

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

Held on 08/10/2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Kundasan, Westfield Lane.

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1. Opening prayers

Rev. Sue opened the meeting with a prayer. Thea Oliver took the chair.

2. Attendance, apologies and welcome

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

NB. Christine Butler has now left the PCC

3. Minutes from PCC of 06/08/2014

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

28/05/14 8a (Car Park safety)- Not yet done. Audrey Morgan has made some enquiries. NB. The visibility at the entrance would be improved by better hedge trimming- the new company is not doing it. *ACTIONS*:

- Mike Jory has said he will get this part of the hedge cut.
- CG still to write to Highways Authority for advice, copying to the school.

28/05/14 9d (Events calendar for Website)- SR to do; carry over

06/08/14 6a (Parish share explanation to Archdeaconry)- Done

06/08/14 6b (Car park sign)- CG waiting for a quote from Sigma Signs Ltd. PCC decided wording based on CG draft. *ACTION*- DC will approach Cheddar Signs for a quote.

06/08/14 6c (Risk Assessment Working Party)- Met, covered all issues apart from steps to crypt-slip hazard. Need a padlock to secure the gate. *ACTION*: we will look for spare padlocks.

06/08/14 6d (Food bank)- No suitable dates were found. SR suggested further dates- 4th, 6th November; 2nd, 3rd December. *ACTION*: CG will put these to Sue Albone.

06/08/14 7b vii (Celebrant for Midnight Mass)- Julie Simms has agreed to do this.

06/08/14 9b (Card for Clé Boyd)- Not yet done

5. Any other business

(Items 6a, b, c and 7i added)

6. Items for Decision

6a. Community Church after school club at St. Peter's

John Reynard, pastor of the Community Church had approached SR to ask if she would approve a school after school club in St. Peter's Church (a previous group in the Memorial Hall has now ended). This was debated carefully by the PCC which concluded we were not entirely happy with it. Our church could tacitly endorse aspects of Christian faith and practice taught by the Community Church that we would not agree with (around social issues, biblical literalism). A remedy might be for us to have a presence there ourselves. However apart from availability of people it would be a difficult role for anyone to play. In spite of the positive aspects and our great respect for the work of the Community Church, we regretfully decided to turn this down. *ACTION*: SR to convey a tactful refusal to John Reynard.

6b. Christmas music.

There will be three carol services in three churches- need to get on with choosing and practicing the music.

ACTION: DC to organise- Wednesdays 12, 19 and 26 November (PCC moved to 27th Nov).

6c. Barry Rose concert.

Barry would like PCC approval to arrange his concert on the 28th December at 7 pm. The PCC agreed, with thanks and anticipation.

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship

- i. United Benefice service, 28th December. Rodney Stoke want to do their own style of BCP service with Alistair Glanville (if he can do it)- at 10:00 on Sunday 28th.
- ii. Second Sunday Service. The next one will be December 13th. NB. We had proposed to review the service after 6 months and it has been going since January!
ACTION: put this on agenda for next meeting.
- iii. Intercessions- SR asked- does the PCC mind that this is always her leading them the first Sunday, as the rota is drawn up to specify the celebrant on this Sunday? No, they did not!

- iv. New celebrant last Sunday- Paul Kingdom. He is on the worship team in St. Andrew's Burnham, and lives in East Brent.
ACTION: Does he need to be paid for his services with us? SR will find out.
- v. Deanery Choral Eucharist- October 26th at 6 p.m. Can we provide them with tea between the rehearsal and the service? NB. No 9:30 a.m. service at Draycott.

7b. Fabric

- i. The boiler is overdue for a service.
ACTION- DC to arrange with Loveridge.
- ii. Lych gate- this is much better. We will leave it for now.

7c. Finance

DC reported £6,368 + £4,524 in general funds (current, deposit). There is £2,700 in the Fabric Fund. The direct debit to EDF Energy is going up- from £19 to £23 per month.

7d. School

- i. Mike Jory seems to be doing very well and the morale among staff is high. He is to be commissioned on October 23rd at 2 pm, at the School Harvest service. We should leave non perishable harvest gifts in church from the Sunday before, our Harvest Festival, and the school will add to them. The food can all go off to the Sisters of the Church together.
- ii. We are seeking another member for the foundation committee (committee job is to maintain the distinctively Christian character of the church school). Nominations are needed- NB. six meetings per year.

7e. Deanery Synod

15th October at West Huntspill- Bishop Peter is coming. SR to be commissioned as Rural Dean.

7f. SoSP

First Saturday coffee and cake- still going very well. Petty cash has now mounted to £250. Can we look to having the kitchen area refurbished? (Yes, please!)

The bat talk produced £36 each for Somerset Wildlife Trust and for the Church. SoSP can also make a contribution to the CSC. The PCC thanked SoSP.

Forthcoming events:

- Curry night and Harvest Supper- 17/10/14 (£12 a ticket)
- 70s night – 22/11/14
- 14/12/14 - Carols in the Pub (SoSP provides mince pies).

7g. Church Magazine

Copy date 11th as usual. Rob is keen for a joint December/January issue with Cheddar. Counter-suggestion- how about only December for the joint one, and separate magazines for January?

ACTION: SR will put it to the editor.

7h. Local Ministry Group, Cheddar Valley Churches

- Pulpit swap- Draycott not involved next time.

- The Wedmore group is now part of the LMG.
- A group is meeting to discuss 'Aspects of Ageing'.
- SR setting up a review of Lay Worship Assistants.

7i. Diary of church usage

We need an events diary for the church, so that we can check for clashes when arranging new events (or letting people borrow chairs for example).

ACTION: TO will put a diary in the vestry

8. Items of new business

(none)

9. Items for Information

(none)

10. Dates

PCC meetings: 27/11/14 - 8 pm, at Kundasan. (please note change from 26th).

11. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.