

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

Held on 22/02/2017 at 7:45 p.m. at 9 Barnett's Well, Draycott.

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## **1. Opening prayers**

Stuart opened the meeting with a bible reading and a prayer.

## **2. Apologies**

### *Present*

Stuart Burns	SB	Pat Mullay	PM
David Cheetham	DC	Thea Oliver	TO
Chris Green	CG	Barry Rose	BR
Tricia Heckbert	TH		
Colette Jeff	CJ	<i>Apologies</i>	
Alison Jeffries	AJ	Richard Dingley	RD
Janet Jeffries	JJ	Tricia Lumley	TL

## **3. Any amendments/ signing of minutes from 11/01/17**

The minutes were signed after one small correction.

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

(added item 6g- Open Gardens).

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

- a. (# 3). New agenda template. (Noted- see comments at end)
- b. (# 5, 6d (i) – organ rejuvenation: update (nothing new- carry forward)
- c. (# 7c.) Barry's next concert: update. This will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec.

- d. (# 7d.) Samaritans donation- update. We had received a letter back thanking us for our donation, which was read out.
- e. (# 8h, (ii)) Lay Pastoral Assistant course- update. Four people are doing this, all St Andrew's based. They will mostly be used in Cheddar although occasionally elsewhere. Alison was never licensed although she did the course before- she will receive her license this time. NB. As things stand she will only be available in the school holidays.
- f. (# 9) Parish Away Day- update (nothing new yet- carry over)
- g. (# 10a.) Benefice calendar on the Web- update. We think that people have access to this now, although it would be good for more people to try it out.

## **6. New matters**

### **6a. The appointment of a Churchwarden**

Stuart was against a general advertisement, on the lines of discernment and approach. It still needs some publicity however limited to allow suitable people to come forward, and for all to see that we have an open process.

David would like to propose Tricia Heckbert. Tricia stipulated that she would only be able to do this for a year. Stuart was very encouraging.

*ACTIONS:* (i) Tricia H to talk to Stuart about this; (ii) Stuart will put this in the Pew Notes; (iii) Chris will display the nomination form in church.

### **6b. Breakfast service in April (and generally)**

It had been suggested that the Breakfast Service in April could be in Draycott Memorial Hall. Most Cheddar people think it should stay in Cheddar for the moment. For the next one it has to be as Messy Church has been arranged deliberately to be the day before. Would numbers drop if we changed to Draycott? If we were to do it, it would need to be a joint venture. For the moment this is to stay in Cheddar, although we may assist with putting one on in Draycott at some time in the future.

The frequency of these will increase from the 4 per year originally planned, to 8. After discussion we decided that Draycott would participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday ones, as originally planned, but not in the 'in-between' ones- when we would like to have services as normal.

### **6c. War Graves**

The War Graves Commission had approached Stuart to ask whether we would be willing to have a sign displayed to mark the fact that we had a war grave in the graveyard. The dimensions would be 40 by 23 cm, and the format was demonstrated by Stuart. The diocese have already approved, and there will be no cost to the church.

There is an application form, and we will need to provide a photograph showing the exact placement required, and also to supply a copy of the resolution agreeing this measure.

Thea proposed the motion that we accept the war graves sign. Tricia Heckbert seconded the motion. All were in favour, so the motion was passed.

*ACTIONS:* (i) Thea and David will organise the photograph; (ii) Chris will forward the minutes when available; (iii) Stuart will sign the forms and send them to the archdeacon.

**6d. Appointment of a bell-ringer**

Tricia Corrick is no longer able to fulfil this role. We need to find others to fill her place. Some suggestions were put forward and will be followed up (NB. we probably want more than one- and may need a rota).

We must thank Tricia properly, in church with a bunch of flowers.

*ACTION:* Chris will mail Tricia Lumley and ask her to get some flowers at the Garden Centre where she works. We will give them to Tricia at the first opportunity.

**6e. Renewal of Chris Green's Readership license**

Chris offered to leave the meeting to allow this to be discussed; however no-one felt any discussion was required. Stuart Burns proposed that the meeting should support the renewal of Chris Green's license. Thea Oliver seconded. All were in favour.

*ACTION:* This resolution would be communicated to the Warden of Readers together with a letter or support from Stuart.

**6f. APCM timetable and actions**

The timetable prepared by Samm in the office had been circulated, but the items marked for action at this meeting could be postponed to the next meeting, as this would take place before the APCM. Chris went through the reports required, which were divided as follows.

