

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

Held on 29/03/2017 at 7:45 p.m. at 9 Barnett's Well, Draycott.

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1. Opening prayers

Stuart opened the meeting with a reading of Psalm 91 and a prayer.

2. Apologies

Present

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

3. Any amendments/ signing of minutes from 22/02/17

The minutes were signed after one small correction (6f- Deanery Synod report: TO not TH).

4. Additions or amendments to the agenda

(None).

5. Brought forward and arising matters from the minutes

(Minutes from 11/01/17)

- a. (# 5, 6d (i) – organ rejuvenation.

BR has discovered there is a diocesan organ advisor- should we consult him? SB thought not- we have enough in-house expertise.

DC reported the works are planned from 4th July until 17th August, during which time the chancel will not be usable.

SB told us that a wedding is planned in Draycott in August (PCC unaware). *ACTION*: SB to find out the date. If there is a clash some solution will need to be worked out.

- b. (# 9) Parish Away Day- nothing further (*ACTION*: for next PCC).
(Minutes from 22/02/17)
- c. (# 6a) Appointment of a Churchwarden: TH has agreed to do this for one year.
- d. (# 6c) War graves: now in hand- the War Graves Commission has been instructed.
- e. (# 6d) Bell-ringer: Flowers given to Tricia Corrick. Chris and Pat will do this between them when they are there- someone else otherwise. We don't need a rota.
- f. (# 6e) Renewal of CG's Readership license: Stuart had forwarded CG's application for renewal with a letter of support. Chris thanked everyone for the ringing endorsement.
- g. (# 6f) APCM timetable and actions- CG went through the new style forms from the diocese. Stuart signed the notification of meeting for election of churchwardens. Those connected to the electoral roll were handed to RD for appropriate action. All others would only be needed later (for the APCM itself, or afterwards). *ACTIONS*: (by Palm Sunday). CG to display the notification form in church. RD to display the notice of revision of the electoral roll in church.
- h. (# 7b i) Children's service: nothing to report yet
- i. (# 7b iii) New Lent booklet feedback: we had found this to be a significant improvement on the previous one- thank you Stuart.
- j. (# 7b iv) The Laurels- rearranging the day. Thea works on Tuesday now so cannot assist then. RD suggests it is done on the 4th Sunday as the celebrant in Draycott will not be going on to Rodney Stoke and could go to The Laurels- and others would also be available. CG, TO and RD were all happy to take part. RD would still be willing to do Sealey Close on his own.
Chris asked if we could reinstate the words of commissioning of Readers/LWAs who are to take the sacraments to The Laurels (and Sealey Close), as they help to reinforce the connection between the different services and congregations for us all. Stuart agreed. Can Jane Burdock play the piano for us? *ACTION*: Thea will ask Jane

6. New matters

6a. Feedback on Mothering Sunday service

We had all been rather disappointed by the absence of young families from our service last week. Thea had put in a lot of effort including a great deal of publicity. Factors affecting it were the school being invited to Rodney Stoke, and the clocks going forward. NB. Cheddar also had not had a good response with none of the Messy Church families attending, despite being invited. For the future, we might revert to the 'Mothering Friday' format.

6b. Feedback on Lent Groups

(AJ, SB, RD, CG, TO). We were all generally favourable to the course- some more than others (and some sessions had worked better for us than others). Some Draycott folk were less in favour of the evangelical bias of this (and other) York courses than were Cheddar. Perhaps we can start looking at books earlier next year, and have a change.

6c. Quinquennial Survey

DC explained what the survey was, and fed back to the PCC on the report from the Fabric Committee (DC, CG, TH and TO had met on the 23rd March and inspected the church on the 26th together with Richard Oliver). (See also the Fabric Committee report- V2 26/03/17).

TO is to meet a representative of Mendip District Council at the church on 30th March to discuss issues of responsibility (some of the works in the closed graveyard may be theirs).

On item 4.4.2 (absence of insulation from bottom portion of the lighting conductor where it goes into the ground), David had put this to Dawson Ltd. (the steeplejacks) who assured him this was standard practice to minimise corrosion, which would otherwise be promoted by moisture tracking upwards from the ground, inside the insulation. Mr. Dawson might speak with George Chedburn, the architect- this item should really be removed from his report.

The PCC accepted all the recommendations of the fabric committee (TH proposed, CJ seconded- all were in favour). Stuart commended the members of the committee for making a potentially complex picture straightforward for the PCC to understand and deal with.

ACTIONS: Most of the recommendations are for quotations- these will be commissioned by the people named in the report. Thea was exploring different options for the renewal of the gate (5.1.1) and would report back. Some of the works are to be carried out by a working party- this will be revisited by the PCC, probably at the first meeting after the APCM.

7. Items for discussion

7a. Feedback from Ministry Team

The LPA course has gone well. Its last meeting will be next Tuesday at 7:30 pm (at The Den). LPAs will have a license to work in the benefice but will generally operate in their 'home' parish. The PCC is asked to agree on the names going forward for licensing from their parish. Alison Jeffries is one, and Richard Dingley asked to be added as well, as he also does home visits and might find the additional authority of the licence (and badge) useful. We agreed to both Alison and Richard being licensed from Draycott (proposed: TO; seconded, CJ; all were in favour).

7b. Worship

Thea is going to preach at Crook Peak in a pulpit exchange. Alan Parfit will come to us.

7c. Synod feedback

Only the diocesan synod had met, but no-one from the benefice had attended.

7d. Finance

Balance. General fund: £11,018; fabric £12,543.

Bishop's Lent appeal. We have not made any contribution as a PCC to this. It is to help refugees (specifically a 'holding centre' hosting refugees in transit organised by a church in Athens). We agreed to contribute £100 from church funds to the appeal (proposed CG, seconded RD- all were in favour).

7e. Fabric

We have purchased a new screen for functions in church. Costs have been covered.

7f. School

The school continues to have weekly assemblies, with Nikki alternating with Stuart.

The Easter service will be on Friday. Stuart and Thea will both contribute to this.

7g. Supporters of St Peter's

SoSP organisers had met on the 27th (Monday). The following events had been agreed:

- i. Saturday 1st Coffee and Cake will be followed by a soup lunch. Offers of soup and cakes will be gratefully accepted..
- ii. Jumble Sale: 22nd April. Helpers needed.
- iii. The Strawberry Fayre is on the 23rd July this year- SoSP will have a stall.
- iv. There will be a 'hedgehog evening' in September or October- date to be announced.
- v. Alan Rowntree will be showing a film on the local railway on the 29th September.
- vi. Michaelmas Fayre in early October (date?)
- vii. The St Peter's team will be joining in the Summer Skittles again.

8. Dates

- 23rd April APCM. To start at 6:30 pm, preceded by evening prayer at 6 pm. (CG will need all reports by Palm Sunday- 9th April)

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