

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

*Held on 13/06/2018 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 91, followed with a prayer.

## **2. Attendance and apologies**

### *Present*

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

## **3. Any amendments/ signing of minutes from 02/05/18**

Two amendments were made and the minutes were signed.

## **4. Additions or amendments to the agenda**

Extra item- the book of remembrance is not always up to date. Nikki is doing a lovely job of writing in it but possibly does not always hear about funerals. *ACTIONS:* (all) make sure Nikki is informed about all funerals; (CJ) feed back to Maureen Richardson who raised this.

## **5. Brought forward and arising matters from the minutes**

(Minutes from 20/07/17)

#7 Notice board- TH: has been chosen and paid for. The PCC thanked her once more.

(Minutes from 14/11/17)

#6a Magazine special issue. RS PCC has discussed, but not yet decided on which issue to do as extra. Anne Percival will contact us.

(Minutes from 16/01/18)

#6a 'Celebrate' event, 20<sup>th</sup> October. Developments after the recent meeting:

- The musical programme will include performances on an oud and a Syrian saz (from the visitors) and contributions from Dragonfly (local).
- Details to be announced in the next magazine. Rob to introduce at the Breakfast Service in Cheddar. Flyers will be available for the next Coffee and Cake in Draycott.
- It is hoped that advance ticket sales might provide sufficient cash flow for up-front costs (although the fall-back is to get loans from the PCCs).

(Minutes from 05/05/18)

#6b Health and Safety.

- TH has paint to mark up the trip hazard (footpath in graveyard). Will ask Richard Oliver for advice.
- Drain cover- we are waiting for the response of MDC.
- Repair/ replacement of kneeler stone- carry over

## **6. New matters**

### **6a. Feedback on concert in bishop's palace; future events**

The concert on 3<sup>rd</sup> June was very successful and enjoyable- a number of people visited.

For the future, David would like to plan some musical events to celebrate the refurbishment of the organ. One of these will probably be a repeat of the programme from the 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### **6b. Fundraising**

A clarification- there are two kinds of fundraising that happen on behalf of St Peter's; one is a specific event when the cause supported is named (such as Christian Aid week); the other is more general fundraising ('for church funds', 'for the fabric fund'). The first case is simple as the recipient is already decided. In the second, the PCC decides of how the money is spent. So for example the Saturday morning (coffee and cake) money might be earmarked in a general way for kitchen refurbishment, when there is enough, this will go to the PCC for a final decision. NB. Generally we were happy with how things are decided at present.

The organ repair is largely paid for already. David has worked out that it will cost about £200 p.a. for the years of use we have already had from it- which does not seem expensive.

### **6c. Procedure to follow before using the church for purposes other than regular worship**

SB wanted it understood that since he and the churchwardens would be held responsible for what goes on in the church, they must always be approached first before arranging any events there. SB suggested that JE and/ or DC circulates all responsible (including himself) when such a request comes up. NB. SB was not implying that recent events had caused him any concerns. On the contrary the use of the church for events such as the recent meeting of the Mother's Union, or for Tricia's forthcoming farewell lunch, were entirely suitable.

## **6d. Next Lay Chair of the PCC**

CG proposed Thea Oliver as Lay Chair starting from the next PCC, when Tricia will have left. DC seconded; all were in favour. Thea accepted with the caveat that her ordination training would mean she might sometimes not be available.

## **7. Continuous matters**

### **7a. Worship (including feedback from Ministry Team)**

- i. Sermon series feedback. David Watson 'We believe in the church' was successful in a previous church. Suggested that we should read an extract from the chapter for the week as the first reading in church, and a Gospel that will be on the theme. *ACTION*: to discuss further in the next Ministry Team meeting.
- ii. Worship- eevenses service review. Although it has not attracted new families, there are additions every week from older folk. Thea will not be able to continue it single-handed alongside training. Alison said she might be able to do some. Stuart suggested that we break for the summer, and possibly relaunch in the Autumn- NB. This won't be until November, given other events. SB thanked Thea for her work and commitment. *ACTION*: TO and AJ to talk about the possibilities.
- iii. Alison suggested that having the notices at the start of the service doesn't work. There was general agreement to move it back to the end of the service.

### **7b. Synod and LMG**

The last Synod was Wed. 6<sup>th</sup>, when Thea led the worship. The Dean John Davies talked about the work of the cathedral. SB has been voted to the diocesan synod. NB. There are spaces for lay people if anyone wanted to put themselves forward.

### **7c. Finance**

- i. Current balances: General fund £16,131, Fabric Fund £8,862.
- ii. Organ work mostly paid- we are not sure how much exactly is still needed (depends on further work in hand). It will be ready for the wedding on the 21<sup>st</sup> July- David will play.

### **7d. Fabric**

The annual 'spring cleaning' jobs will wait until organ is finished.

### **7e. School**

Mike Brownbill to take assemblies when SB and Nikki are not able- possibly once a term.

### **7f. Supporters of St Peter's**

New event- a "Homecoming" theme for the 4<sup>th</sup> August. Porches/ entrances to be decorated (commemorating return of soldiers at the end of the WWI). People would walk round the village viewing them, and finish with a barbecue. A life-sized model of a WWI soldier will feature- cost covered by SoSP donation.

Holy Roller news- we are currently top of the league- played 4, won 4. This is unprecedented - we must enjoy it whilst it lasts!

## **8. Dates**

PCC meetings: 15<sup>th</sup> August and 10<sup>th</sup> October.

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