

**PARISH MEETING MINUTES**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 7.00 pm**

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Christine Bodley (CB), Cath Cohen (CC), Joan Bleackley (JB), Julian Cearns (JC), Paul Kirrane (PK), Denise Hardman (DH), Ruth Hamilton (RH), Carole McCann (CMC), Ann Lyth (AL), Anne Dennison (AD)

**Apologies** non

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer and read a reflection on serving one another we are serving Jesus.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were read, signed and accepted as a true record – (typing errors corrected)

**3. Matters Arising**

Matters arising were dealt with in the appropriate section

**4. LITURGY**

- 4.1 Fr Paul spoke of a message he had received from a mother who was quite distraught after having adverse comments made to her, after the 11am Mass, regarding her “disruptive child”, whom she had tried to keep quiet. All committee members were distressed and upset that she felt this way and agreed we need to stress that we are a family and remind each other that children sometimes can be ‘disruptive’ but we still welcome them. **Action: mention in newsletter CC**
- 4.2 We may have a new Catechist for Children’s Liturgy
- 4.3 It was agreed the Harvest Display was lovely and FP liked the addition of conkers in the display
- 4.4 F P commented on how well the ‘flower team’ have taken over responsibility of flower arranging. AD gave the name of someone who may be willing to join the team
- 4.5 Harvest Supper – 30 attended, the meal was outstanding, having the quiz throughout the meal was well received.
- 4.6 Annual Mass count was brought forward 2 weeks, by the Diocese, only 2 weeks done but it looks as if it is down from last year. May have to consider just having 2 Masses but not until it is necessary.
- 4.7 Feast of Christ the King
- 4.8 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent – proposed putting on the Global Healing film produced by CaFE (available on [www.ourcommonhome.co.uk](http://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk)) suggested Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 9am – morning only. **Action: CC to source material**
- 4.9 We need to order 12 new copies of the Laudate hymn books – **Action CC/AL/CB**
- 4.10 JB informed us that 2 lads want to be servers at the 11am Mass and 2 want to be Eucharistic Ministers
- 4.11 It was suggested we have a Mass in November for those who have lost family members over the last 12 months. **Action: FP to give a date – CC put in newsletter**

**YOUTH**

- 5.1 The First meeting for the next Confirmands and their parents is this Saturday. CB needs dates for the various activities the confirmands need to take part in for their preparation. Decided on 2<sup>nd</sup> February for the Seniors Party and the 1<sup>st</sup> two weekends for the card signing.

**5. SAFE GUARDING**

- 6.1 CMC is still working through those who need their DBS to be renewed.

**6. JUSTICE AND PEACE**

The One World Week Service will be at Brown Lane Methodist Church on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7.30pm.

We have had a new banner made to replace the one missing, it will be stored at the URC and a record of who takes it out will kept.

## **7. LPA/ DEANERY**

The LPA met on the 19<sup>th</sup> September and welcomed Margaret York. All were happy with the Confirmation Celebration. Minutes of the meeting attached.

## **9. MAINTENANCE**

9.1 PK has not had time to fix the toilet window & lock. CMC offered to ask Matt if he could give the time.

9.2 The exit gate still needs adjusting

9.3 Several pews need to be fastened down. Action CMC to ask Matt if he could do that.

9.4 It was suggested that the heating time, in the church, be reduced – it is too hot when doing the cleaning.

## **10 PARISH HALL**

FP asked that we check with McQuillans regarding service of the radiators and boiler. **Action outstanding**

## **11 ECUMENISM**

Report attached.

## **12 SOCIALS**

12.1 PK suggested we have a barbeque some time – J B mentioned previously parishioners with large gardens allowed events in their garden. Ideas to consider.

## **13 FUND RAISING**

### **Parish Drawer Winners**

1st Prize No. 114 Peter Lucas

2nd Prize No. 73 Mike Handley

## **14. Any other notified business/correspondence:**

## **15. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November (following the Christmas Fair meeting at 7pm.)

The meeting ended with a prayer