

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

Held on 01/06/2016 at 11:50 a.m. at St Peter's Church, Draycott.

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1. Opening prayers

Stuart opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Attendance, apologies and welcome

Present

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

3. Minutes from PCC of 10/04/2016

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising, actions

Carried over from 14/01/16

7d (Letter to Mike Jory- scheduled for this PCC meeting). Not done- covered during this meeting (8d of agenda).

7g ii (Subscription to Church times cartoons). Not doing this – close.

from 10/04/16

6c (Thanking Judith and Hilary) Done for Judith but not yet Hilary- for next Sunday.

(All other actions had been completed)

5. Any other business

Added to agenda- gutters- 9a; publicity, 7d.

6. Opening remarks from the rector

Stuart said how pleased he was to be here, and what a warm welcome he had received. In particular he was encouraged by the degree of lay participation he had already seen, and it was very much his aim to encourage this.

7. Items for Decision

7a. Petertide arrangements

Barry confirmed that there was a concert on Wednesday 29th (St Peter's day) in the church, at 7:30 pm. There will be a retiring collection (announced at the concert) in aid of the Fabric Fund. *ACTIONS*: Thea will do posters, SoSP organise refreshments.

NB. The 'three + 1 organists' evening on Friday 8th July, also 7:30 in the church.

7b. New pedestrian crossing and funeral parking

With the new crossing, there was still space for the hearse to park by the gate at the end of the avenue, but other roadside parking had been greatly reduced.

7c. New service book

(This item taken at end of meeting). Why should we produce a new book when we are trying to work together as one benefice? The justification was that we have our own specific requirements (e.g. our choir anthem, musical setting of Gloria etc.)- but we should not create any unnecessary differences from the Cheddar/ Rodney Stoke version. Stuart suggested that there was a suitable Cheddar version, without the St. Thomas mass setting. *ACTION*: Stuart would find the alternative and drop it in to David. We could then ask Samm at the office to run us off a Draycott-specific version with our own special instructions.

7d. Publicity

- i. Margaret Gelder had asked Colette whether she could have an advance copy of our church magazine as it had information she had not seen from other sources. Stuart pointed out that this would still probably be too late for most purposes, and that the best and most timely way to inform each other of events across the benefice was through the benefice online diary. *ACTION*: We all need to make sure that we send Samm details of any events in our parish- this was needed for the pew notes too (by Wednesday night to be in time for the following Sunday). The e-mail address of the office is: CheddarDraycottAndRodneyStoke@gmail.com (Secretary's note- capitalisation not necessary but put in here for clarity).
- ii. We should let the local paper (Mid Somerset Newspapers) know about our Peterstide concerts. *ACTION*: David will do for the 29th June concert, Barry for the 8th July one.
- iii. Publicity for Teddy Bear's Picnic on 2nd July. *ACTION*: Thea will specifically invite the school children.

8. Items for discussion

8a. Worship

- i. Rota issues. David suggested that united benefice services should be on days chosen by the churches whose turn it was, rather than the 5th Sunday system. This would generally be the patronal festival. Stuart said this came together with a Cheddar PCC suggestion, that the 5th Sunday services should be a quite different format- an informal service in Cheddar, following a breakfast prepared by church members and served in the Village Hall (the new name for Church House). There would an effort to invite people who did not normally attend our regular services (though they might have involvement in church activities, such as Messy Church or Holiday Club). This meeting was very positive about both ideas. *ACTION*: Stewart would take our response back to Cheddar and the Ministry Team. Watch this space!
- ii. Another point from David- could we revive the keeping of Saints Days when they fall on a Sunday? *ACTION*: For the agenda of the next ministry team.
- iii. Baptisms. A discussion was held on baptisms, including the pros and cons of making them part of a regular church service (although the choice is ultimately made by the parents). The baptism rota was being revised by Stuart, with a single Sunday in the month being designated for baptisms (NB. this is similar to the way other churches in the deanery handle baptisms). The details were still being worked out. *ACTION*: Stuart would inform us when this had settled down.
- iv. Discussion group. One of the items raised at the Ministry Team meeting for later discussion was to start a study session outside our usual season for this which is Lent. *ACTION*: Will be raised again at the next Ministry Team meeting.

8b. Fabric

- i. The bell mechanism has been renewed by Dawsons using steel cables- cost £517.20.
- ii. Safes- we should use the top safe for documents rather than the bottom one as at present, as the top one is fireproof.
- iii. (removed from website version)
- iv. (removed from website version).

8c. Finance

- i. We have £8,210 in the fabric fund and £9,382 in the general fund.
- ii. Barry pointed out that we have no organ fund. The PCC agreed on a 'sinking fund' with the first contribution coming from the concert on the 29th June. David did not want this to be a separate account- it would be part of the fabric fund.
- iii. We had still not been billed for expenses from Cheddar, and David feared that the arrears would be rather a shock to our finances. *ACTION*: Stuart will ask for this to be rectified.
- iv. Weddings and Funerals- Stuart asked if we have a common benefice fund? Each church has a separate fund. Cheques for our own fund should be payable to Draycott PCC.

8d. School

- i. Stuart had visited school, both with Mike Brownbill and on his own. Stuart would alternate with Nikki for the Wednesday assembly. We are awaiting a rota from Mike Jory. Stuart should probably sit on the school governing body.

- ii. We discussed difficulties in getting school involvement in Mothering Sunday. 'Mothering Friday' has been successful, although this year they had gone to Rodney Stoke instead. NB. School comes into St Peter's regularly already (assemblies) and usually do their own harvest festival from and Christmas. *ACTION*: Share Mothering Sunday (or Friday) with Rodney Stoke- St Peter's next year. Stuart to help arrange. Draycott to send invitations.
- iii. Other forms of involvement: Magazine- could the school take on a regular piece in the magazine? We could make a contribution of our time to school- e.g. hearing reading. *ACTION*: Stuart to investigate these avenues with school and feed back.

8e. Deanery Synod

Thea and Tricia L reported back on the last synod, which had been on baptism.

8f. Supporters of St Peters (SoSP)

- i. Tricia Lumley was getting surplus flower pots donated from the garden centre where she works that she was selling for St Peter's funds.
- ii. The Strawberry Special pub had just handed over a £50 cheque and some money from the collection they do on our behalf.
- iii. The skittles team is rolling again this week.
- iv. Peterstide. For the first Sunday of July, SoSP to run a cake stall, and a teddy bear's picnic. They would also organise a walking treasure hunt, and do concert refreshments.

8f. Magazine

Nothing specific- articles by end of Saturday 11th.

8e. Local Ministry Group

- i. The LMG were running a training event for Messy Church on 14th June.
- ii. In the autumn they will be running an event on using liturgy effectively- TBA.

9. Items for Information

- a. Gutters. Quote from Dawson Steeplejacks to clear guttering and inspect stonework yearly. Cost around £300 + VAT p.a. All agreed this was a very good idea and well worth it.

10. Dates

- a. PCC meetings: 6th July, 24th August, 12th October, 23rd November (7:45 at Kundasan).
- b. Christmas dates- NB. Christmas day is on a Sunday this year. Proposed to have our carol service on 1st December at 4 pm. This is the same day as Cheddar's but theirs is later at 6:30, so the two do not clash. We would also be doing carol singing the week before, at the pub at 6:30, and earlier at The Laurels at 4. We intended to do one at the Cider Barn- TBA

The meeting closed with the Grace, which we said together.