

ST CHARLES BORROMEIO PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE ORATORY ON 27TH APRIL 2016

Present: Nick Collins (Chair), Ann Black, Julia Bradley, Father Don, Val Gebbett, Derek Handley, Sue Hoolahan, Owen LeBlanc, Emma Parkinson, Rachel Poole, Sylvia Shaw

Opening Prayer

1, Apologies: Jimmy Dickson, Catherine Rolls, Terry Walsh

2. Chair's Actions

Attended SVP Society meeting at All Saints.

3. Minutes for Approval

Minutes of meetings held on 13th January 2016 and 9th March 2016 accepted as correct.

4. Matters Arising

a) Rachel Poole attended to canvass support for commencing a "meet and greet" arrangement which would take the form of a simple welcome with assistance to visitors and parishioners when arriving on Sunday. This had been a matter previously mentioned by the Parish Council.

Rachel is prepared to lead on this and will approach Young Families with aim of having 3-4 people to start with and include children. FD welcomed the proposal particularly in relation to engagement with baptismal/special occasions. **Action: FD to alert in advance baptismal dates.**

b) Visiting inform and sick. NC attended SVP Society meeting at All Saints re suitability for this. Two people from Immaculate Conception were also there and it emerged they already have an active visiting group with 12 members who work in pairs. Each pair undertakes four visits a year.

Madeleine Dyson is their organiser. **Action: NC will arrange for Madeleine to come across and talk to those who have already expressed an interest in belonging to this group.**

c) Glossop Cemetery. FD has contacted HPBC who have already done some work on clearing the ivy and debris around the grave of Fr Edward Hickey. Some further work is needed and the lettering on the headstone requires renovation. **Action: NC undertook to visit and restore the marking.**

d) A well qualified candidate Mrs Bernadette Quirke has been appointed Head of St Charles on the retirement of Mr. Williamson this summer. **Action: PC to send a card to welcome her.**

5. Organ Restoration.

There has been no response to the letter sent to the Bishop from the Council. GSS continue to attend quarterly and OLB reported they had done some additional work on the organ during their last visit.

6. Refugees

OLB has written to Patricia Stoa, the diocesan co-ordinator for action on Syrian refugees to find out in what way we can help without waiting for a national effort to be organised. The best way forward is to link into existing charities working in this area. She is investigating

the possibilities and will contact OLB when she has further information.

7. Finance & Fabric

- a) DH circulated the annual financial statement for 2015-16. Capital expenditure low for year and benefitted from refund from SPH monies. In the year 2016-17 expenditure includes redecorating the church. The diocesan quota is also increasing.
- b) Parish Hall. Five bids entered which were forwarded to the diocesan and legal experts and more detail requested. Nothing further heard to date.
- c) Annual Risk Assessment. Is now due. More strenuous requirements. NC undertaking PAT testing.
- d) Drive lights. Pending.

8. Retired Priests' Fund

As at end of April 2016 two thirds of contribution for combined Longdendale churches has been raised in pledges to term and one-off gifts. Just over £18,000 left to raise. Finance committee looking at how this could be managed using set-off or diverting funds from elsewhere. The closing date is now 2020.

There is to be a coffee morning at St. Charles on 21st May and proceeds will go towards the fund.

9. Group Reports

AB reported a health & safety concern in that last Sunday one person together with a child were in the kitchen making tea after Mass. Normally two people are required for this duty. AB stepped in to assist and remove the child from a potentially risky situation but having a child pouring tea in a congested area is not acceptable.

Action: Health & Safety rules for kitchen should be displayed

Issue of having one person on kitchen duties when Young Families on rota need to be referred back to Catherine Rolls who should refer back to PC if unable to resolve.

10. AGM & Election of New Members

NC circulated a draft of his report for the AGM at the end of the two year cycle of the PC. FD to add a comment and report can then be circulated to parishioners in advance of the AGM on 15th May. This will take place in the oratory after Mass and allow parishioners to comment and question PC members.

As required by the constitution members should stand down after this meeting. Representative groups need to nominate/re-elect member for the next two years. New representative from the congregation will be needed to replace OLB because of his new responsibilities. FD to reinstate the Council.

11. Any Other Business

OLB's ordination will take place on 11th June at St Barnabus Cathedral Notting.ham. Nuala Shepley will organise a coach but numbers wanting to attend need to be obtained. An announcement will be made this Sunday and Val offered to make a list of names of those interested. Will also contact Sue at IC to obtain list of names from that parish.

12. Date of Next Meeting : 7.00 P.M. WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2016 IN THE ORATORY

