

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

Held on 02/05/2018 at 7:45 p.m. at 9 Barnett's Well, Draycott.

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1. Opening prayers

Stuart opened the meeting by reading part of psalm 100, followed with a prayer.

2. Attendance and apologies

Present

Stuart Burns	SB	Pat Mulla	PM
David Cheetham	DC		
Gill Dury	GD	<i>Apologies</i>	
John English	JE	Richard Dingley	RD
Chris Green	CG	Alison Jeffries	AJ
Colette Jeff	CJ	Tricia Lumley	TL
Tricia Heckbert	TH	Thea Oliver	TO

3. Any amendments/ signing of minutes from 13/02/18

One amendment was made and the minutes were signed.

4. Additions or amendments to the agenda

David submitted an extra item (6f).

5. Brought forward and arising matters from the minutes

(Minutes from 20/07/17)

#7 Notice board- TH showed us some pictures of different designs and we gave our preference (Gable top, light oak). TH will get it as soon as possible- it will take 4-6 weeks to deliver. The PCC thanked her warmly for this piece of parting generosity.

(Minutes from 14/11/17)

#6a Magazine special issue. Things had moved on and the Rodney Stoke PCC had made a decision with no further meeting- they had gone for the 'option 1', a standard issue of the magazine to be issued to all houses with an additional note. Although this had not been our first choice we decided that it would still be a good thing to do, on balance.

ACTION: 1. Chris to relay our decision to Sue Walker. 2. When we have further details (for which month we will do the extra copies) the church wardens will compose a message to be printed on a flyer or a centre page. Stuart would like to contribute to the message.

(Minutes from 16/01/18)

#6a Outreach event: 'Celebrate: world food and music'. This will be held on the 20th October in Draycott Memorial Hall, starting at 6 pm, and will include a supper and musical entertainment. The supper will be put on by 'Movable Feast', a refugee group that does catering on a regular basis. It will be vegetarian with soft drinks (although we can organise a bar separately). Tim Shaban is organising the local musical contribution, Danny Vincent the visiting one. Danny wants to put on workshops/ awareness sessions in Kings of Wessex School. Stuart has written to the head of music, although he has not yet heard back. We expect about 30 non-paying guests, and about 150 paying ones. The fixed costs are £720 for the visiting team (including food, transport etc.). With hall hire and other costs, the budget is approximately £1,500. Tickets will be priced at around £15 each, so if we sell them all we will make a profit- however, some of the costs will have to be met up front. The churches involved are asked if they are willing to advance the necessary cash (although the exact amount has not yet been specified). Chris proposed we accept this in principle, pending details; Tricia Heckbert seconded; all were in favour.

ACTION: the treasurer is authorised to pay the advance from church funds when requested.

(Minutes from 13/03/18)

#6f Church secretary- increase in pay and hours. Samm's hours have been increased to 8 per week. She now works on Wednesdays between 1 and 4pm and on Thursdays between 10 and 3. She is very grateful (though she is still inclined to work outside these hours).

6. New matters

6a. Confirmation of church officers

Following the APCM the PCC appointed the lay chair (Tricia Heckbert, until she leaves), treasurer (David Cheetham), electoral roll officer (Richard Dingley) and secretary (Chris Green). Alison Jeffries has agreed to be the Safeguarding Officer, Richard Oliver the Health and Safety Officer, Chris Green the data protection officer. Currently we do not have a covenant secretary although Sue Walker has agreed to claim tax rebates for both parishes.

6b. Health and Safety report

Following Richard Oliver's report to the APCM, Stuart had proposed that we discuss and take actions on the points raised. Issues were as follows:

Issue 2: footpath- trip hazard. Recommendations- 'fill in or clearly mark'. We opted for the latter as it is more practical. *ACTION:* Trisha Heckbert will organise.

Issue 3: repair surround to drain cover in churchyard. *ACTION:* Chris Green will get Rob Millard to cost this for us.

'Cutting across' churchyard- we will look out for some small slabs to put in place to act as stepping stones and make a path- NB. We must bear in mind some users will be children.

Issue 4: We will monitor as recommended.

Issue 5: this has now been resolved.

Up and coming issues- Tree trimming. Thea Oliver to alert Mendip District Council of the requirement to trim the fir tree by the car park gate.

Organ repair- the church is being kept locked and areas in use by the restorers are cordoned off, as recommended.

6c. Further issues from APCM

No further issues were raised.

6d. Remembrance Day arrangements

Colette was concerned that the British Legion organisers did not really have this in hand, and we need to do more ourselves to make sure all goes smoothly. NB. The contact is now Harry North (Cheddar), but we don't have a good contact address (later supplied by Stuart). We need to book the Memorial Hall. The church provides silver, collecting bags and plate, a tablecloth and orders of service. Colette is happy to put up posters and Ian Ames-White to play, but we need an overall organiser. John English kindly agree do to take this on.

6e. Centenary Event- 28th October

The Deanery Choral Eucharist this year will be at St Peter's Draycott on 28th October, in the evening at 6 pm. It will also be a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. There will be no other service at Draycott on that day. *ACTION*: Stuart and David to discuss the format of the service.

6f. Colour of organ frame and casing

Now that the pipes have been removed we need to paint the frame and casing of the organ in some matching or complementary colour (NB. the restorers will be painting the organ pipes in blue, with gilding). We inspected swatches and made our opinions know. John English agreed to work on this- but who will do the cleaning and other preparation?

ACTION: David will get the paint. All concerned to meet in church on Sunday to discuss.

7. Continuous matters

7a. Worship (including feedback from Ministry Team)

- i. Ministry Team feedback. Last meeting: 25th April. Chris started it with a personal reflection on a bible passage. We considered different books for the next study group. We were planning a sermon series probably based on David Watson's book 'I believe in the church'. The rota for July to September is being drawn up. Thea reported on her selection conference, and Hilary on the SALT (Saturday Lunch Time) group, which is growing.
- ii. Worship. The Elevenses service has had three sessions so far- it will continue until at least July when it will be reviewed. It is a lively and engaging service, which sadly very few children attend. NB. We must not finish the cake before the new folk arrive... perhaps we should say 'refreshments from 10:40'? (But make sure some is left anyway!)

7b. Synod and LMG

No deanery synod since last PCC- next one on June 6th at St Peter's.

7c. Finance

- i. Current balances (supplied later): General fund £15,710, Fabric Fund £13,090.
- ii. Parish Share being paid monthly this year- about £900 a month. We are up to date.
- iii. Organ will be paid for in instalments. So far it has been paid for from the general fund.
- iv. For next PCC- we should discuss how we prioritise different projects that need funds, and what say those responsible for fundraising (such as SoSP) should have (NB. the APCM revealed some sensitivities about this).

7d. Fabric

When the restorers are not working in the church it will remain locked.

7e. School

End of term leaver's service will be on July 20th at 9:30. All welcome. NB. There is a wedding in the church the next day, so the church will need to be cleared.

7f. Supporters of St Peter's

As previously publicised. NB. The next is 'My life as a Pharmacist' at 7 pm on Friday May 11th at St Peter's.

8. Dates

PCC meetings: 13th June, 15th August and 10th October. Can we meet at Richard's house?

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