

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

*Held on 07/09/2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the church*

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## **1. Opening prayers**

Stuart opened the meeting with a prayer. In John's absence, Thea took the chair.

## **2. Apologies, welcome**

<i>Present</i>		<i>Absent/Apology</i>	
Stuart Burns	SB	John English	JE
David Cheetham	DC	Tricia Lumley	TL
Gill Dury	GD		
Chris Green	CG		
Pat Mullay	PM		
Thea Oliver	TO		

## **3. Additions or amendments to agenda**

CG requested for item 6a to include consideration of the Second Sunday Service.

## **4. PCC minutes from 03/08/21- confirmation of accuracy**

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record and signed by TO.

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

(meeting of 03/08/21)

Item 6e (PA system review). CG reported that the firm Intek will examine our sound system on 16<sup>th</sup> September. TO requested that the existing system be left in good working order as there were two weddings later in the week. NB. The engineer will be in the school first and be in the church between about 13:00 – 13:30. CG will attend - DC and SB said they would try to be there as well.

**6. New matters****6a. Review of church 'opening up' changes**

Since the previous meeting, we have varied the 'mask wearing' area from the back of the church to the right nave, but other changes stay as reported. The meeting thought that all the measures were appropriate for the time being. The absence of refreshments afterwards was regretted, but it seems unwise to restart this with case numbers rising in our area.

The Second Sunday Service is to restart next Sunday. We shall use the most recent benefice Morning Prayer booklet, only have the Benedictus from among the canticles, and sing three hymns (and no anthem). We would try holding the service 'in the round' and not break between the main service and the discussion. As for other services, no refreshments would be served.

**6b. Review of actions following the Eco church discussions****(i) WORSHIP (SB, CG)**

The 31st October will be a joint benefice service, possibly a breakfast service (under review), and will be themed as 'Creation Sunday'. This meets item #1 of the survey. It is within 'creation tide', and also on the eve of the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow.

**(ii) BUILDINGS (DC, CG, JE)**

(#13) Rainwater butt – awaiting JE feedback

(#16, #20) CG had sourced recycled copier paper from the Woodland Trust, and had trialled it together with DC. DC did not like it, as the sheets stuck together more than the paper he currently used. *ACTION*: CG to find a different source

(#23) A bin for dry mixed recycling is now in the vestry, with appropriate labelling. TO will ensure SoSP members use it appropriately.

(#11) We need to urge everyone to limit our use of lighting. *ACTION*: CG to circulate memo

(#8) For advice on the energy efficiency survey, DC was referred to David Maggs by the archdeacon's office. DC has not heard back from him. (NB. David Maggs is Mission Team Leader, with responsibility for environmental issues.)

**(iii) LAND (CG, JE, DC)**

(#11) The botanical survey should happen before the end of the year

(#15, #16) We discussed how to encourage people to donate benches for the churchyard.

*ACTION*: CG to write short pieces for Parish News and the church magazine.

(NB. The new tenant of the glebe field will allow signage to help publicise the presence of the church and school from the main road)

(#8) Mowing regimes. Wait for botanical survey before deciding on which areas to be left.

(#12) CG sent an application form and cheque to 'Caring for God's Acre', but has not had any acknowledgement yet. *ACTION*: CG to follow up.

**(iv) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (TL, GD, PM)**

Previous suggestions re. flowers – TL not present to update us. DC wondered if we could make use of potted plants rather than cut flowers? *ACTION*: Take this up with TL.

**(v) LIFESTYLE (TO, GD)**

- Communal Christmas/ Easter cards. GD proposed a Christmas card to stay in church, with all those writing in it to contribute a small sum. *ACTION*: make this suggestion in the October magazine.
- The DCS never sold church magazines as suggested in the previous minutes. However they have agreed to advertise in the magazine.

[At this point SB needed to leave the meeting, and we covered item 8 whilst he was still present]

## **7. Continuing matters**

### **7a. Worship**

- (i) Can we use one of the Second Sunday Services as an opportunity to learn more congregational hymns – perhaps the October service? TO, DC to consider and plan.
- (ii) Remembrance Sunday -14<sup>th</sup> November this year. The hall has been booked – Steve Young to liaise with Samm in the office.

### **7b. Synod**

(no meetings since last time)

### **7c. Finance update**

Bank balances: general fund £13,495 and fabric fund £14,532.

We discussed the Parish Share again (much our biggest expense). This will be kept in review- we should not allow our funds to be run down indefinitely.

### **7d. Fabric update**

The main item coming up was the quinquennial survey (14<sup>th</sup> October).

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

(No change from plans reported in previous PCC)

## **8. Dates**

Next PCC – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7:30 pm in the church.

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