

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

*Held on 14/05/2015 at 8:00 p.m. at Kundasan, Westfield Lane.*

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## **1. Opening prayers**

Richard opened the meeting with a prayer. Tricia Heckbert took the chair.

## **2. Attendance, apologies and welcome**

*Present (no apologies)*

David Cheetham	DC	Janet Jeffries	JJ
Richard Dingley Chris Green	RD	Colette Jeff	CJ
Tricia Heckbert	CG	Tricia Lumley	TL
Alison Jeffries	TH	Thea Oliver	TO
	AJ	Barry Rose	BR

## **3. Minutes from PCC of 15/01/2015**

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record after a minor correction to 7e.

## **4. Matters arising**

All actions were either completed, taken up in current agenda or else no longer relevant.

## **5. Any other business**

Additional items accepted- 6h, 6i, 9a.

## **6. Items for Decision**

### **6a. Confirmation/ appointment of officers for 2015/16**

- i. The Treasurer was DC, Secretary CG and lay chair TH (this had been agreed already at the PCC meeting held after the APCM on 12/04/15).
- ii. Other officers were appointed at the present meeting: Electoral Roll secretary RD, Covenant secretary TH, Protection officer TH.  
*ACTION:* (for RD)- please could the electoral roll list on display not have addresses? (raised at APCM)

### **6b. Vacancy**

- i. The advertisement appeared in the Church Times for one week only, as agreed.
- ii. The candidates will be arriving on 25<sup>th</sup> June for a tour of the villages and churches, and the interviews will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. We need to have someone who is not on the interview panel to show them around.  
*ACTION:* TO will see if she can get some time to do this.
- iii. The cathedral precentor, Nicholas Jepson-Biddle, will be on the interview panel as the representative of Chapter. He is conducting services at Draycott and Rodney Stoke next Sunday (Easter 7) and at Cheddar the Sunday after (Pentecost), to establish some contact.

### **6c. Patronal festival**

- i. Barry Rose Concert on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. NB. No tickets, donations on the door.
- ii. Service on 28<sup>th</sup> at regular Sunday Eucharist.
- iii. July 5<sup>th</sup>- Teddy Bear's Picnic 3-4:30.

### **6d. Church magazine and compliance with the Copyright Act.**

- i. The editor Rob Walker pointed out that to comply with the copyright act we should be sending a reference copy of our church magazine to the British Library, and possibly other libraries. There may be other obligations, such as obtaining an ISBN, which could be costly. It was not clear from the rules whether we might be able to simply send an electronic copy.
- ii. CG was asked to find out about our insurance cover for the magazine and copyright issues, as compliance with the Act makes our magazine more visible for scrutiny in this regard (in fact it is probably one of the purposes of the Act). We are covered under our current policy to up to £100,000 within any year for libel and slander, patent infringement, copyright infringement and registered design infringement.
- iii. The publisher is probably the joint PCCs of Draycott and Rodney Stoke, as costs and profits are split between us. Any action we take should therefore be undertaken jointly.

*ACTION:* CG to contact the British Library and find out what we should be doing to comply with the Act given our particular circumstances, and get an idea of what it will cost. We will then be able to share this information with Rodney Stoke and determine a joint course of action.

### **6e. Sign for car park.**

Cheddar signs had not got back to David- he asked if we should pursue this further.

*ACTION:* The PCC thought we still needed a sign which should be permanent and fixed to the school sign. DC to get back to Cheddar Signs.

*ACTION:* TO- we also need a notice board in the car park for occasional events such as weddings. DC- there was something we might be able to use in our shed. TO will look.

#### **6f. Church re-arrangement and choir.**

DC asked whether we were happy with the recent establishment of a choir and the rearrangement of church furniture to accommodate this in the nave. We were generally in favour although with the lectern in the middle some of us are looking at the reader's back. We also need to think creatively about the place of the choir and the anthem for Second Sunday Service. *ACTION:* to continue with the new arrangements, but try putting the lectern back in its previous position.

#### **6g. Harvest festival.**

This was now fixed for 4<sup>th</sup> October. We already have a 'Michaelmas Fayre' on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will decorate the church for this and have a ploughman's lunch in the church. For the harvest supper TO is investigating the ever popular curry night option with the Strawberry Special.

#### **6h. Draycott charities request for church representative.**

TH read us the main points of a letter received from Helen Dance, which suggested that we put forward a trustee to represent the interest of the church. We were willing in principle but would like to have an idea of the commitment. *ACTION:* TO will ask Tricia Corrick (who has previously been a representative) and also Helen Dance.

#### **6i. Organ fees.**

Under our current rules, if we do not provide the organist for a wedding we do not charge any fee for the use of the organ. It is however an established custom elsewhere to do so. Would we consider doing this at Draycott? This was agreed (proceeds to go the organ maintenance). In passing, BR pointed out that we were unique in Somerset in not paying our organists at all!

