

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

Held on 28/05/2014 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

Present

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

3. Minutes from PCC of 12/03/2014

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

04/09/13 6f: (new baptismal register)- SR in hand.

12/03/14 6a i (dates for review of Away Day outcomes)- SR in hand

12/03/14 6a ii (publicity for church as a venue)- SR in hand

12/03/14 6b (Deanery Choral Eucharist)- DC in hand. Bible Society is OK with dates.

12/03/14 6f (Membership numbers for Parish Return)- done

12/03/14 7b (Prayer desk- thanks)- done

12/03/14 8a (Ray Denning- thanks)- done. NB. surname Denning not Kendall

12/03/14 8b (Stonework)- still waiting for date

5. Any other business

(Items 9a & 9b were added)

6. Items for Decision

6a. Arising from away day on 15th Feb

St. Peter's share of car park repair expenses- about £300. Is the PCC happy with this (NB. it was previously agreed that we pay)? All were in agreement. *ACTION*: CG will pass it to DC.

6b. Arising from APCM.

- i. Away Day follow-up- see Arising from 12/03/14.
- ii. Joint meeting with other PCCs. SR has spoken to the other PCCs - are happy with idea. Up to 2 in the year- but should then be primarily social, or have some business content? NB. There has been a problem that PCCs have not been (individually) quorate in joint meetings. It was also felt that they work best when there is some substantive joint item of interest. *ACTION*: SR to look out for a suitable occasion and put it to the PCCs
- iii. Lent courses- can the next be ecumenical, between the CVCs? Sue to raise at the next meeting- perhaps one of the others will suggest. An additional idea- preaching exchange within the CVCs? Good idea, but would have to pre-agree ground rules (e.g. length!).

6c. Father's Day.

15th June- also RS festival so they are not getting involved- except that they are lending us the marquee. Benefice working with Roman Catholics putting on a craft tent. Volunteers are needed, also scraps of fabric and ribbon (to leave at SR's house).

6d. Food bank.

SR has been getting some updates. They are looking for more volunteers. A second distribution point has been opened at Axbridge on Wednesday mornings. They are covering money management advice now, with three trained people. Collection of food items is mainly from supermarkets, now extended to Tesco at Wells as well as Budgen at Cheddar.

CG had been in touch with Sue Albone - why have we not heard from them, after the PCC had previously pledged support? Had received a mail suggesting that the PCC may like to visit. PCC agreed- perhaps before a distribution day? *ACTION*: CG will verify how much we pledged and DC will write them a cheque. CG will then forward it to Sue Albone and request a visit.

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Mission Statement

The PCC considered the mission statement drafted by SR and circulated beforehand:

St Peter's seeks to be a Church that:

- *opens our doors to the whole community*
- *opens our activities beyond our walls*
- *opens our minds in worship, prayer and study.*

For- very open ended, acknowledges our current 'direction of travel' (cf. our parish awayday ideas)- we could already give some examples relevant to each point. Against- rather bland, nothing explicitly 'religious' to it (apart from the reference to 'prayer')- what are we opening ourselves for? On balance we approved and hoped it would provoke further discussion.

ACTION: SR to publish the mission statement in the next Parish Magazine and invite comments.

7b. Worship

- i. Pentecost Sermon. Peter Hancock, our new bishop, has circulated a sermon for Pentecost in downloadable video format, designed to be used in the diocese. SR would like to use it but Pentecost is not a very good time as there are other things going on in Cheddar (stewardship launch) and Draycott (Second Sunday Service, with Alan Rowntree speaking)- and no sermon at Rodney Stoke. She plans to use it for the Sunday before instead (Ascension). **ACTION:** SR to bring a laptop and projector to Draycott.
- ii. St. Peter's Day. DC has asked Cheddar and Rodney Stoke choirs to share with us- both are keen. **ACTION:** DC to arrange a rehearsal for Friday 27th at 7:30 pm in church.

7c. Fabric

The lych gate is in a poor condition. Can we consider a wrought iron gate? NB. we have plans to re-route the path- these should be discussed at the same time **ACTION:** Discuss at next PCC.

7d. Finance

DC reported £6,311 in the general account, £4,523 in the deposit, £5,817 in the Fabric Fund.

7e. School

We should mark Cathy Lowe's departure with a card at least. The new head Mike Jury should be commissioned- although this needs to be discussed with Shipham due to the joint headship.

The roof is being done- thanks to Thea for fielding the roof tile queries.

Will the PCC support the school over the road crossing? It was discussed and it was clearly a contentious issue. A main issue was its placement- that suggested by the council did not seem to be ideal from a village perspective (one near the former Red Lion pub might be better). The only support we could advance was a qualified one, where all the users were taken into account- as well as the widespread resistance to street lighting.

7f. Deanery Synod

The PCC representatives had not made it to the last one (8th May at Mark), although SR was there. There were problematic issues with the Deanery Plan.

7g. SoSP

Forthcoming events (TO/TL):

- The Holy Rollers roll again! Thea has circulated a fixtures list

- Strawberry Fayre (8th June)- book stall. Books needed!
- Bat Talk 19/09/14 – hope to include a live demonstration of a bat detector.
- 70s night beign planned for November- TBA.

7h. Church Magazine

Some of the dates in the May magazine were wrong.

7i. Local Ministry Group, Cheddar Valley Churches

- SR - Tim Hawking reported enjoying the pulpit exchange and visiting Draycott.
- The Archdeacon's Visitation happened- thanks to all who supported and helped.
- The LMG bereavement evening also took place- it was very worthwhile.

8. Items of new business

8a. Car Park safety issues

Gordon had reported several near misses when turning (slowly) out of the car park due to lack of visibility of the lane. Could we ask one of the neighbours opposite to allow a mirror to be installed? The PCC agreed to take action if possible. *ACTION:* TO will raise the issue with Richard Oliver first as there are permissions issues which he should know about.

9. Items for Information

9a. Schools worker in Cheddar

The Cheddar Valley Churches have been supporting a schools worker, but this will be discontinued- it is not thought to represent good value for money for various reasons- NB. the 3 years' grant is finishing, and to make good this sum ourselves we would need to find an extra £3,000 p.a. We are looking for other ways to support Christians within our schools.

9b. Curate

SR has been asked by the bishop to go into the 'pool' for 2015. NB. this will have a cost implication. *ACTION:* the profile must be written by 12th June- will be circulated to the PCC.

9c. Prayer pilgrimage (RS)

Rodney Stoke is organising a 'prayer pilgrimage' at the cathedral, to be followed by supper.

9d. Benefice events calendar

A new calendar of events has been drawn up and needs to be circulated- how to distribute?
ACTION: SR will mail it to CG and also print out copies to be posted in the churches.

10. Dates

PCC meetings: 06/08/14, 08/10/14, 26/11/14, all at 8 pm. RD willing to host at Kundsan.

11. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.