

PARISH MEETING MINUTES

12th June 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Christine Bodley (CB), Cath Cohen(CC), Anne Dennison (AD), Joan Bleackley (JB), Carole McCann (CMC), Delia Lucas(DL), Collette McAndry(CM),

Apologies Julian Cearn(JC), Paul Kirrane(PK), Denise Hardman(DH)

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th April 2018 were read, signed and accepted as a true record
3. **Matters Arising**

Matters arising were dealt with in the appropriate section

4. LITURGY

- 4.1 The Altar Cloths arrived and are in use. The thank you letter we sent was reported to be much appreciated. Father Paul plans to go and visit her personally.
- 4.2 Deacon Pete – people have asked about his going – put it in the newsletter.
- 4.3 First Holy Communion – it was strange to have them early in May but both ceremonies went well, and the school were pleased with the arrangements. They all sang well, and everything ran smoothly; having the children altogether at the front was best – no child stuck at the back of church waiting behind family queues. The school celebrations also went well.
- 4.4 JB reported that there are children wanting to join the servers. There is a problem with the 11am rota as some are involved in other things that sometimes clash. Only one is willing to do the Vigil Mass.

5. YOUTH

- 5.1 There is a meeting this week to discuss liturgy and order of service for the Confirmation which will be held here on Friday 13th July. FP & CB suggest we have the candidates and sponsors, only, in the front rows; as it worked well for the 1st Communion. Even though it will be tight, given the number of candidates this year, we are sure it will be preferable than using Our Lady's; may need to inform families it of the possibility of having to stand throughout the service. Singers from St Ann's choir will be coming, and we need to check with Anne regarding an organist.
- 5.2 The Diocesan Youth Team led the Confirmation 'Away Day' the catechists were not 'bowled over' with enthusiasm – thought it wasn't very challenging or had much activity for the candidates. One positive feedback was regarding the boxing 'match' which wasn't done by the team.

6. SAFE GUARDING

- 6.1 The Diocesan safeguarding office have confirmed the appointment of the EM to enable house visits.
- 6.2 CC mentioned that the Diocese has produced template application/rota/ etc forms to comply with the GDPR. The census was that we do not need to do much as people have given their names and numbers to be shared on rotas and we do not pass information on to other parties. Need to check the website and perhaps remove telephone numbers of individuals.
- 6.3 FP mentioned an article in the Tablet regarding inadequate safeguarding – which is mainly about boarding schools.

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

- 7.1 CC reported that the focus this year will be on the Myanmar Rohingya Refugees. The material, posters etc are coming from the Methodist's Development and Relief Fund "All We Can". A woman from the fund will be there on the day. As we only have one stall this year we think the tent, in our cellar, will be too big and we haven't the person power to erect it so will be looking for a gazebo.
- 7.2 although we hadn't had much feedback about the "Share the Journey" walk on the 16th June some of the committee members were aiming to do it so it will go ahead. Walking from Christ Church to Bruntwood Park and back down Etchells Road.

7.3 We have not heard whether the CAFOD organiser has been in touch with Sue and Deborah; the last email was in April, saying she would arrange to meet with them. **Action: CC to chase up**

8. LPA/ DEANERY

There was a mass of thanksgiving but no meeting.

9. MAINTENANCE

9.1 The windows, in the house have been done and they have made a difference, especially noise wise. Someone is coming to carry out a new spec regards the Tarmac around the hall.

The heating system, in the house, someone came while FP was on holiday but no further news.

9.2 PK reported that the toilet window cannot be forced or opened from the outside anymore.

Jobs still need completing: -

Shelves in choir storage cupboard;

curtain rack in meeting room;

fix benches to floor (about 10 benches need fixing as they are loose) the brackets, screws, raw plugs and new masonry drills have been purchased.

A new sleeve insert or another method to stop the Altar Cross tipping.

9.3 Michael took over, from Geoff Sylvester, in clearing the grounds around the church and hall but cannot continue. A gentleman called on FP for money, has done so previously, and was willing to work so FP asked him to clean the grounds; he did a good job. CMC will enquire about whether it is something the local scouts would do.

9.4 JB reported that the lock on the toilet door still does not lock securely. **Action: PK to investigate a new type of lock, e.g. one that can be opened with a coin, in an emergency.**

9.5 The telephone system, discussed last month, is not worth going ahead with it.

10 PARISH HALL

10.1 PK has made a stand for the urn and requested feedback as to whether the large teapot can be filled from it easier.

10.2 The tables FP loaned out some months ago we returned, just left outside, dirty and without a donation.

10.3 Discussed getting new tables, with the money raised from the Race Night. Suggested ones that fold in half, for easy handling and storage. **Action: FB to check prices/sizes and email to committee for comments.**

11 ECUMENISM

The timing of the Remembrance Day Service was raised as somebody was wanting it to be at 11am but CTHG agreed that because times of services / Mass in the various churches can't be changed they will stick with the time of 12noon.

The new minister at St. Catherine's will be inducted on the 8th July.

There was a 'Big Church Out' event on the 1st June but we had not heard anything about it.

12 SOCIALS

Race Night – it went very well, much laughter, and raised £600. Three hundred pounds were sent to Wellspring; plus, a large supply of tinned foods (a tin of food was the entry fee to the night). The remainder of the profit is for new tables for the hall.

13 FUND RAISING

A priest from the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will be coming on the 1st July for an appeal.

Parish Drawer Winners

(The names are different to those given at the meeting because CC looked at last years list. Those listed below are correct)

May

First Prize Number 27 Graham Rollason

Second Prize Number 124 Sheila Hardman

June

First Prize Number 77 Anne McKeigue

Second Prize Number 42 Elizabeth Hulme

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

Eucharistic Ministers – we need to remind people that they must arrive early and make themselves known.

We need more ministers that can visit the housebound/ hospice and if any are willing to do the occasional Vigil Mass, where there is a shortage.

Action: Add all points to the new rota.

CMC requested that the Heald Green Festival use our safe for the funds after the festival – FP agreed.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th July 7.pm

The meeting ended with a prayer