

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

Held on 13/12/2018 at 7:45 p.m. at Kundasan, Draycott.

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1. Opening prayers

Thea opened the meeting with a prayer, and took the chair.

2. Attendance and apologies

Present

David Cheetham DC
Richard Dingley RD
Gill Dury GD
Chris Green CG
Colette Jeff CJ
Tricia Lumley TL
Thea Oliver TO

Apologies

Stuart Burns SB
John English JE
Alison Jeffries AJ
Pat Mullay PM

3. Any amendments/ signing of minutes from 10/10/18

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and Thea signed them.

4. Additions or amendments to the agenda

Added another item under 6b- letter from Alison; 6c- church flowers; 6d- Christmas card.

5. Brought forward and arising matters from the minutes

(Minutes from 16/01/18)

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

- This generated £1,122 surplus, which has gone to Moveable Feast, as agreed
- This PCC congratulated all concerned for the spectacular success of the event.

(Minutes from 05/05/18)

#6b Health and Safety.

- Drain cover- defer until JE can comment.

(Minutes from 10/10/18)

#6c (Asking Jim Reeve about safeguarding for Benefice). We did not know- Stuart to inform us of outcome please.

#6b (ii) (WWI film) This had been very good though somewhat let down by sound quality. Might we have had a prayer after this moving experience, in church?

#6c (Brass cleaning) This is in hand

#6d (Walking group) Walks are being announced in the pew notes.

6. New matters

6a. New Electoral Roll arrangements

A new electoral roll needs to be prepared in 2019. Rules for this were handed over the electoral roll officer (RD) by the PCC secretary

6b. Church flowers

TL reported that flower purchasing had been self-funding since she took over, but was meeting a cash flow problem leading up to Christmas. Might this be given a one-off grant to cover Christmas? All were in favour, and the PCC agreed the sum of £100.

6c. Letter from Alison

The PCC secretary had received a letter of resignation from Alison Jeffries, which was read. All present expressed their regret. A motion of thanks to Alison for her many contributions was passed unanimously.

6d. Christmas cards

These are being bundled up by Gordon Jeff. Please could we all help to deliver them?

7. Continuous matters

7a. Worship (including feedback from Ministry Team)

- i. The Taizé service on Advent Sunday had gone well, and was well attended. Thea suggested a Candlemas event (TBA) and a Christingle on Friday.
- ii. The church was asked to lead singing at the PTA event on 30th November, but this was not well organised (not enough sound, no publicity, no proper announcement). Next time- should do it at the start, and (preferably) get the children to sing. NB. If we participate we must learn the carols that the children know.
- iii. The Study Group (on 'The Shack' by Paul Young) was interesting, and well-attended. It was led by Stuart, Judith and Chris in rotation.
- iv. David made us aware of the staging being left in the church for the school carol concert.
- v. On the 23rd (Carol Service) the choir will be rehearsing from 2:30. We will consider using the choir stalls, but will decide at our next practice (in church). Refreshments after the service are in hand- mulled wine, hot apple and mince pies.
- vi. For the morning service on the 25th Barry Rose will play.
- vii. The benefice Lent group next year will be on the book 'The Prodigal God' by Timothy Keller. We have agreed to host the plenary session at Draycott on 17/04/19 at 7:30 pm.

7b. Synod and LMG

Thea supplied notes from the meeting that took place on Tuesday 16th October at St Andrew's, Burnham-on-Sea.

The Church of England Research and Statistics Unit is producing attendance statistics for all parishes, based on our returns. A printout was passed to CG.

There was forward notice of a May Day meal and discussion for Church Wardens and clergy, enabled by Caroline Bruce. More details TBA.

Next meeting: Saturday 2nd Feb 2019, 2pm at Wedmore Village Hall.

7c. Finance

Current balances: General fund £19,413, Fabric Fund £9,621. We have nearly paid for the organ refurbishment.

7d. Fabric

The manual override for the heating has been activated by someone on more than one occasion, and the heating has been left on overnight on at least one occasion. We need a notice next to the heating controls (DC?), and also we need to speak to the school (TO?).

7e. School

There will be two carol services, one on Monday 17th Dec and the other on Friday 21st Dec.

7f. Supporters of St Peter's

Recent events: Angels and Shepherds, Tiggy Talk, CPR Marathon, Carol singing last Sunday at both The Laurels residential home and the Strawberry Special Pub.

8. Dates

PCC meetings:

- Wednesday 27th February (apologies from Thea).

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