

ST CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE ORATORY ON 6TH JULY 2016

Present: Ann Black, Sophie Booth, Nick Collins Father Don, Val Gebbett, Marie Ginnis (on behalf of Emma Parkinson), Derek Handley, Sue Hoolahan, John Palmer, Sylvia Shaw

Opening Prayer

In the absence of a Chair Father Don prepared the agenda and opened the meeting.

1. Apologies: Julia Bradley, Owen Le Blanc, Terry Walsh, Chris Wild

2. New Council Members

Sophie Booth (parishioner) and John Palmer (school representative) were warmly welcomed to the Council.

Val Gebbett and Sue Hoolahan were also re-elected by the parishioners.

2. Appointment of Chair and Secretary

Nick Collins was proposed and seconded and accepted the role of Chair for a further two years.

Sylvia Shaw agreed to remain as secretary. In any absence Sue Hoolahan agreed to take the minutes.

Father Don then passed the meeting over to the newly elected Chair.

3. Chair's Actions

None to report.

4. Amendment to the Constitution

Requires amendment to include reference to the role of Deacon. FD. asked if Deacon could deputise for him if at any time he was unable to attend. Appears this is possible.

5. Treasurer's Report

DH circulated a financial statement for April and May 2016.. This has not yet been discussed by the Finance & Fabric committee which is meeting in the near future. He reported that income was up because of rent received and collections on target. Expenditure benefited by there not being any real capital expenditure so far but this will alter with the decoration of the church which is due to commence in a few weeks time. 67% of the Retired Priests' Fund target has been achieved and is creeping up.

Decision deferred until the end of the financial year as to how to make up the balance.

6. Proposed visit by the Bishop

The Bishop would like to spend a weekend in the parish and attend the Masses at Gamesley, Immaculate Conception and St Charles. **Father Don to invite him to visit in the early Autumn.**

7. Retiring School Head

JP reported that Steve Williamson is retiring at the end of the school year. The new head is Mrs. Bernadette Quirke who is moving from St James Primary school in Hattersley where she was deputy head. The Governors were pleased with the recruitment.

FD said there was to be a grand Mass on 22nd to say farewell to Steve and Year 6 and hello to Bernadette.

JP was asked if it was possible for the PC to receive a regular copy of the school newsletter.

8. Care Group

SS is waiting to hear if DBS checks are required for the group. It is then hoped to commence visiting in September. **MG and SB offered to join the group.**

9. Church Music

OLB will no longer be available for music because of his new duties other than in exceptional circumstances. There is still a small pool of musicians available but meeting felt discussion would be aided by TW's presence. **Agreed Church Music to become a standing item on the agenda.**

10. Young Families feedback

Whilst the Young Families work individually in the church they are struggling to find time to meet collectively. **For discussion at the next meeting.**

11. Church Hall Disposal

A developer is interested but it is at an early stage. Intends to leave the hall standing and convert to dwellings.

12. Drive Lights

Costly to install lights along long drive. DH intends to ascertain cost of placing lights at the top end of drive and also the whole drive. Need to find a new contractor. For discussion at the Finance & Fabric meeting in two week's time.

13. Church Decoration

Work to commence in October and likely to last for a month. Plan in place to enable services to take place whilst work is underway.

14. Social Functions

Garden Party to be held in FD's grounds/house on 27th August 2016. Will need to be well advertised. Involving Young Families with assistance of the Wednesday Group. Meeting between the two groups is needed.

SB suggested many teenagers are looking to do some voluntary work if the church is able to offer tasks. FD is cautious given past experience but willing to consider further.

St Charles lacks a fundraising group. **SH and SB to take forward.**

15. Reaching Lapsed Catholics

SB agreed to run a Facebook group for the church.

FD said there is a leaflet available for delivery to those no longer attending church regularly but it is a matter of how best to reach those concerned. **NC agreed to**

produce notes for the next meeting.

16. Any Other Business

FD thanked for Council for their work over the last two years which had been of great assistance to himself and the parish.

17. Date of Next Meeting

THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.00pm IN THE ORATORY