

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

Held on 09/07/2015 at 7:45 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

David Cheetham	DC
Richard Dingley	RD
Chris Green	CG
Tricia Heckbert	TH
Alison Jeffries	AJ
Colette Jeff	CJ
Thea Oliver	TO

Apologies

Janet Jeffries	JJ
Tricia Lumley	TL
Barry Rose	BR

3. Minutes from PCC of 14/05/2015

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

14/05/15 6d (Magazine copyright compliance). CG had not yet contacted the British Library-carry over.

14/05/15 6h (Draycott Charities). TO had contacted Helen Dance but had not heard back. Carry over.

14/05/15 7b (Rainwater goods). Ron Moulton's death had put this on pause for the moment-carry over.

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

5. Any other business

No additional items.

6. Items for Decision

6a. Vacancy- timetable, further actions

(NB. we returned to this as our main item after discussing other business)

- i. The parish representatives had received a timetable from the Diocese. There was a meeting of the six parish representatives on Friday 17th July to discuss this, and Alison and David wanted to get the views of the PCC.
- ii. The timetable envisaged re-advertising on the 18th September. There was discussion in the PCC debating whether this gave sufficient time. We were also not sure whether the timing would be better then, or later, from the point of view of attracting more applicants.
- iii. We agreed that the result of the previous round suggested that we had not communicated our requirements sufficiently clearly, and that the parish profile and (especially) the advertisement would need revision. We discussed some alternative wording of the advertisement, based on a revised draft from DC.
- iv. We agreed to consult Chris Butler on her opinion as to timing (*ACTION: TO*)
- v. We raised the question posed by BR, who had recommended that we advertise for two weeks in the Church Times not one, and that extra costs should be recovered from the Diocese. We agreed to ask other clergy persons for advice as to whether the first part of this proposal would be cost effective, given the trend towards searching for jobs on the Internet *ACTION: DC/AJ to ask someone at the earliest opportunity- for example the Precentor.*
- vi. We agreed that a PCC resolution would be drafted off-line along the lines discussed, then circulated to PCC members for approval. *ACTION: CG*
- vii. Resolution (circulated then inserted after the meeting): "Draycott PCC noted both that our first attempt at recruitment to this post attracted a single applicant, who moreover proved unsuitable by mutual agreement. This strongly suggests a failure in communication, not just a lack of candidates. We therefore recommend that the selection committee revisit the parish profile and the advertisement. In particular, the advertisement should be reworded to communicate our priorities in inclusive and thoughtful worship, and our ethos of welcome to the whole community. Also the element of spirituality (in the parishes, and in the candidate) was not sufficiently represented in the profile. We should try to keep to the timetable suggested by the diocese, but our overriding priority should be to complete the above revisions satisfactorily."

6b. Website hosting

- i. The current hosting agreement for our website expires on 16th July. We therefore need to agree now on how this is to be continued.
- ii. The following proposals were presented by CG (in descending order of cost):
 - a. Church Edit, at £175 per annum for their 'basic model'. This would come with templates that would be useful for a church website.
 - b. JustHost (our current provider), at £83.88 per annum for one year (dropping to £77.88 per annum for 3 years). This has been very reliable.

- c. 1AND1 (recommended by Ken James, who uses it to host the FoSL site), at £43 for the first year and £72 for subsequent years.
 - d. "TechieBloke" – the company owned by James Michaelson- 'Jay'- who is advising us on website redesign, and who is willing to do the hosting for free.
- iii. Each have pros and cons, and in particular Jay's offer is generous and tempting. However he has been busy recently with his house move, and has still not established a broadband connection in his new home. We do not have any guarantee that this will be complete before the expiry of the current web hosting. CG recommended 1AND1 as the cheapest of the commercial options for the moment. This is not a long-term commitment, and is especially good value for the first year- we can review it after this. This was agreed by the meeting. *ACTION*: CG to subscribe to the new host and transfer the website.

6c. Harvest festival

- i. We agreed to ask John Hall to take this service. *ACTION*: TO would ask him
- ii. The harvest supper would be a curry night, but the date was not yet fixed.

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship

(NB. Ministry Team minutes from 01/07/15 and latest rota circulated separately)

- i. CG highlighted the significant events in the calendar, such as joint benefice services. NB. A new rota would be needed for October to December, and we should be ready to make our 'bids' for services by the time this came around (ahead of the next ministry team meeting on 12th August).
- ii. Christmas services proposed:
 - 13th Dec: carols in the Strawberry Special
 - 20th Dec: (Sunday 9:30 am): ordinary holy communion service
 - 24th Dec: (Christmas eve 11:30 pm): midnight Eucharist service
 - 25th Dec: (Christmas morning 10 am): family service
 - 27th Dec: (Sunday after Christmas, 4 or 5 pm): carol service.
- iii. Notes- to carry out this programme we would need a clergy person on the 20th and 25th (evening), but not on the 27th. It would be nice to have Alistair Glanville to host the latter. Also we might have a further carol singing session at the 'Cider Barn' in Draycott .
ACTIONS: CG will put the service requests to Judith, TO will investigate the Cider Barn.

7b. Fabric

Nothing to report.

7c. Finance

General fund: £6,696

Fabric fund: £7,010.

NB. We are still expecting to get a tax refund- this is in hand.

7d. School

The wildlife group who is to improve the pond is keen to get school involvement, but so far Mike Jury has not responded.

7e. Deanery Synod

TO was unable to attend the last one so no information was available.

7f. SoSP

The programme was unchanged from that announced in the last PCC, with the addition of a proposed 'car treasure hunt' on the 5th September. This would start in the church car park, and end with a barbecue in a 'secret location' (to be revealed by following the clues... or opening the sealed brown envelope that would be issued to participants!). Each participant would pay £2 to 'register interest'.

7g. Church Magazine

- i. The vacancy news had been covered by reproducing the archdeacon's announcement as read out in church, with no embellishments- this was deemed the safest course.
- ii. We needed to give forward notice of our harvest festival in the double issue for August and September, as our harvest festival is 4th October. *ACTION*: CG to prepare a brief article. NB. We should announce that food will be given to the Sisters of the Church. The curry night should get a mention, although no date yet.
- iii. The 'pastoral letter' is being covered by Hilary Thomas this month, and will be the responsibility of Rodney Stoke in October.
- iv. DC was still expecting some revenue from advertisers. TH thought that most had come in, although one was outstanding (to be resolved between TH and DC).
- v. Rob Walker was going to be away soon and needed an 'assistant editor'- Murray Heckbert's name had been suggested. *ACTION*: TH to confirm with him. NB. CG would be happy to assist with miscellaneous tasks such as preparing précis of articles.

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

9. Items for Information

10. Meeting dates

- 2nd September (Wednesday) 19:45
- 14th October (Wednesday) 19:45
- 25th November (Wednesday) 19:45

11. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.