

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

Held on 11/01/2017 at 7:45 p.m. at 9 Barnett's Well, Draycott.

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1. Opening prayers

Stuart opened the meeting with a bible reading and a prayer.

2. Attendance, apologies and welcome

Present

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

3. Management of PCC agenda

Stuart addressed the meeting with some suggestions on how we might set the agenda for our PCC meetings. This involved a simplification of the structure, and also a stipulation that it be fixed as far as possible several days before the meeting to allow all concerned to be properly prepared. This was set out in a document shared with us and discussed.

ACTION: We were supportive of Stuart's initiative and would certainly consider his suggestions. CG and TH to consult and bring a proposal back to the next PCC.

4. Minutes from PCC of 23/11/2016

The second version of the PCC minutes (dated 02/01/17) were agreed after some corrections, viz. 6d (i)- "up to £7,000" amended to "approximately £7,000"; 7f (ii) "There will be another on

the first Saturday..." amended to (full stop new para) "On the first Saturday...". NB. This version had already corrected 6f (v) after comments from BR.

5. Matters arising, actions

6b (iii) (Amendment to duty rota) done.

6d (i) (Organ rejuvenation) Arrangements had been initiated, but a quotation was not yet available.

6e (i) (Christmas card) Done.

6f (v) (Organist fee) This had since been discussed by Cheddar PCC, and Stuart reported back. The Cheddar organist receives a stipend and is entitled to be paid in full when the organ is used for weddings, under RSCM rules- so this remains at £150, whether or not the organist actually plays. Our case is different, as our organist does not receive a stipend. It was proposed that we reduce this to £100 and leave it to Stuart's discretion whether it should be reduced still further (or waived) depending on the circumstances of individual cases. This would only apply to cases where our organist did not play. Stuart proposed that we accept this policy; Tricia Heckbert seconded. All were in favour, so it was agreed.

(All other actions had been completed or were on the current agenda)

6. Amendments to the agenda

(Additional item for 10 b from Thea)

7. Items for Decision

7a. Draft accounts for 2015

David had previously circulated the draft accounts. We did not need to formally agree them at this meeting but David clarified some points for us. Note that this year there is a slight surplus of income over expenditure – but the amount of about £3,000 is within the usual year-to-year fluctuations and should not be regarded as significant.

Stuart congratulated us for making such a large contribution to charity in proportion to our income (£2,838.88 from a total income of £22,483.91, about 12.6%).

The meeting thanked David. He would now send the accounts to be audited.

7b. Lent and Easter

Stuart said that where possible we would have equivalent services to those we had last Easter. We would be most grateful for this- further particulars will be discussed at the Ministry Team next Wednesday 18th Jan.

7c. Plans for another concert from Barry

The 'after Christmas' slot seems to work very well- this year the date of 29th December is suggested. We agreed, and thanked Barry very much. His last Christmas concert had been very successful and we look forward to the next!

7d. Samaritans appeal

Chris had received a fund raising appeal from the local Samaritans addressed to our PCC. The branch is based in Weston but draws volunteers from our area, including Axbridge,

Chew Magna and Locking. Their organisation is entirely funded by donations. After a short discussion, the PCC agreed to send them a donation of £100 from church funds.

ACTION: David to pass on a cheque for Chris to send with a covering letter.

8. Items for discussion

8a. Worship

(Covered)

8b. Fabric

- i. Contrary to expectations, results from the quinquennial survey have not yet arrived.
- ii. We are going ahead with some roof repairs, and have commissioned the steeplejacks (Dawsons) who identified several places that needed attention.

8c. Finance

(Covered- see accounts)

8d. School

- i. Stuart has not been able to make much progress with the matters he wished to discuss with the head teacher Mike Jory (see previous minutes). It has been difficult to make contact with him as he does not attend the services and Stuart rarely sees him. This is no doubt because he is extremely busy as head teacher at two schools, but it is regrettable.
- ii. Stuart told us that he had the opportunity to take up a post as school governor as Sue had done before. However due to the number of competing commitments (including as governor at Kings of Wessex) he would prefer someone from Draycott or Rodney Stoke to take on this role, representing the Rector in the role of a Foundation Governor. Please could we give the matter some thought.

8e. Deanery Synod

(there had been no meeting since the last PCC).

8f. Supporters of St Peters (SoSP)

- i. A better screen was needed to shield the kitchen area from the rest of the church (including the stage) to be used when SoSP was providing refreshments after an event (such as a concert or carol service). A substantial one with wheels has been identified but is rather expensive. We will continue to look.
- ii. The date for the next curry night is 3rd March. There will be a Welsh theme, and tickets will be priced at £12.50 as last time. SoSP will need puddings, and also helpers
- iii. The next jumble sale will be held on 22nd April at the Strawberry Special- but please don't bring things to be sold until the day, as there is no storage!
- iv. The Teddy Bear Raffle made £50.
- v. There will be a Lent quiz.

8g. Magazine

(no business raised)

8h. Local Ministry Group

- i. The discussion group in was re-starting next week, on Tuesday 17th at 8 pm in Dyllis' home in Tweentown, as before. All welcome. We will be discussing the chapter on 'Ecology' in our book by Samuel Wells.
- ii. The benefice is participating in a Deanery initiative to recruit and train Lay Pastoral Assistants. Training sessions will take place on Tuesdays in February and March (evenings) at both ends of the Deanery, and Cheddar had agreed to host one set. Stuart commended this ministry to us all and said he would like to include folk from Draycott. Can we identify anyone who has the talents required? NB. The PCC will need to agree any appointments.

9. Items of New Business

(Raised by Thea). It would be good to have another Parish Away Day- this was raised informally last Sunday in church and support was expressed. We have had previous away days at St Hugh's Charterhouse, St Christopher Lymphsham, and Bagley Baptist church. Stuart thought this was a good idea.

ACTION: to put on the agenda for the next PCC

10. Items for Information

- a. (Raised by Chris). The website now has a link to the Benefice events diary. This can be found on the Rodney Stoke and Draycott home page – click on the link [Benefice Calendar \(combined\)](#) (NB. the link should also work from the present document if you are viewing it on a computer with access to the Internet). The calendar should open in a new window in which you can choose different views (week, month, 'agenda' format), and scroll through by week or month. Please have a look and get back to me. It is useful to Stuart and myself to know that everyone who requires it has permissions to view it. I may then make the link more prominent.
- b. (raised by Thea). Thea wishes to give us notice that she will be stepping down as Church Warden after the next APCM, in April.

11. Dates

- 22nd February (Richard away- we are invited to 9 Barnet's Well). 7:45 pm.
- (16th April- Easter)
- 23rd April APCM. To start at 6:30 pm, preceded by evening prayer at 6 pm.

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