

## **St Charles Borromeo Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting held in the oratory 25.03.15

**PRESENT** Nick Collins (chair), Fr Don Bowdren, Julia Bradley, Val Gebbett, Sue Hoolahan, Anne Black, Derek Handley, Terry Walsh, Catherine Rolls.

**APOLOGIES** were received from Owen LeBlanc, Sylvia Shaw, Emma Parkinson & Chris Wild.

Norman Garlick & Jimmy Dickson were represented.

(Fr Don agreed to take minutes for the meeting)

**CHAIR'S ACTIONS** NC had

- connected with the PP, the treasurer and with BB/GAM chair & treasurer over recharges;
- met with the PP over various issues.

**MINUTES** of the previous meeting were accepted without need of correction.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

- TW had connected with various local parishes as to their pastoral activities
- A Pastoral working group was mentioned
- Improvements in access to the parish website were noted; thanks to DH and PS (webmaster) for this work;
- Facebook and Twitter were again mentioned. A link was suggested between CR (HAD) and CW (BB/GAM) in this matter;
- Church cleaners were useful; DB had messaged the Families Group to seek Holy Week cleaning assistance;

### **FINANCE REPORT**

**DH reported on the 22.3.15 finance meeting and highlighted:**

1. **Church-collection improvement campaign** notes were circulated; this Lenten campaign was of four weeks duration. Existing givers by any means were to be encouraged to review their giving. Standing-orders & Planned Giving envelopes were to be encouraged. Gift-Aid was to be urged. Forms offered and circulated after Masses. There had been difficulties connecting with Charlie-worshippers at Gamesley (and BB). Responses were moderate.
2. **Heating & Roof-repair** expenditure was referred to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, and VAT had been reclaimed to the tune of £5.2k
3. There was a chance that HM Gov would pay 100% for **urgent roofing works**. To be investigated.
4. DH handed round info-sheets on the proposed **parish budget for 2015/16**. This indicated a deficit budget of £11.5k. The need to attract more income was urgent.
5. It was noted that the £3k annual donation to SPH was cancelled 23.3.15.
6. He also indicated a **five-year capital-budget scheme**, proposing maintenance works of £70k to 2020.
7. The BB/GAM response on **recharges** was circulated. It was noted that the PP-proposed split (mainly 50/50) was accepted. There was variance over Rectory repairs & refurbishment (66/33), and CCTV (75/25). After discussion DH was invited to reply suggesting in these areas the split should be pro-rata on weekly church-collection average – 56(HAD)/44(BB/GAM), and that these rates be reviewed annually in March.

## **FABRIC REPORT**

- The need to reinstate the garage (adjacent to the Care Home) for storage purposes;
- Father Don to contact Duke of Norfolk crypt roof possible water ingress;
- The need to check / replace / supplement the oratory heaters;
- The need to replace the garden gate;
- Repair/replace Perspex lighting sheets in the oratory;
- The idea to buy cushions for pew-use in church: it was agreed that individual worshippers would be welcome to bring own-cushions and leave them in church;

## **GROUP REPORTS**

1. **Families Group** had arranged a ceilidh in the school hall for 4<sup>th</sup> July
2. **Cleaners** need more assistance and possibly occasional professional high-level cleaning;
3. **Emins** had met in the matter of training for Lay-Led Sunday Worship. It was noted that Damian N had spoken of the diocesan mandate to organise such training. It was suggested that the Peak Deanery would organise this for New Mills parish Hall in summer;
4. **Florists** : the indisposition of CW and MB was noted. DB had contacted the Families Group to seek assistance for Easter Flowers. Claire Farnsworth was mentioned as a possible assistant.

## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held after Mass on 17th May.

## **AOB**

- The need to have a parish Justice and Peace liaison officer;
- Ditto for CAFOD
- The need for a parish visiting group : Sue H agreed to liaise with BB/GAM where such a group was working efficiently.
- Photos of Council members to be displayed on noticeboard.

**Next Meeting:** Weds 1<sup>st</sup> July 7pm