(i) Statutory reports. *Electoral Roll:* Richard Dingley. *Report on PCC proceedings:* Chris Green. *Financial report and accounts:* David Cheetham. *Churchwarden's fabric report:* David Cheetham. *Deanery Synod report:* Thea Oliver.

(ii) Other reports. *Worship and ministry team:* Chris Green. *Choir:* Gill Dury. *Covenants:* Tricia Heckbert. *School:* Mike Jury; *Supporters of St Peter's:* Thea Oliver; *Local Ministry Group:* Pam Williams; *Study courses:* Thea Oliver; *Church Magazine:* Rob Walker.

NB. The Rector's address comes at the end.

There are several inventories that need to be kept up to date (goods and ornaments, documents etc.) Those currently responsible will need to see to these.

**6g. Open Gardens**

The WI is organising an open gardens event in the villages in the summer, and would like to request use of the church/ school car park for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Gardens will be open from 11am to 5 pm. Refreshments are organised at other venues and the church will not be asked to provide any- also any signage will be the responsibility of WI.

The meeting agreed that the WI would have a free hand to use the car park and display any signage required. NB they also needed to ask the school.

**7. Items for discussion****7a. Feedback from Ministry Team**

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated- there were no further comments.

**7b. Worship**

- i. Children's Sunday Service (Thea)

This was a proposal from Thea that we put on an extra service on Sunday designed with young children and their families especially in mind- probably immediately after our regular service, which it should not affect (although it would be excellent if the parents could share our end-of-service coffee before the new service started). The model is less the breakfast service or messy church at Cheddar, more the Christmas morning service at Draycott (which has been going from strength to strength in recent years). Like this it would have story, activity, prayers and songs. Stuart was very positive, and David and Barry both offered musical support.

*ACTION:* for further discussion and planning. Thea will bring this idea to the Ministry Team for their contributions.

ii. St Peter's Patronal Festival.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> July would work best with the rota, according to Stuart- we should make it a Benefice service. This suits us as well, with the day itself- June 29<sup>th</sup>- the Thursday of the week before (we might mark this in some way).

iii. Lent service booklets.

Comments had been received from David and Chris, and these were discussed. The music (based on Merbeck) would be retained but many other items shortened or omitted.

*ACTION:* Stuart would produce fresh booklets in time for Lent 1.

iv. The Laurels.

We may need to rearrange the day. To discuss next time when Richard Dingley is present.

### **7c. Synod feedback**

Stuart had attended, although Thea and Tricia L had not received information about it so had not. It was in fact poorly attended, on a Saturday afternoon at Easton church. There was a presentation on 'inclusive church' by clergy. While the church often focuses on LGBT issues, there is a concern that learning disability (and other mental health issues) might lead to other forms of discrimination by churches. Alison pointed us to an 'inclusive church' website which she said was excellent.

### **7d. Finance**

- i. *Accounts.* We have seen the accounts already- they have now been audited. Tricia Heckbert has signed them and they were handed to Chris. They will be kept on file..
- ii. *Balance.* On the 1st of February the general fund stood at £7,175 and the fabric fund at £11,988. The parish share has been paid.

### **7e. Fabric**

The quinquennial report has only just arrived. Over the next few years the spend on fabric recommended is £2,000 per year. By the end of the 5 year period it is recommended that we paint the nave ceiling (at a cost of about £8,000). This may not be practical or desirable.

*ACTION:* David will circulate the document to PCC members

### **7f. School**

School governor. Mike Brownbill will continue for the rest of the present school year (NB. his role is of foundation governor, in the place that might otherwise be taken by Stuart).

Stuart is still keen on receiving nominations and may approach some individuals. This item to be left open

**7g. Supporters of St Peter's**

- i. Curry night- 3<sup>rd</sup> March, usual format. Please bring puddings!
- ii. Coffee and cake- on Saturday 4th, with a Fair Trade stall. Several people have offered to help. Then on the 12th March Fair Trade will form the theme of our Second Sunday Service.
- iii. Jumble Sale: 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Helpers needed.
- iv. Michaelmas Fayre- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in October. Suggested that we do Harvest on the 8<sup>th</sup> October when we have a Second Sunday Service- Stuart approved this.

**8. Dates**

- Next PCC: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March (venue to be arranged). 7:45 pm.
- (16<sup>th</sup> April- Easter)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April APCM. To start at 6:30 pm, preceded by evening prayer at 6 pm.

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