

Minutes from Pastoral Parish Council Meeting held at St Joseph's RC Church, Wool on Wednesday January 8th 2020.

Attendees: Father Tim (**Fr T**), Angela Gray (**AG**), Nicky Mackay (**NM**), Donna Eite (**DE**), Jim Wetherill (**JW**), Bernard White (**BW**), Jane Cooke (**JC**), Andrew (**AC**), Karen Buckett (**KB**), Andrea McGowan (**AMG**), Richard McCoyd (**RMC**), Ann Ross-Skinner (**ARS**)

Apologies: Susan Gow (**SG**), Sally Weld (**SW**), Kevin Doyle (**KD**), Carol Donaghy (**CD**)

1. Meeting opened with a reading, prayer and a special thought for Colin Baker RIP and his family.
 - Future meetings may need to be changed to ensure a day is chosen in which there are representatives from all the churches.
2. Minutes of last meeting reviewed
 - Safeguarding - "all in hand"
 - Media - Fr. Tim has not spoken to David Willey yet but AG has and David is happy to continue with this role but would like some guidance on what is expected of him. He has been good at getting information published in local papers in the past. Consensus of opinion was that it would be great if he could continue.
 - moving bank balance funds into a invest fund has not been discussed as of yet, it will be discussed in the next finance meeting. **KB will e-mail AG as to dates and times of their next meeting.**
 - WiFi has been connected in St Joseph's and it costs around £40/month
 - a lockable drawer has been put in place in the sacristy and the stuff that did not fit or does not need to be stored at St Joseph's has gone to Swanage.
 - counters have been given their information sheet and they all seem happy with it. Ongoing issues around counting is felt to always be difficult to resolve and this needs to be discussed at the finance meeting.
 - list of key holders is still being compiled as the previous list was out of date. Discussions were had as to how best to monitor key holders.
 - rent from the Wareham Presbytery was incorrect on the previous minutes, it is £940/month
 - Caritas meeting arranged by **BW** with Zoe Oldman will be 23rd January to try set up a group. **Father Tim and AG to attend.**
3. Finance report (this needs to be emailed out prior to meetings by AG)

- petty cash has increased these are from the flower collections which should have gone through the bank account but didn't. The flower ladies from Wool was given the money but there is approx. £60 for flowers for Wareham.
- Gift aid tax claimed back was higher than expected. Loose collection gift aid claim is limited by mass times as you can only claim up to £5000.
- Electrical work to be carried out costs £1000+
- Parish insurance £950
- Tree work around St. Joseph's in Wool, £940
- Parish levy (based on income and number of parishioners counted during a set period) £8837
- Standing order has been set up to pay Swanage for upkeep of the house (£337/month)
- Some bills are still to come in.

Thank you Karen.

5. Buildings report,

This was e-mailed to Father Tim by Andrew McCarthy.

- ongoing discussions about payments for the resurfacing works for the piece of land between the school and the church. About 5 years ago this was discussed with the school and the outcome was for the church to pay for the work. Discussions will be had with the head of the school to see if the school can contribute to some of the cost.

However, the question of liability was raised: as the land belongs to the school, if the church carries out the work and somebody was to trip and hurt themselves, who would be liable? This needs to be discussed further. **Action: Fr Tim to check with Andrew that discussions about joint payment and liability have been had in the past.**

Work pending

- Need to source a decorator to fill in the walls and paint in the house. **Action: AG to speak to Andrew McCarthy and see if a decorator has been found, if not we do have a contact number for a potential painter.**
- Damp on gable end of the house may need to be repointed but we will need to wait until the results of the report have been issued.

We are awaiting the results of the Quinquennial Report for both churches and the Presbytery at Wool.

Thank you Andrew.

