

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

*Held on 04/07/2019 at 7:45 p.m. at Kundasan, Draycott.*

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## **1. Opening prayers**

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

## **2. Attendance and apologies**

### *Present*

Stuart Burns        SB  
David Cheetham    DC  
Richard Dingley    RD  
Chris Green        CG  
Thea Oliver        TO

### *Apologies*

Gill Dury            GD  
John English        JE  
Tricia Lumley       TL  
Pat Mullay          PM

## **3. Any amendments/ signing of minutes from 25/04/19**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record after minor corrections; Thea signed them.

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

Item 6c was added.

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

(Minutes from 05/05/18)

#6b Health and Safety. Carried over (*ACTION*- TO)

(Minutes from 25/04/19)

#6c Health and Safety

The path across the graveyard has been paved with stepping stones by Roy Dury. The PCC voted thanks to him. NB. We need to get a bill from Tricia and John (*ACTIONS*: CG)

Moss on footpath- CG has this on hand- some of it has been scraped off & the rest has been treated so it should die and can be brushed off.

Loose capping stone- CG has written to Mendip District Council.

Tiles- Richard agrees the broken tiles are a cosmetic issue for the moment so not urgent  
Choir stall replacement- we would like to remove and replace with moveable seating. This will require a faculty. *ACTION*: CG will start the application process, probably in August.

## 6. *New matters*

### 6a. Post office

TO attended the meeting in church on 27<sup>th</sup> June and reported back. Post Office Counters reportedly have no plans to reopen the post office, but our MP James Heapey seemed to have a different and more positive message. Most present were in favour of keeping the post office and the shop. A committee has been set up. A retirement collection amounted to £80 and a £20 contribution to church expenses for the meeting was made by Helen Dance. TO proposed that we give the £100 total to any fighting fund the committee sets up. Richard seconded, all agreed.

In a separate development, there is to be an appeal towards funding new equipment for the play area in the recreation field.

### 6b. Safeguarding

Stuart reminded us all of our obligation to bring our safeguarding training up to date. We have displayed safeguarding details but we should use an official form; we should also display an A3 poster supplied by the diocese. *ACTION*: CHG to send the poster to Samm to print, and to make sure the safeguarding information is properly displayed in church.

Jim Reeve is our benefice safeguarding administrator, but we need our own safeguarding officer (and not 'subcontract' from Cheddar). Thea will be willing to be the first point of contact, with her phone number displayed (though not on the website).

CG proposed appointment of Thea as our official safeguarding officer, DC seconded, all agreed. *ACTION*: CG to see to appropriate publication (as above and on website).

### 6c. Beech tree

Gill and Roy Dury said that the beech tree in the churchyard needed attention. We were not able to agree on which beech tree they meant or the nature of the risk. *ACTION*: CG to clarify with Gill.

## 7. *Continuous matters*

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

- i. Patronal festival- lovely hymns, thought-provoking liturgy (Iona). We might revise for next year to keep some more of the traditional elements (e.g. Gloria, Agnus Dei), but keep the Eucharistic prayer, which Stuart liked. *ACTION*: make a note to action well before to allow time to produce a new liturgy (CG).
- ii. Ministry Team. The financial predicament of the Community Church Café was discussed. We will help to publicise this at St Peter's. NB. Individual contributions (rather than church ones) are being solicited. Stuart will drop some brochures into church.

More LPAs are required in Draycott and Rodney Stoke. Alison was commissioned but has been too busy to take it up. Some others were suggested. We must think about this.

- iii. Worship- requests etc. Should we look at a different format for our second Sunday service? The current one is based on 'Common Worship' but we would be allowed to vary this for occasional use as 'experimental' worship. We might allow more space, with less prescribed and with a simpler structure (but perhaps be careful not to make it too dependent on the personality and preferences of the leader- there is some protection from this in having a set liturgy). Stuart will give it some thought- TO will send an electronic copy of the current one.

Date for harvest- decided 6<sup>th</sup> October for St Peter's

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

Deanery Synod will be in St Mary's Berrow on October 8<sup>th</sup> and there will be an 'Inspire' evening at St Peter's on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Area Dean will be leaving in August. Stuart to represent parishes at the Diocesan Synod.

### **7c. Finance**

Current balances: General fund £15,715, Fabric Fund £11,060.

### **7d. Fabric**

(postpone- CG and JE to address next meeting)

### **7e. School**

Mike Jory leaving and a new senior teacher to be appointed.

The SIAMS inspection was 'gruelling', but the rating has improved. The report was positive.

For further discussion- the 'Open the Book' initiative, to get children talking about issues.

(Add to next PCC agenda)

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

Car Treasure Hunt- 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug, then barbecue at Valley's Edge Farm (Vining's).

Michaelmas Fayre- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10:30 – 2, with ploughman's lunch.

### **8. Dates**

PCC meetings:

- 26<sup>th</sup> September.

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