

**PARISH MEETING MINUTES**  
**4<sup>th</sup> September 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)

**Apologies** Carole McCann (CMC), Ann Lyth (AL)

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 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 Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> July (for those E.M.s who take Holy Communion to those at home or in hospital) attendance was smaller than expected, however, FP feels there is more control/ awareness of who is visiting. Still need more for the hospice, although it has been quiet. JB requested we revive the habit of listing, in the Sacristy, who is in the hospice.

4.2 PK asked if 4 Eucharistic Ministers were needed for the 9am Mass on Sundays, as there are few ministers. FP affirmed we do as there is a growing number of parishioners at that Mass.

4.3 JB informed us that there is a slight change in Alter Servers as Aldon is off to university; Christopher Stiles has joined the 9am 'team' but he will do the occasional Vigil Mass and Molly Earp has joined the 9am team.

4.3 CB informed us we need more Catechists for the Children's Liturgy.

4.4 Adoremus – We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Sunday between the 9am and 11am masses also between the 11am Mass and Baptism as a participation of the Congress Procession in Liverpool.

**5. YOUTH**

5.1 Confirmation for the LPA went well. We felt the system of Candidates and Sponsors at the front worked and there were no complaints. Though the church was full, with extra seating from the hall, it was not over crowded. We are prepared to do the same next year, unless there is a huge increase of candidates.

**6. SAFE GUARDING**

6.1 Following the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> CMC has applied to the Diocesan safeguarding office for new visiting EMs and is working through all existing DBS checks and is getting everyone's up to date.

**7. JUSTICE AND PEACE**

7.1 CC reported that Katie Hallows, the CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator – Shrewsbury met with Deborah & Sue who agreed to be Cafod volunteers along with CC. Katie will arrange for our details to be added to the Cafod Database, so information can be sent directly to us.

7.2 The next Ecumenical J & P meeting is in a couple of weeks.

**8. LPA/ DEANERY**

The next meeting is on the 19<sup>th</sup> September at St Chads. There hasn't been a Deanery meeting.

**9. MAINTENANCE**

9.1 A local firm, Chris Jameson, was used for heating in the presbytery and tarmac around the hall. FP has not signed off the heating 2 radiators are not working.

9.2 There is still a light missing, in church, but it should be done this week.

9.3 The pieces of broken glass, in the disabled toilet, has mysteriously been removed but we will look to getting it fixed.

9.4 JB reported that the single gate is sticking, making it difficult to move, it will need adjusting.

9.5 The 'Garden Space' has been costed to around £3000. Poly panels, that don't need maintenance, will surround the area and artificial grass will be laid. We had an offer of a donation but haven't heard further so we will use the Harvest Supper as a fund raiser.

#### **10 PARISH HALL**

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

#### **11 ECUMENISM**

Meeting is next Tuesday.

#### **12 SOCIALS**

12.1 Harvest Festival 22<sup>nd</sup> September notice is in the newsletter £10 per person, hot pot & raffle, bring your own drink.

12.2 Father Mike's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday party on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October notice in the newsletter and list pinned up in the porch. Suggested buffet/afternoon tea. FP to check what Fr Mike prefers.

12.3 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**

##### **August**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize No. 18 Carole McCann

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize No. 13 Mary Erb

##### **September**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize No. 146 Pauline Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize No. 64 Pat Beeley

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

RH requested that we notify the 'flower ladies' in advance of a wedding and whether flowers are provided by the party.

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

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm.

The meeting ended with a prayer