unable to attend any of the meetings. *ACTION*: TH & TO will compile a joint report.

#### **6e. Carbon Fast.**

SR drew the PCC's attention to information she had been sent, although Chapter had declined to participate. There was little we could do apart from bearing the issue in mind. The issue of solar panels on the roof was raised; adopted by some churches even with listed buildings.

#### **6f. Membership Numbers**

CJ has kept a registers (the PCC thanked her). Numbers fluctuated; SR thought the average was 18, which was down on the number we had been declaring. *ACTION*: TO will put this number on the form she has to complete, although it will not have any effect on our category this year.

#### **6g. Lent Groups.**

There will be four Lent groups this year, a late addition being led by TO. Could the final Lent Group service to be held in St. Peter's on Wednesday of Holy Week? TO - refreshments to follow the French theme. It was important to get the information into the magazine.

### **7. Items for Discussion**

#### **7a. Worship**

The PCC discussed the new Sunday services. It was getting 'slicker' and judging by the last SSS, numbers were encouraging. *Suggestions*: BR – do we need three readings or could we manage with two? TO - could we sing the Lords Prayer? DC- as the APCM falls on the second Sunday, could we have communion before the APCM? All were in agreement with the last.

#### **7b. Fabric**

DC had discovered that we are on a weekend and evenings plan for electricity, which should mean the bills will be reduced. The old red hymn books will be kept out in the shelves and those on the PCC responsible for inventories should include them. TO - we have been given a new prayer desk by Nailsea. *ACTION*: TO would write a thank you note.

#### **7c. Finance**

The PCC has had a chance to review the accounts prepared for the APCM. TO proposed we accepted them, all were in agreement. DC reported £5,607 in the general bank account. £5,285 in the Fabric Fund and £4,500 in the deposit account.

#### **7d. School**

SR- The new school federation is now up and running and SR is one of the school governors. They were in the process of short-listing candidates for the shared head position, as both Draycott and Shipham heads were retiring.

## **7e. Deanery Synod**

At the meeting a good-bye to Ken Brown was made. It was also decided to send a strongly worded message to the Church Commissioners expressing the Deanery Synod's disappointment that the appointment of the new Bishop has been overshadowed by his housing issue.

## **7f. SoSP**

Forthcoming events (TO/TL):

- 21/03/14 Curry Night
- 17/05/14 Jumble Sale
- 12/04/14 Soup Lunch (from 12-1:30pm)
- 12/04/14 Senior citizens tea (NB. Offers of help gratefully received)

Other events planned: 70s Night; a talk about bats.

All agreed that holding the Rose Concert after Christmas has worked well.

## **7g. Church Magazine**

(No items raised)

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

SR - a pulpit exchange was planned for the 18th May 2014; she would be preaching in Wedmore. Father's Day would be happening again this year.

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

### **8a. Door-Keeper**

Ray Kendal is unable to do this any more and Gordan Jeff has very kindly taken on the duty of opening/shutting the church. *ACTION:* CG to write a thank you note to Ray and the meeting asked Colette to pass on their thanks to Gordon for taking on this role.

### **8b. Stonework**

DC- We have now received permission to carry out the work on the Bell cote. Not sure how long it would take to complete the work but scaffolding would be removed in a timely manner once the work was complete. *ACTION:* DC to agree a date for work to begin.

## **9. Items for Information**

(No items raised)

## **10. Dates**

APCM – 13.04.14 – 18:00 evening prayer, 18:30 meeting

## **11. Closing Prayer**

The meeting closed with the Grace.