

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

*Held on 07/09/2011 at 8:00 p.m. at 9, Barnett's Well.*

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## **1. Opening prayers**

Rev. Sue opened the meeting with a prayer. Tricia Heckbert took the chair.

## **2. Attendance, apologies and welcome**

<i>Present-</i>		Janet Jeffries	JJ
Christine Butler	CB	Thea Oliver	TO
David Cheetham	DC	Barry Rose	BR
Chris Green	CG	Sue Rose	SR
Richard Dingley	RD		
Tricia Heckbert	TH	<i>Apologies</i>	
Colette Jeff	CJ	Tricia Lumley	TL

## **3. Minutes from PCC of 05/07/11**

The PCC minutes (2nd version- 21/07/11) were agreed as an accurate record.

## **4. Matters arising**

11/05/11- 7g. (Disabled access). Ray Denning-Kendall has constructed a portable ramp to allow wheel chair access via the main door. This will be kept in the church, and positioned when needed. *ACTION*: CG to write letter of thanks.

05/07/11- 6a. (Painting). We had a painting day the previous Saturday, continued by CG and Nikki on Sunday. The boiler house railings had been prepared but only undercoated. NB. the padlock will not open, limiting access to complete painting. *ACTION*: TO will ask Richard Oliver to remove the padlock. Others will then finish the painting when they can.

05/07/11- 6b. (Faculty to include removal of stud wall in WC). Not done yet, but NB. it may be possible to do this under *de minimis* rules. *ACTION*: SR will ask.

05/07/11- 7g. (Web site- picture uploading). TO and CG had worked out how to do this. It should be possible for anyone to upload pictures. *ACTION*: CG will circulate instructions to the PCC, and include a proper link on the website.

05/07/11- 7i. (Kings of Wessex youth worker). Joanna Slade has started, with her first year fully funded, but the second year only partially covered so far.

05/07/11- 8b. (Donation to CSC). CG had sent with a covering letter- we received a thank-you from them.

(other matters arising were dealt with under agenda items already tabled)

## **5. Any other business**

Items received- 6c, d, e & f, and 8a.

## **6. Items for Decision**

### **6a. Painting day- exterior**

Pastoral Measures- united benefice (Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke). We had all had a chance to read the documents. There were no surprises and the PCC supported the measure, although BR queried the wording of two of these The 'Draft Pastoral Scheme' document, para 4, states "the parsonage house of the benefice of Cheddar shall be the place of residence of the incumbent". It might be better to insert 'current' (or 'present') before 'benefice'.

*ACTION*: SR and CG should both point this out to the appropriate people; SR would get the opinion of Rodney Stoke PCC.

RD proposed acceptance of the proposals as set out, and BR seconded. All were in favour, and the motion was carried.

### **6b. Refurbishment**

Nothing further after the remainder of the painting has been completed (see 'arising').

### **6c. Baptism**

We have a request for a baptism for 6<sup>th</sup> November at 12. The family is asking for money in lieu of gifts, to go to church funds. Organist will not charge- BR and DC will decide between them.

### **6d. Bishop's Palace visit**

This would take place on 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30- money to DC please. We need 10 people for the discount to apply- this should be possible. There was a further offer of cream teas at reduced prices, which was debated but declined.

### **6e. Hymn Practice**

We fixed on 6<sup>th</sup> November for our next hymn practice at Draycott (to take the place of the sermon, as usual).

## **6f. Parish share- standing order**

We get a 0.5% discount on the parish share if we pay by standing order. We agreed to do so, DC to arrange.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

### **7a. Worship**

Should we vary the service for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, now that we have discontinued the 8 a.m. service? We were in favour in principle, but this was not a very good time to start. 'Ordinary time' was the best period in which to do this.

### **7b. Fabric**

SR thanked all who had taken part in the painting.

For the quinquennial survey, DC has written twice to George Chedburn's office, so far without reply.

### **7c. Finance**

General fund is £13,351 and Fabric fund £1,715.

Penny Cooke has pressed us on whether we are covered by any insurance to use the Glebe field as an extended car park. *ACTION*: CG to find out from Ecclesiastical Insurance.

The gas bill from Southern Electric has gone up sharply, from about £50 to £95, a large increase even by current standards. *ACTION*: DC to follow up with Len at Rodney Stoke to compare.

### **7d. School**

SR is doing some teaching, but has less time as she is managing the new youth worker, Joanna Slade.

Have the school started to use the church as they requested? We were not sure.

### **7e. SoSP**

- i. A sum of £380 was given to us by the Strawberry Special from the 'summer skittles'.
- ii. Harvest Festival is for 2nd October at 6pm in the church. It will be a 'Songs of Praise' evening, followed by a meal of shepherd's pie (or vegetarian alternative) and apple crumble. Tickets £6 for adults, £3 children. No licence for a bar will be sought. At the supper we will take part in the Christian Aid Quiz, 'Quiz Aid' - £1 out of every £6 going to Christian Aid.
- iii. The Ten Towers walking/ riding event will take place this Saturday. Thea will make sure that refreshments are provided in church. JJ said she would come to the church in the afternoon.
- iv. On Sunday evening SoSP will be running the quiz at the pub- Lori is away, and proposed this arrangement, with the £1 fees coming to the church. NB. to make sure that all is above board, the church team will participate but their scores will not be entered.

### **7f. LMG**

Forthcoming events-

- i. Quiz night will be on November 19th at Church House, Cheddar.

- ii. Jane Eastell is coming on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan (Saturday) to lead a guided prayer retreat.
- iii. Cheddar Valley Churches have a celebration on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We are invited to submit flower arrangements based on a verse from the bible, accompanied by notes to explain the connection, together with a hymn. There will also be a bible exhibition.  
*ACTION*: organise the flower arrangement (TO to ask Audrey); look out our old bibles.

### **7g. Website**

- i. The benefice website has details of the Pastoral Measures Act to download, to go with the newsletter article.
- ii. SR had a request that we publish the Patriarch sermons. This might be difficult for some of the participants who did not normally write out their sermons in full.
- iii. Has Cheddar made any progress with its website? Now the benefice is uniting it would be good to move to a united website. SR reported that a domain name had been paid for but no website built. *ACTION*: SR to make further enquiries.

### **7h. Deanery Synod**

The next synod would be at St. Peter's Church on 15<sup>th</sup> September- refreshments from 7 pm. Elizabeth Perry from Christian Aid is the guest speaker. All are welcome. (The following one is on the 9<sup>th</sup> Nov).

We should debate the Deanery Plan- *ACTION* SR will send to CG- on the agenda for next PCC.

## **8. Items of New Business**

### **8a. Young People**

What should we be offering for young people at Draycott church? *ACTION*: we should all think about this and share at our next PCC.

## **9. Dates**

- a. PCCs- Tues 18/10/11, Wed 30/11/11, Tues 10/01/12, Wed 29/02/12, Tues 27/03/12. NB. (Apologies from SR & RD for 18/10/11)
- b. APCM: Sun 25/03/12
- c. Deanery Synod- Thurs 15/09/11 in St. Peter's Draycott, 7 pm.

## **10. Closing prayer**

The meeting closed with the Grace.