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

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

(NB. Ministry Team minutes and rota circulated separately)

- i. Linda Scott is on the Draycott and Rodney Stoke rota for 5<sup>th</sup> July. Judith knows her- she is ordained and the wife of the rector of Yatton (though without a parish of her own).
- ii. Joint benefice communion Aug 30<sup>th</sup> at Cheddar- this will be at the end of the holiday club week and Cheddar would like to make it as 'family friendly' as possible. This will influence the style of the service- e.g. we may not have combined choirs, or if we do the choir pieces will need to be better known. Cheddar PCC are going to discuss and will let us know.
- iii. The joint benefice communion of 29<sup>th</sup> November would normally be at Rodney Stoke according to the order, but since it is close to their patronal festival they had asked if they could host this one- Rodney Stoke agreed to this. We might have a new rector by then- and it will probably be made into a big celebration.

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

Rainwater goods are clogged with leaves (gutters and hoppers). This is serious as it is contributing to dampness in the south transept corner of the church. Corbel offered their services but we would rather use someone local. Although Richard Oliver has had a go and moved some of it we need a professional (with their own ladders- and insurance).

*ACTION:* TO has approached Paul Moulton who may do it- has been asked to price it.

### **7c. Finance**

General fund: £7,207 (current) + £4,256 (deposit)

Fabric fund: £5,996.

### **7d. School**

The breakfast club and after-school club have been doing very well. We were reminded that this was felt to be quite a risky venture at the time it set up under Cathy Lowe, but is now in profit (and incidentally attracting interest from Draycott families whose children have moved on to Fairlands school, which does not have such facilities).

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

The last one was on 15<sup>th</sup> April, the NHS as subject- but unfortunately none of us was able to go.

### **7f. SoSP**

- i. Skittles is starting soon- the first fixture for the Holy Rollers is 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- ii. There will be a books and bric-a-brac stall at the Strawberry Fayre
- iii. Barry's concert on 27<sup>th</sup> June- soft drinks, no food.
- iv. Teddy Bear's Picnic- 5<sup>th</sup> July, 3-4:30 pm in and around St Peter's.
- v. Breakfast before coffee and cake on September 5<sup>th</sup>
- vi. 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Michaelmas Fayre at St Peter's, with ploughman's lunches and different stalls.
- vii. Cake stall as well as coffee and cakes on some 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays as a money making venture for church funds (July and October).
- viii. October curry night (date not yet fixed).
- ix. St Leonard's Fayre on 21<sup>st</sup> November- plan to have a stall.
- x. December coffee and cake- if school is holding their Christmas Fayre then, we will only have coffee and cake then soup lunch (not stalls).
- xi. Carols in the Cider Barn- being considered.
- xii. We are having a Food Hygiene course at TL's house next Sunday.

The PCC thanked the organisers of SoSP for their hard work and such a full programme.

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

Responsibility for the pastoral letter is being shared between the parishes- Rodney Stoke to contribute the June one. Draycott will do July- CG had volunteered. We generally do a combined issue for August and September (to fit with Kings of Wessex printers).

The editor is doing a splendid job although he has been much occupied recently with the arrival of a new granddaughter- in Newcastle! The meeting expressed their thanks to him.

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

We did not have anyone to report back to us on the LMG.

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

### **8a. Website**

- i. Steve Percival, Ken James and Chris Green met recently to discuss website issues in Rodney Stoke (both Rob Walker and Tim Bibby were intending to be there but were otherwise occupied).
- ii. Our current web hosting was set up by Tim Bibby- it expires mid-July. There are several alternatives to consider.
- iii. CG has updated the Rodney Stoke part of the site at Steve's request, to ensure accuracy ahead of the advertisement for the post of rector for the benefice.
- iv. CG had also been through the Draycott part of the site and done some house-keeping on our own account (mainly mending broken links).
- v. CG was also contacting Jay ('Techie Bloke') who had offered to help with a website redesign. NB. Their company also offers a web hosting service that we should consider.

*ACTION:* CG will come back to the PCC with costed proposals for hosting, web design and anything else for which payment might be required. NB. We would expect to share costs equitably with Rodney Stoke.

## **9. Items for Information**

### **9a. Baptisms**

- Hamish Watt- June 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30.
- Sofia Schroeder- July 19<sup>th</sup> (time not yet known).

## **10. Meeting dates**

We agreed to meet at 19:45 so we don't finish quite so late.

- 9<sup>th</sup> July (Thursday) 19:45
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September (Wednesday) 19:45
- 14<sup>th</sup> October (Wednesday) 19:45
- 25<sup>th</sup> November (Wednesday) 19:45

## **11. Closing Prayer**

The meeting closed with the Grace.