

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

*Held on 25/11/2015 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  
Richard Dingley  
Chris Green  
Tricia Heckbert  
Colette Jeff  
Janet Jeffries  
Thea Oliver

### *Apologies*

DC Alison Jeffries AJ  
RD Tricia Lumley TL  
CG Barry Rose BR  
TH  
CJ  
JJ  
TO

## **3. Minutes from PCC of 14/10/2015**

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record with 1 correction (TO not TH in chair).

## **4. Matters arising**

14/05/15 6d (Magazine copyright compliance). Rob Walker has already been sending a copy of the magazine to the British Library and has declared the PCCs of Draycott and Rodney Stoke to be the publishers. Stoke were contacted but have not responded (closed)

14/05/15 6h (Draycott Charities). TO has still not heard (carry over).

14/10/15 7a. i. (Hilary Thomas service request). Done- Hilary thanked us for our help (closed).

14/10/15 7a. ii. (Remembrance). This went off well despite some minor glitches (closed).

14/10/15 7a. iii. (Joint Christmas card). We have contributed £10 as requested and will deliver them when they arrive.

Other items are covered in the current agenda.

## **5. Any other business**

Item for decision- publicity (6d); follow up from development plan (9a.).

## **6. Items for Decision**

### **6a. Vacancy update**

CG described plans to show the candidates around on Thursday (he and CJ would do this for the Draycott end). TO reported that school were ready for their visits. NB. Whatever the outcome of the interviews, no announcement will be made for some days, perhaps weeks.

### **6b. Insurance- update, further actions**

- i. Work at height- EA is insistent that no-one should be involved in this unless another person is present. We must have a policy.  
*ACTION:* DC to draft a policy with the help of our health and safety officer.
- ii. Safeguarding- TH has been in touch with Diocesan safeguarding officer, Helen Humphries. Contact details need to be posted in church, but for security reasons TH had reservations about this. However the only requirement is a phone number, which TH thought acceptable.  
*ACTION:* TH has agreed to put these details up in church.
- iii. Smart water- CG had found the remains of the 'Smartwater' previously used, which could be applied to new items if required.

### **6c. Joint service 29/11/15- actions**

We would bring our contributions to the lunch (puddings) to Church House before the service- TO would supervise their setting out and serving. NB. TO would not be in the choir given her other duties. CG would try to join the choir for the anthem.

### **6d. Publicity- Remembrance Service**

CJ was concerned that no publicity had been put around the village ahead of the Remembrance service. This was a consequence of split responsibility between church and the British Legion, which had come to the fore in the absence of Ronnie Moulton.  
*ACTION:* next year the church must take the initiative in this.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

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

- i. The new rota (circulated) required further detail. Several items were confirmed with the PCC, such as our Mothering Sunday service (a 'normal' format of Sunday service) and our intention to hold a Good Friday Taizé style meditation, along the lines of the previous one.
- ii. The PCC discussed Maundy Thursday, and were reluctant to give this up as a Draycott event. We wanted a Eucharist if possible, even if we were not able to do the vigil.  
*ACTION:* CG to communicate this to Judith Rose.

### **7b. Fabric**

The P.A. system was discussed. The immediate problem of the hearing loop had been resolved (it was simply switched off)- but it remains an unsuitable system for us (noisy and of insufficient quality generally). BR's brother-in-law is a professional in this area and is advising us, and will possibly even be able to provide us with an amplifier free of charge. We would need to invest in additional microphones, wiring and sockets however.

*ACTION:* TO was asked to commission both BR's brother-in-law and James Michaelson to specify and cost a system for our further consideration.

### **7c. Finance**

General fund: £9,040 current + £4,527 deposit

Fabric fund: £7,488.

There is also about £600 in the coffee fund which we would like to use for kitchen refurbishment- but this would need to be supplemented for the type of work we require. This was agreed in principle. *ACTION:* TO leading on the planning and would bring it back to the PCC.

### **7d. School**

The school nativity service is planned for the 9<sup>th</sup> December (evening). The school want to move stage blocks into the church the day before. Unfortunately a funeral is to be held the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> – so the stage blocks need to be moved to one side until the evening.

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

The last one took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Brent Knoll, and TO reported back. She met the new rector of Crook Peak (Judith Jeffery). There was a presentation on fostering all vocations. NB. There was an annual levy on all members of Synod, of £5 per member. So far this had been paid from the representatives' pockets.

### **7f. SoSP**

On 5<sup>th</sup> December SoSP will not have stalls in church, as the school will have a Christmas Fayre. However coffee and cakes will go ahead, followed by a soup lunch in church. SoSP would like contributions of soups and cakes for this.

For the Cider Barn carols on the 18<sup>th</sup>, the time has been put back to 7 pm to help the working folk to get there. For this and for the Strawberry Special event on the 13<sup>th</sup>, TO had sourced some of this year's Bethlehem carol sheets and purchased a music copy.

TO also has Advent calendars for sale (containing Fair Trade chocolate).

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

There had been an excellent article about Clé Boyd in this month's edition.

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

(nothing new)

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

(none)

### **9. Items for Information**

- a. The church had hosted a presentation on the MDC development plan on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, that was very well attended. There is one site under consideration, behind Cross Farm Road/ Westbury Lane. Forty houses were proposed, a proportion of which would be 'affordable'. Our anxieties about the Glebe Field were unfounded.
- b. Mary and Don Banks had asked CG to pass on their heartfelt appreciation for the special efforts they had made for the 15<sup>th</sup> November (see minutes of 14/10/15, 6b). Don was writing us a note.
- c. Sisters of the Church. The last opportunity for contributions to go to Bristol would be the weekend of 4/5<sup>th</sup> December. NB. We were told that men's hats and gloves, and tins of ham, would be specially appreciated from us.

### **10. Meeting dates**

- a. PCC- Jan 13<sup>th</sup>
- b. PCC- Feb 24<sup>th</sup>
- c. APCM- April 3<sup>rd</sup>

(NB. these were all provisional, subject to the outcome of our appointment process- especially the last).

### **11. Closing Prayer**

The meeting closed with the Grace.