

ST CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE ORATORY 1.7.15.

PRESENT: Nick Collins (Chair), Ann Black, Father Don, Val Gebbett, Derek Handley, Sue Hoolahan, Owen LeBlanc, Catherine Rolls, Sylvia Shaw, Terry Walsh, Chris Wild

APOLOGIES: Julia Bradley, Jimmy Dickson, Norman Garlick

RETIRING CHAIR'S ACTIONS

NC chaired the AGM after Mass on 17th May. Timing of the AGM felt to be right. Not much reaction to the report which was only seen by the congregation on the day. There were some comments (referred to below) after the meeting.

Action: Chair's report should be issued the week before the next AGM.

NOMINATIONS FOR AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY

No new nominations.

Proposed that Nick Collins Chair and Sylvia Shaw Secretary be re-elected and they agreed to remain in post.

MATTERS ARISING

* Vacancy for Justice & Peace Liaison Officer still vacant.

* Ditto for CAFOD.

Action: Advertise in Newsletter

* Some progress in establishing Parish Visiting Group but for mention in this week's

newsletter to establish further interest.

* Photos of Parish Council members on display on noticeboard and in the oratory.

AGM FEEDBACK

a) Change of Mass times (2 mentions)

Request to move Vigil Mass from St Margaret's Gamesley to St. Charles.

Gamesley congregation declining and congregation mainly diverse but there were mixed views as to whether a change was totally positive.

Action: Discuss initially with Immaculate Conception and then hold an open meeting with the congregation of St. Charles after Mass.

b) Replace Altar Rails (2 mentions)

Discussed but felt to be a backward step as the practical and symbolic functions no longer relevant.

Decision to pause on this action for now.

c) Mass time overlong. (1 mention)

This point recognised by FD who will think seriously about the matter.

Action: As a start reduce Mass time during school holidays.

REPORT FROM FINANCE & FABRIC COMMITTEE

1. Two month's into Parish giving review no noticeable improvement but too soon to see effects of Gift Aiding. Increase in standing order payments should also improve income overall as money will be received when parishioners absent.

2. FD has sent out pack explaining finances to 22 occasional users of church

facilities without any response.

3. Agreement reached with St Margaret's and Immaculate Conception regarding recharges.

4. An offer has been received for the Parish Hall and surrounding land which is under consideration.

5. FD awaiting further reports with regard to repair of the organ and an explanation of ring fenced money.

Will arrange for the Council and interested people to meet when further information to hand.

6. Priests' pension fund. Diocese has initiative for funding this. Each parish allocated a sum to contribute which is not supposed to come out of parish income. From our quota of £30,000

we have so far raised £6,000. There is need for a liaison person to take this forward.

Action: Pass to Finance & Fabric Committee to take forward at their next meeting.

7.. Garage has been reclaimed and cleaned. To be used for parish storage. Kinder Construction making watertight.

8. Kinder Construction to inspect crypt to try to gain entry to find out the amount of water damage. Roof cracked and in need of repair.

9. Income paid to St. Philip Howard School has now stopped and fund closed.

REPORTS FROM GROUPS

* CW on behalf of herself and MB thanked Council for gifts, prayers and good wishes during sickness.

* SH will be selling cakes after Mass on 12th July to raise money for Sea Sunday.

* Facebook page - no response so far. **Might be a possibility to have a joint page for both parishes.**

NC will also take forward the suggestion that there should be more co-operation between the two Councils.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING; WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2015