

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

Held on 25/04/2019 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
Tricia Lumley	TO
Thea Oliver	TL
Pat Mullay	PM
John English	JE

Apologies

Stuart Burns	SB
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3. Any amendments/ signing of minutes from 27/02/19

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record after minor corrections to the attendance & apologies section, and Thea signed them.

4. Additions or amendments to the agenda

A request had been received not to boil the kettle after communion as this can cause noise while the anthem is being sung.

5. Brought forward and arising matters from the minutes

(Minutes from 05/05/18)

#6b Health and Safety. Drain cover- agreed to ask Rob Millard to do this (ACTION- TO)

(Minutes from 27/02/19)

#6c St Peter's Day- TO won't be present, on placement.

#7b Deanery reps not sure that 9th March is the next meeting.

6. *New matters*

6a. Confirmation of officers

- i. We already have a treasurer (DC), secretary (CG) and lay chair (TO) (agreed after APCM). NB. CG might need to share aspects of his role, as he is now churchwarden as well as reader. Jim Reeve (Cheddar) is the benefice safeguarding officer.
- ii. Other officers- JE to be covenant secretary, RS electoral Roll. Richard Oliver had agreed to be our Health and Safety officer again.
- iii. Gill Dury has volunteered as a sides person.

6b. APCM minutes

A correction was received from David Cheetham regarding clergy expenses- master copy now updated. We considered Buffy's suggestion to vary the time of some of our morning worship (e.g. Mothering Sunday) and decided that consistency of time is to be preferred. We agreed we should record the numbers of people in church in gatherings other than services (e.g. first Saturday). *ACTION*: TO will find a book to write them in.

6c. Health & Safety

Richard Oliver's report to the APCM refers.

Current issues still outstanding: the drain cover (3) is being actioned (see above). Re. path to allow crossing graveyard safely to access church back door: this is about 19m and would require 30-40 flagstones. TL may be able to source cheaply from garden centre. Roy Dury would be willing to put them in for us.

New Issues: 1. (repainting of step and boot scraper). Not urgent, we will keep under review. 2. Moss covering footpath- CG to scrape off. 3. Loose capping stone- MDC responsibility, CG will write to them; 4. broken roof tiles- TO will ask Richard to look at these- we might postpone until steeplejacks make their next visit. 5. Flower stands obstruction- TL will pass this on.

Up & coming: 1. Fir tree. Needs to be cut. In hand- a tree surgeon has approached us re. trees under overhead electricity cable. Work now waiting on the electricity company- we will try to get the tree surgeon to do all these jobs. 2. Rain water drains- the steeple jacks have inspected and given us the all clear. 3. Roof tiles, 4. Crosses. TO will ask Richard to inspect and assess. We will monitor in meantime. 5. Chains around garden of remembrance- TO will ask Rob Millard to cement the posts properly in place. (Additional - rose outside porch- in memory of Diana Brown. We will replace in a better location- TL to organise). 6. Wall between school and church, 7. Damp walls- both noted, we will monitor. 8. Choir stall pews- churchwardens and Richard Oliver will inspect. May apply for faculty to remove.

6d. Yoga (use of church- 2nd May)

Stuart had agreed that the yoga group (who normally use the memorial hall on Thursdays) can use the church on 2nd May (local election polling day, so hall not available).

7. Continuous matters

7a. Worship (including feedback from Ministry Team)

- i. Easter services- these had been very good. We much appreciated Stainer's 'Crucifixion' on the Tuesday. The Maundy Thursday Seder meal in Cheddar was very effective and gave us fresh understanding of the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. Good Friday services at Cheddar and Draycott were helpful (the Taizé service seems to get more popular each year). Hilary Thomas was to be congratulated for making her Easter address involve the children so effectively. Also a special mention should be made of the lovely Easter flowers in church.
- ii. Worship group - nothing particular to mention.
- iii. Worship- requests etc. One of the school mothers had inquired about family services. Suggests there might be some demand for a return of the 'elevenses' service- in the meantime, they were pointed to the Cheddar breakfast services.

7b. Synod and LMG

The February meeting had gone ahead. There will be an informal meeting and meal for churchwardens on 1st May.

TO had offered St Peter's for the Deanery Synod meeting on June 13th (a Thursday).

7c. Finance

Current balances: General fund £14,767, Fabric Fund £11,183.

A further £500 has been 'paid back' to the general fund from the organ fund.

7d. Fabric

(Covered under health and safety)

7e. School

Mike Jory is leaving at the end of the summer to head Milfield pre-preparatory school.

The school is having its 'SIAMS' inspection on Tuesday.

7f. Supporters of St Peter's

NB. Jumble sale on Saturday (Strawberry Special).

Christian aid gift day- Saturday 18th May.

There will be a summer event- TBA.

8. Dates

PCC meetings:

- Dates of 6th and 20th June were suggested- we will put them to Stuart.
- 1st Aug was proposed for the following meeting.

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