6. CAFOD

- project currently running to make children's clothing from sheeting, duvet covers and pillowcases etc. A reminder was given that CAFOD do not "hand things out", they work with "their partners" in the areas of need. AG and CD heading up this project. **Action: to work out how to distribute this clothing once made. BW to investigate.**
- Nearly new sale will be happening in Spring to raise money for Harlequin, a charity that "Care for Carers", date is Saturday 25th April at St. Joseph's Wool.
- 16th February there will be an exhibition in Wool of CAFOD's current projects. After mass a soup lunch will be provided for a small donation.
- Plastic free Advent campaign has been completed with a varied response
- Launched hands on project in Columbia
- Raised £1380 for harvest fast day in October, amazing response, so thank you to all who contributed.
- Will be supporting the fast day on March 6th with a plea from the pulpit by a nominated parishioner.
- Emergency appeal to be started imminently for Zimbabwe and Zambia due to droughts, note to go in the newsletter.
- Parish walk will be organised again for later in the year
- Meeting with Zoe Oldman to discuss Caritas, to find out a little more about this movement and as to how the Parish can get involved.
- CAFOD Group meeting to be held at the end of the month

Thank you Bernard.

7. Christmas and Advent – A Thank you from Father Tim to everyone involved

- Excellent advent service, thank you Susan
- The school Carol Service at Wool was well attended but concerns were raised as there were a lot of people present spilling out into the aisles and what would happen in the event of a fire so concerns about fire safety. Church capacity needs to be checked against the insurance and potentially explore the option of having ushers at these busy services.

8. Bishop's visit in February

- 22nd to Wareham
- 23rd to Wool and Swanage
- 29th to Lulworth
- There is currently no itinerary, but the Bishop will need to make time for any individual appointments. **Action: note to go into newsletter to ask people to**

let Fr Tim know if they wish to have an appointment with the Bishop. We await further instructions from the Bishop's Secretary.

- Lulworth are organising their own refreshments. Wool will organise refreshments after the 11.00 Mass and will invite Swanage to join us. Ideas discussed to how this may happen.
- **Action: book school hall. Possible separate meeting closer to the time for people who wish to help with this. (AG to do this)**
- Friday 17th January there will be an evening at Lulworth to practice the new mass setting.
- **Action: Eileen to organise music for the visit**
- **Action: Donna to produce poster**
- **Action: Ann to co-ordinate refreshments**

Wareham to organise a suitable event.

9. Social events

- Discussion about potential to have a social co-ordinator. The role of that person could include investigating what social events would parishioners like to have organised, booking the school hall if needed, advertising and co-opting a group of parishioners to help run the event.
- **Action: Jim is going to organise a quiz night after the Bishop's visit potentially in March.**
- **Action: AG to ask David Willey if we could do another talk and visit to the Tank Museum.**
- Potential to do another walk at Warmwell, **ARS to look into this.** Are there other venues we could use.

10. Any other Business

- Churches together unity service on 26th January at 3pm in Wool needs a representative from the parish to attend and read. Father has something else on that day. **Action: AMG has offered to go** - thank you.
- There will also be a service in Sandford for the Churches together in Wareham.
- Roof alarm at St Joseph's has been turned off as it keeps alarming for no apparent cause, there is a possibility that if items are thrown up onto the roof, the alarm will go off. There is a definite need for more people to be added to the "call out list". Issues raised about security of those people attending these call outs as one doesn't know what to expect until one arrives. Due to the noise of the alarm, it has to be attended to swiftly and reset. The detectors on the roof are due to be reviewed on Friday 17th January. We await the outcome of their findings.

- Discussions around possible CCTV for the church but this will not be easy due to the school in close proximity, and subsequent safeguarding issues. Possible application of anti-climb paint was also discussed. We await the report.
- Rent for the Presbytery in Wool was discussed. Could the rent be donated to charity e.g. Homeless charity? **Action: needs to go on the agenda for the finance committee to discuss and if it is a viable option and then it would have to be presented to the Parish. KB could this be added please.**

Next meeting to be arranged following the next finance meeting. AG to speak with KB over dates, and a possible "ad hoc" meeting to be arranged when more information is known about the Bishop's visit.

Meeting closed with a prayer.