

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

Held on 15/01/2015 at 8:00 p.m. at Kundasan, Westfield Lane.

Addendum- Extraordinary meeting held on 25/01/15 at 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church

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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

3. Minutes from PCC of 26/11/2014

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record, after a correction and a clarification (NB. Tricia Heckbert had chaired the meeting, not Thea Oliver as stated).

4. Matters arising

28/05/14 8a (Car Park safety)- This had eventually gone to Somerset county council, and CG forwarded their response to the PCC on 11/12/14. The only measure that they could

endorse was our trimming of the hedge- already done. Part of their argument was that a speed restriction of 30 m.p.h. already applied. *ACTION*: CG to respond, querying why the speed limit was not 20 m.p.h. as it is near other schools, and whether other traffic calming measures such as speed bumps might be considered.

06/08/14 6b (Car park sign)- Nothing further. *ACTION*: carry over.

06/08/14 6d (Food bank)- CG had received notification that Sue Albone was stepping down, and the manager is now Matt Dumelow (mail: manager@cheddarvalley.foodbank.org.uk, or for everyday general enquiries info@cheddarvalley.foodbank.org.uk NB. The Food Bank Centre telephone number is 01934 742500, manned Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.) SR further told us that that the Food Bank currently had a food surplus. *ACTION*: no further action, we have other priorities at present.

26/11/14 6b (Second Sunday Service- publicity)- this had not been done partly due to time. NB. it would have most impact if we were advertising something specific that had a wider potential draw (such as Alan Rowntree's talk). *ACTION*: wait for a suitable opportunity.

(other actions taken up in current agenda)

5. Any other business

Additional items accepted- 6f, 7i, 7j, 7k.

6. Items for Decision

6a. Joint service for 1st February - arrangements

- i. Draycott & Rodney Stoke to bring puddings. SoSP will organise the setting out, napkins, cream etc. *ACTION*: TO will put a list in church. Please bring along puddings on the day.
- ii. Choir- there will be a joint choir. Wayne wants us all to attend at least one communal practice. He is holding practices at the usual Cheddar time of 6:00 p.m., but in addition a 7 p.m. practice on Friday 30th January. Also DC is holding a practice session at Lower Westfield house on 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. *ACTION*: As many as possible to attend practices- Cheddar if at all possible. Choir will be robed- RD & CG will bring Reader's robes.

6b. Interregnum

- i. The start of the vacancy will be 1st March, although SR will mostly be absent after 1st Feb.
- ii. Minutes of the Cheddar Benefice Ministry Team meeting of 7th Jan had been circulated to the PCC, along with the draft service duties rota up to the end of June. The following items needed highlighting and/or decisions:
 - a. Service cover for Draycott is currently dependent on John Hall for 4th Sundays, but he has not yet confirmed (he is away in India). *ACTION*: TO will ask when he is back.
 - b. Palm Sunday 29th March- next joint benefice service. Although strictly Draycott's turn, it was suggested that Rodney Stoke host - they have a donkey, which would be a good focus for the Palm procession (exact details still to be worked out). *ACTION*: The PCC agreed to swap the joint service with Rodney Stoke- ours would then be 31st May.
 - c. On Maundy Thursday (2nd April) the rota has Revd. Rupert Bursell- visiting Cheddar that week- celebrating Eucharist at Draycott at 8 p.m. He will do this earlier in the evening at Cheddar. Cheddar asked us if we would care to join them for their service-

and Passover meal- instead of doing our own. NB. This would also be kinder on Rupert!
ACTION: The PCC accepted their invitation with thanks (CG to communicate this).

- d. Margaret Gelder is to hold the joint events diary for the benefice and be responsible for updating it. Please could details church events be communicated to her. We can use the new e-mail account: CheddarDraycottAndRodneyStoke@gmail.com for this.
- e. The Ministry Team proposed that we retain the services of Samm Richards (née Percival) as benefice secretary. NB. a complication is that she is due on maternity leave from the start of February, but should return in a few weeks. *ACTION:* The PCC agreed to this suggestion, feeling it would provide valuable continuity.

6c. Lent Groups

Hilary Thomas is organising Lent Groups this year, which will follow the course in the 'Pilgrim' series on the Ten Commandments. She is drawing up lists of potential hosts and leaders, and will share booking lists with us when she has them. Would Draycott be willing to host and run the plenary session at the end (1st April, Wednesday of Holy Week)? *ACTION:* The PCC agreed. CG to communicate this to Hilary.

6d. APCM.

We agreed on the 12th April- the Sunday after Easter. The PCC would be happy to organise this without a clergy person in attendance.

We will need a PCC meeting before then, and decided to make this our main parish business at the joint PCC of 10th March, already arranged. NB. The joint meeting is to discuss Section 11 of the Children's Act 2004, but it has already been agreed that PCCs will also have a chance to meet briefly to cover individual business on the evening.

6e. Spring Cleaning.

