

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

Held on 10/10/2018 at 7:45 p.m. at 9 Barnett's Well, Draycott.

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1. Opening prayers

Stuart opened the meeting with a reading from psalm 111, followed by a prayer.

2. Attendance and apologies

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

3. Any amendments/ signing of minutes from 13/06/18

The minutes were found to be accurate, and were signed.

4. Additions or amendments to the agenda

For information (JE). Notice received from Mendip District Council of a planning application from Harptree House, next to the Glebe field. Summarised by JE, concluded of little impact for us.

Added another item under 6a- other safeguarding matters.

Walking group- 6d.

5. Brought forward and arising matters from the minutes

(Minutes from 14/11/17)

#6a Magazine special issue. CG had no further communication. SB reported that RS PCC has decided to go ahead. We concluded that we would not join them as we do not have any specific issues to promote- but we will be interested in their experience.

(Minutes from 16/01/18)

#6a 'Celebrate' event, 20th October.:

- The event is now sold out.
- Two volunteers needed from each parish to man the bar. TO will ask husband Richard.
- Also need volunteers for setting up/ taking down on the day. CG will help as needed.
- Writing up the event for magazine? Rob probably has this in hand (CG will ask).

(Minutes from 05/05/18)

#6b Health and Safety.

- Trip hazards marked.
- Repair/ replacement of kneeler stone- after inspection, not thought to be urgent. Keep active watch.
- Drain cover- still waiting for the response of MDC. JE will get on to them.

(Minutes from 13/06/18)

#4 (Informing Nikki Devitt about funerals for funeral book). We are doing this. CJ has spoken to Maureen and she is happy with things now.

#7a (ii) (eleven service) TO and AJ had concluded there were few possibilities to continue this before Christmas; might be revisited in the new year.

#7d ('Homecoming' event) This had gone very well, appreciation was expressed by all.

6. New matters

6a. Safeguarding

- (i) We need a safeguarding policy on our website. St Andrew's had produced one, based on a diocesan template- this had been circulated to the PCC. TO proposed accepting it as the basis for our own. JE seconded, all were in favour.

AJ did not wish to be a named safeguarding officer on the website, if this meant providing a personal phone number, as this might result in a spill-over from her current job- also her work made her unavailable for any of the required diocesan training (which is all on weekdays in the daytime). Would Jim be willing to act as first point of contact for safeguarding for the benefice as a whole?

ACTION: Stuart will ask Jim Reeve if he would be willing. If he is, the policy can be amended to describe Jim Reeve as "the benefice safeguarding officer".

- (ii) (Other safeguarding matters- not for public minuting).

6b. Film for WWI commemoration

Stuart had circulated a request that Draycott consider hosting a showing of a WWI film, on or around 11th November, which comes with a free screening for churches if a license is applied for. The request originated in Rodney Stoke but they did not have the capacity currently to organise (though they were willing to help with refreshments). After discussion we agreed.

ACTIONS: TO will put some publicity in the Magazine, and do a poster; JE will apply for a license, and download the film (NB. Peter Wild might help with this if required); Gordon Jeff, JE, CG and others will put publicity round the villages. SoSP would organise refreshments beforehand (wine, savoury nibbles- cake not appropriate at this time of day). Stuart will inform Peter Wild and RS PCC; he will provide a projector on the night.

We would take a retiring collection that would fund the refreshments. NB. Start at 7, showing at 7:30.

6c. Brass cleaning

This has not been done for at least a year (needs doing once every month or two).

ACTION: TL and PM will include it as part of the church cleaning rota.

6d. Walking group

Rodney Stoke and Cheddar independently had the idea of communal walks for church members- either local ones, or even doing whole weekends away. This meeting thought it a very good idea. Stuart suggested that Rosemary Tullet and Megan James propose some dates as they first put the idea forward. NB. to avoid confusion with the Parish Walking Group (already existing, for the civil parish), call it the Benefice Walking Group.

ACTION: Stuart to ask Rosemary and Megan to suggest dates. Publicity to go in pew notes (and in magazines where possible).

7. Continuous matters

7a. Worship (including feedback from Ministry Team)

- i. Items from Ministry Team reported by Stuart, Thea and Chris. NB. The list of Christmas services, service rota.
- ii. Worship. We had omitted to suggest an Advent Taizé style service (for 2nd December). The PCC thought it was a good idea (although St Andrew's Christingle was at 4pm). *ACTION:* CG to organise. Will start by asking Ian and Ruth Ames-White (NB. their availability may influence the time- provisionally 5pm).
- iii. Comment, feedback. JE commented on the Sermon Series that he had enjoyed reading the summaries, which had given different points of view on the same chapters. NB. We had decided to collect them into a booklet, to be made available online as well. JE also liked having a different liturgy to our usual one at the Harvest Festival.

7b. Synod and LMG

Next one was Tuesday 16th at St Andrew's, Burnham-on-Sea. SB and TO could attend, TL sent apologies.

7c. Finance

Current balances: General fund £18,931, Fabric Fund £7,410.

7d. Fabric

JE reported that the floor at the back of the organ was showing movement. Not serious (and not a thoroughfare)- we shall watch it.

7e. School

School assemblies regularly see over 60 attending. Nikki and Stuart continue to do most, Mike Brownbill occasionally. School Harvest festival will be Friday 26th October- NB. We don't yet have a time from the school. SB and TO will attend. Donations of food will go to the Sisters of the Church (CG will take the donations into Bristol).

7f. Supporters of St Peter's

- i. Michaelmas Fayre was very successful in spite of the road closures- lots of stalls, £504 taken. November coffee and cake will be the normal format.
- ii. The autumn talk will be on 23rd November. Tiggy Trethowan will talk about her life and recent experience of blindness (and will bring her guide dog). Retiring collection to be split between church and Guide Dogs for the Blind charity.
- iii. There will be an Advent celebration in St Peter's featuring a display Angels, Shepherds and Sheep, to be made by different groups. NB. a sign-up form is being circulated, specifying size and materials etc.
- iv. There will be a CPR marathon on 17th November (Saturday).

8. Dates

PCC meetings:

- Thursday 13th December
- Wednesday 27th February.

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