

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

*Held on 29/03/2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the church*

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## ***1. Opening prayers***

Stuart opened the meeting with a reading and prayers. Thea took the chair.

## ***2. Apologies, welcome***

### *Present*

Stuart Burns	SB	Chris Green	CG
David Cheetham	DC	Pat Mullay	PM
Gill Dury	GD	Thea Oliver	TO

### *Apologies*

John English	JE
Tricia Lumley	TL

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

Added: 6e, f, g.

## ***4. PCC minutes from 16/02/22- 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***

03/08/21 #6e (PA system). There is now a persistent hum – such things are usually caused by inadequate earth connections. Also system 'bangs' when switched off.

*ACTION:* CG to recall Intek for a post-installation check

07/09/21 #6b (Eco Church)

TO and GD have not yet had a chance to follow up on their section ('Lifestyle'); carry over

07/09/21 #7d (Quinquennial survey)

George Chedburn sent his report today. A quick perusal does not reveal anything new or too alarming. CG will report back in more detail at a later date.

22/11/21 #6a (Benches)

- (i) Norman's bench is waiting in his garage for assembly and installation by Rob Millard. The PCC decided through email exchange on a method of securing it (spikes driven into the ground topped by sockets that the bench feet could be fixed to – Rob's suggestion)
- (ii) Sarah Burn's bench has been granted a list B permission by the archdeacon. Sarah is happy for the same means of securing as Norman's. She will order it. We suggested she have it delivered directly to the church, to save her storage, and transport here later.

22/11/21 #6c (Repair café)

(Nothing new. Carry over).

04/01/22 #6b (Safeguarding)

TO was unable to get to the rescheduled meeting. Carry over.

04/01/22 #6h (Introductory leaflet from Alan Rowntree for St Peter's) Nothing new.

16/02/22 #6a (Covid precautions). The PCC had decided to allow refreshments after services. NB. Daniel Thomas is to be reunited with his family after three years – we would like to hold a special celebration after the service, with appropriate refreshments.

16/02/22 #6d (Rewilding the churchyard). The Draycott Churchyard Management Group (DCMG) met on 1<sup>st</sup> March and set in train various projects, including a 'no-mow' area. CG presented some proposed terms of reference, and slightly revised aims. Churchyard aims now read: 'To enhance the churchyard as a place for memorial, **community** and contemplation; to make our churchyard more wildlife-friendly **and ecologically sustainable**; to make the churchyard a more valuable educational resource for the school' (added words in **bold** type).

The terms of reference are as follows:

- a) To further the aims of the PCC for churchyard maintenance
- b) To take day-to-day decisions on churchyard maintenance, reporting to the PCC
- c) To carry out ourselves the main tasks identified, or to delegate them to others
- d) To communicate our plans to stakeholders
- e) To make and maintain maps and records of the churchyard and its maintenance

The PCC agreed to all of these proposals. TO provided a list of the burials in the churchyard for our records – a master copy will be kept in the safe.

16/02/22 #6e (Use of building by SoSP). The principles set out in the last meeting were revisited as SB had not been present. SB agreed to them all, and reiterated our thanks to SoSP.

## 6. *New matters*

### 6a. **Thea availability post-Easter**

Thea is expecting to go into hospital for surgery, probably soon after Easter. She will be off for six weeks. Rotas have already been drawn up with this in mind, but some changes of plan are still possible, particularly if she is given an earlier date than expected.

### 6b. **Second Sunday Service**

Attendance at this service has waned, perhaps because of the way the discussion takes place in the sermon slot, which some do not like. The PCC decided to discontinue the format for the present.

We will replace it with Morning Prayer (as currently used on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday), and for the latter we would have a further service of Holy Communion. This fits with the other churches- Cheddar has Morning Prayer on the first Sunday and Rodney Stoke have BCP Mattins on the fourth Sunday.

### **6c. Easter Services**

The only benefice Maundy Thursday service is at St Andrew's, where there will be a Passover meal at 6pm in the hall, followed by a short 'Gethsemane' service of meditation in St Andrew's. There are sign-up sheets for the Passover meal in each church (to be removed after Palm Sunday).

The Good Friday Taizé service (at 6pm in St Peter's) will be planned by CG, in consultation with Ian Ames-White (who has agreed to play, together with Ruth).

### **6d. Preparations for APCM**

CG previously circulated a list of reports, with those responsible for them. These are required at least a week before the APCM. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a short service of morning prayer at 11, immediately followed by the APCM. We hope to serve refreshments.

### **6e. New LWAs**

Two of the current LWAs, Ben and Tim, have stepped down. SB was happy to announce two new proposed LWAs; Deborah Hale, and Ceri Walsh. These needed approval by each PCC. CG proposed acceptance, GD seconded, all were in favour. They will be most welcome at St Peter's.

### **6f. Magazine**

We discussed the merits of having a proof-reader to check the magazine before it goes to press. It would be difficult in view of the tight deadlines, which Rob often meets by working on it whilst away from home. A proof-reader would introduce delay and may make Rob's job more difficult.

### **6g. Piano**

Gordon has offered us his piano, which is now surplus to his requirements (and is better than our present one). We could offer our current one to the school.

*ACTION:* We would be very grateful to accept. TO will approach the school.

## **7. Continuing matters**

### **7a. Worship**

The Lent Groups had been successful in terms of numbers. Eight attended the ZOOM one hosted by CG and TO, with the three churches of the benefice and the Cheddar Valley Community Church all represented. The material has been challenging!

### **7b. Synod**

The Deanery Lent course has been going well – Thea and Judith have been attending..

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

Balances were £18,078.99 for the General Fund, and £12,467.55 for the Fabric Fund.

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

(Covered already)

### **7e. School**

Mothering Sunday at Rodney Stoke was very successful – 25 children (no staff). For Easter they have been invited to us. They are open to invitations to other special services – e.g. our patronal festival (but we don't want to 'compete' for the Mothering Sunday service with Rodney Stoke).

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

The programme has been circulated. Note the upcoming Coffee and Cake, followed by soup lunch on Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup>) – contributions of soup and cakes gratefully received.

**8. Dates**

APCM – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 am in the church

Next PCC to be fixed at the APCM

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