

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

Held on 14/01/2016 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
Barry Rose

DC
RD
CG
TH
CJ
JJ
TO
BR

Apologies

Alison Jeffries AJ
Tricia Lumley TL

3. Minutes from PCC of 25/11/2015

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

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

25/11/15 6b (Insurance) Richard Oliver is drafting a health and safety policy- safeguarding details to be included.

25/11/15 7b (PA System) The amplifier donated by Nicolas Ware has been installed, is hum-free and a big improvement. *ACTION*: CG to write a letter of thanks to Nicolas. We now need to look into radio microphones- DC will ask Jay Michaelson for a quote.

25/11/15 7c (Finance) The kitchen is under way- new shelves will be put in next month, and we have been given an electric water heater by Rob Millard, which needs fitting.

ACTION: DC to action with electrician.

Other items are covered in the current agenda.

5. Any other business

Item for decision- INF service (6d); Petertide (7i); rota information (9a)

6. Items for Decision

6a. Stuart Burns- any actions

Installation on 7th May- this was the first practical date for various reasons. Stuart will move to Cheddar on 16th April. He would prefer us to get on with our APCMs without him. However there is no bar on us meeting up with him informally before his installation possibly not in church as we don't want to seem to 'jump the gun'. RD invited us to his house. *ACTION:* Organise something before TO's holiday. Finalise at next PCC meeting.

6b. Lent groups

These are being organised by Marie Pearson. There are five groups in Cheddar, led by different people (one CG); there is one group in Draycott being led by TO. The final plenary session (all groups together) will be on Wednesday 23rd March at 7:30 pm.

ACTION: Anyone interested, please use the sign-up sheets in church.

6c. INF

The International Nepal Fellowship has a custom of giving a farewell celebration for retiring workers. They have requested the use of St. Peter's church. INF UK want to connect to Nepal live- NB. there is a 6h time difference, with Nepal being ahead. Jay Michaelson might act as our technical liaison to help set up the link. We need to know more about INF technical requirements (e.g. will they bring a laptop and projector?). We discussed possible dates but the decision goes back to INF (*ACTION:* RD).

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship,

- i. The Ministry Team meeting had been held on 13th Jan (the previous evening), and relevant points were reported by CG and TO. We had made our request for a celebrant for Maundy Thursday Eucharist at Draycott. We will hold a Taizé service on Good Friday.
- ii. There was an update on plans for the 31st January (joint benefice service at Rodney Stoke). This would be a Candlemas service, all-age- Hilary was leading.
- iii. Ash Wednesday- There will be an 11:30 a.m. service at Cheddar, then one at 7:30 pm at Rodney Stoke, both with imposition of ashes.
- iv. Easter services for the benefice will be published with the minutes to the Ministry Team meeting.

7b. Fabric

Nothing new (see 'Matters Arising').

7c. Finance

A draft summary of finances from last year was previously circulated by David- NB. Charities were incomplete and he requested further information.

Note that we have a surplus of £3,300 from last year. We have been helped by the lack of expenses from a parish priest. We will also have a smaller parish share this year than last year. If we pay the balance of our annual parish share now we have a 2% discount from the diocese (bearing in mind the negligible interest we will earn on savings).

After discussion it was proposed by Richard Dingley that we pay the parish share in full (seconded by Colette Jeff). All were in favour, so the motion was passed.

ACTION: DC to pay the balance of the parish share for 2016 (NB. we have already paid one month).

7d. School

The school Mothering Sunday service will be held at Rodney Stoke. NB. The school seems unaware of its standing invitation to participate in our services.

ACTION: we should write an open letter to Mike Jory- wording to be decided next PCC.

7e. Deanery Synod

(no details available).

7f. SoSP

- i. Curry night on 12th February at the Strawberry Special - ticket price as before, £12-50. NB. The split of ticket price will be slightly different from last time- we will keep £5 per ticket. We will sell up to 60.
- ii. Jumble sate on 23rd April at the Strawberry Special.
- iii. Michaelmas Fayre- will repeat in October, with soup lunch.
- iv. Walking treasure hunt- to be arranged
- v. Coffee and cake on the 1st Saturday is still going from strength to strength and will be continued. We have been able to put significant funds towards the new kitchen.

7g. Church Magazine

- i. Pastoral letter being contributed this month (i.e. for Feb) by Jim Reeve, with news of the appointment. For March, Rodney Stoke were going to prepare a piece (left with Steve Percival). For April, it would be Draycott's turn.
- ii. Rob had received an offer from the Church Times to subscribe to the Church Times cartoons, at a cost of £35 p.a. Rob was not inclined to take this up.
ACTION: CG to review on our behalf.

7h. Local Ministry Group, Cheddar Valley Churches

(nothing new)

7i. Petertide

BR suggested a series of musical events, on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (29 June, 1-2 July), with our patronal on Sunday 3rd July. We should try to get Stuart to do it as a joint benefice service. *ACTION*: to finalise at next PCC.

8. Items of new business

(none)

9. Items for Information

- a. We have additions to our rotas: Gill Dury and Alan Robinson to our readers, Heather Robinson to the cleaning rota, and Linda Whittle to sides-men/-women.

10. Meeting dates

- a. PCC- Feb 24th
- b. APCM- April 3rd

11. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.