

## Parish Council Meeting

### St Charles Borromeo

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

**Present:** Father Don, Anne Black, Julia Bradley, Nick Collins, Norman Garlick, Val Gebbett, \*Marie Ginnis, Derek Handley, Sue Hoolahan, \*Anna Hill, Catherine Rolls, Chris Wild

(\*Terry Walsh substituted by Anna Hill, Emma Parkinson substituted by Marie Ginnis)

**Apologies:** Owen le Blanc, Jimmy Dickson, Sylvia Shaw, Emma Parkinson, Terry Walsh

**New members of the council :** Following a parish vote, there have been 3 people chosen to join the council. The new members are; Val Gebbett, Sue Hoolahan and Owen le Blanc.

Father Don gave out examples of a constitution for the parish council. He displayed examples of the following;

Document given by the Diocese showing basic shape

Notes from past constitutions

Sample from Broadbottom

**Chair person agreed:** Council members nominated Nick Collins to be Chair person. It was decided that he would carry out this role up until the end of this year, December 2014.

**Building work/Heating system:** Building project on confessional boxes will complete Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Father Don will report back on cost and seek further input from parish regarding decoration (carpet, curtain etc.).

Meeting will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> June regarding supplementary organ.

Survey of heating system will take place Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Nick Collins will encourage the removal of existing radiators to make way for 8 or 9 more economical heaters.

**Church Hall:** Father Don mentioned the hall is only used at present by 'keep fitters'. There are concerns regarding safety of the building. Father Don has asked for an indemnity, however this has not yet been received.

Points to consider;

Church is paying minimal insurance and electricity for the building.

Permission to sell the hall only if we create a new hall.

Alternative access?

Father Don will give diocese the names of reputable Estate Agents; Savilles and Waltons were mentioned.

**Quarant Ore:** Will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at St Charles and on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at Broadbottom.

Chris Wild suggested small candles to be made available for people to light if they wish. Norman Garlick will mention the dates to Steve Williamson at St Charles school and maybe suggest some of the children visit church.

**Finance:** Derek Handley has conversed with Carol W at Broadbottom and have written a letter to the finance manager at St Philip Howard to find out what our money is used for. No reply as yet.

Derek also mentioned the problem arising regarding tax and that because of the tax breaks rising some people are not paying tax. Therefore, Derek is attempting to come up with a new strategy to encourage Gift Aid to be used. He is thinking about adding a series of inserts to the parish newsletter to 'drip feed' information to the parish.

Facts and figures will be made available at each meeting. Concerns raised as to what should be reported to the committee? Father Don suggested that everything should be told except for names of 'who gave what'.

**St. Charles Family Group:** Catherine Rolls will share her role as leader/chair with other members of the group as unable to attend all meetings.

Points raised as to why the number of children coming to church are diminishing. This will be discussed at next meeting on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and ideas shared at next Council meeting.

**Minute Taker:** Does Sylvia Shaw want to continue her role as the minute secretary?

**Agreed:** The council have agreed to meet every 3 months. Next meeting will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.