We agreed on Saturday 28th Feb to meet in church to do various cleaning jobs around the church. CG gave apologies but promised he and Nikki would try to do something ahead of this.

6f. Barry Rose proposed concert.

Barry Rose had asked us to consider a St. Peter's Tide concert on the evening of 28th June (Sunday). We accepted with grateful thanks! TO suggested that SoSP would take responsibility for refreshments and other support work. NB. We would still have our usual morning service.

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship

(nothing further)

7b. Fabric

Any of us responsible for inventories should make sure to get them in order. If anything is missing, the Church Wardens need to know ahead of the APCM and visitation.

7c. Finance

- i. DC asked us all to note that our bank is only accepting cheques with a payee of 'Draycott PCC' or 'PCC Draycott' - not for example 'St. Peter's'- for payment into our bank accounts.

ACTION: Please could all make sure that any cheques we receive for the church have the correct payee. (DC has already told Judith and Hilary, and local funeral directors).

- ii. DC had circulated accounts. Our attention was drawn to the surplus of expenditure over income for 2014 of £2,106.71 (although we still have quite a healthy amount in our accounts). NB. There was no St. Peter's Tide festival last year, and we bought new hymn books. Also the situation is slightly worse as we have only paid the first two monthly instalments of our insurance. However, from next year we will have a lower parish share, so there is no immediate cause for concern.
- iii. Also noteworthy was that charitable giving was up quite considerably (including the Children's Society boxes- not in the present reckoning)- it now stands at £872.25.
- iv. We have about £10,000 in the general funds and £5,000 in the fabric fund.
- v. TO proposed acceptance of the accounts; SR seconded. All were in favour.
- vi. We thanked David for all his hard work, and a set of very clear accounts.

7d. School

- i. Mike Jory is trying to engage the school more in aspects of Church and Christianity.
- ii. There will be an In Service Training Day on the 13th March, the Friday before Mothering Sunday. There will be a service on Thursday 12th March instead of Friday, at 9:30 a.m.
- iii. Nikki has agreed to take assemblies in Church on alternate weeks in term time.
- iv. It would be nice to have something in the Magazine from the School.

7e. Deanery Synod

Next will be Wednesday Feb 4th at Draycott- 7 p.m. (unfortunately it coincides with a pantomime rehearsal!). TO and AJ will be there. DC will arrange for the heating to be on.

The following one will be on 15th May, with the NHS as subject.

NB. The Visitation will be on 20th May at St. Cuthbert's- it is a plenary session led by the bishop.

7f. SoSP

There will be a curry night on March 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Strawberry Special.

The March 7th coffee and cake Saturday will be prolonged to include a soup lunch, and there will be the usual call for soups and cakes nearer the time

There will be a quiz night in the Strawberry Special on March 25th.

7g. Church Magazine

Pastoral letters for April and May are covered (Thea Oliver, Mike Brownbill), but others will be needed. Could there also be a regular piece on progress of the vacancy by the churchwardens?

The magazine made a profit of £695 last year, and we had promised to share this with Rodney Stoke on a *pro rata* basis (depending sales in the two villages- amount still to be calculated).

7h. Local Ministry Group, Cheddar Valley Churches

- Beetle Drive on January 24th (numbers needed this Sunday!)
- Minutes circulation has to be restricted for technical reasons- this will come to the PCC secretary who will circulate to church wardens.

7i. Pond

Jasper Casey of the Reptiles and Amphibians Group (Somerset Nature) had a look at the pond by the school, and was interested in carrying out conservation work.

Mendip District Council were asked, but declared it was nothing to do with them. The Parish Council are being consulted (meeting tonight).

The aim is to improve the pond for conservation purposes, involving the school as appropriate.

7j. Kitchen area in church

Piers Rose has offered to help us refurbish our kitchen facilities. We gratefully accepted, but feel that nothing should be done until after the Rose family have completed their move and settled in!

7k. SR Licensing

Sue will be licensed on Tuesday 17th March at 4:30 p.m. in the Bishop's Chapel. She will be able to invite people, but is not sure of how many yet!

8. Items of new business

(none)

9. Items for Information

(none)

10. Meeting dates

Joint PCC: 10/03/15 – 7:30 pm, Church House, Cheddar

APCM: 12/04/15 – St. Peter's, Draycott: 6 p.m. evening prayer, APCM at 6:30.

11. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.

12. Addendum- Extraordinary meeting of the PCC

A meeting of the PCC was held on 25/01/15 at 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church after morning worship.

Present: Thea Oliver, David Cheetham, Tricia Heckbert, Janet Jeffries, Richard Dingley, Colette Jeff, Chris Green,

Motion: The meeting was called to allow the PCC to decide formally on whether to endorse Thea Oliver in her application to be appointed as a Lay Worship Assistant.

David Cheetham proposed that we would endorse this application, and Chris Green seconded it. All present agreed without hesitation, and the motion was passed unanimously.