

## Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Present: Angela Gray, Ann Ross- Skinner, Sally Weld, Ann Woodhead, Barbara Gray, Gina Bruce, Tibby, Bernard White, Carol Donaghy, Tess Burt, Kath Burt, Colin Clare, Jim Wetherell, Andrew Cook, Jane Cook, Cathelin Doyle, Kevin Doyle, Fr Tim, Nicky Mackay (minutes)

Apologies: Karen Buckett, Maggie Caudell

### Opening Prayer

#### Welcome and Introductions

1- Read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Introduction: look to the future and consider positive ways in which the parish could move forwards. 11 were present to engage in a wide-ranging discussion which acknowledged many positive aspects of parish life.

Subjects for discussion:

putting in place the infrastructure which best supports the development of the parish, underpins current and future activities and enables the smooth and efficient running of the parish.

Reviewing how things work within the parish and considering scope for improvements which will address gaps in what is currently done and also acknowledge the difficulties which are arising as the existing cohort of volunteers gets older and diminishes in number.

Bringing together of the 3 churches with potential to become one parish with Swanage, in the future

2- Moving forward

- Do we want to form a new parish council?
- Branch out into smaller councils

With Fr Ciaran - Previously parish council met 4 times a year, input from finance, buildings, representation from the 3 churches, parishioners were elected by the parish.

Fr Paul did not have a parish council. Focused on fixing the roof, fundraising, social events etc.

But same people always standing and would require new ideas.

Parish council worked in the past and had good attendance. Previously had 9 members + additional eg, Cafod, school, invited members.

Meetings were pre-planned in advance.

Need to keep a council simple, eg. Cover social within main council.

Previously had a social committee which was very successful.

To form a parish council there is a constitution.

People would volunteer and others will be approached.

If the council is set up correctly the term of office is 3 years.

Bernard White (Cafod Group)

Andrew (Buildings)  
Jim (H&S)

- Parish register has been lost and a new one needs to be made.  
Form to be filled in and permission to store information.
  - o Angela to sort

For those who stop coming to mass ? follow up. Getting people to mass needs to be on the agenda. Safeguarding issues if a formal arrangement.

Positive welcome to people coming to mass – protocol for welcoming but may frighten people away from volunteering. Loose spontaneity of meeting a new person.

- Need a replacement for the Safeguarding rep.
- Needs to represent all the groups within the Parish  
List read out, too many people if each group is represented.
- Newsletter should be used to communicate between the churches  
A lot has been happening which some are aware of but some not, everyone should be.

### 3- Finance minutes

Took place at Hugh Sheldon's house.

Balance showed is post roof and car park. No debtors, money in common investment fund which releases dividend (approx.. £830) twice a year.

GADS – tax claimed back on loose collection. Specific form that needs to be filled in.

Ceiling on amount - £50 on a single donation.

Gift Aid is different – people who pay tax and reclaim on collections

Issues, eg. Not allowed husband and wife counters, storage of documents, completing paperwork in the office but no internet access

Balance sheet to be distributed for everyone to see. Income and Expenditure.

Lulworth is separate financially.

Poor interest rate on income.

The diocese take a levy each year approx.. £8000-9000 a year.

In process of emptying the presbytery – hoping to rent out as Wareham is.

Alternative uses eg. Refugee family

- Outreach
- Quinquennial is due (diocese architect, surveyor review of buildings)
- Unable to get hold of the gardener to deal with the Wool presbytery.  
Requires a meeting with the gardener, do not want to remove too much greenery

### 4- Parish secretary

Where would they be based?

How many hours?

In Father's last parish, a secretary did all the work which is done here by volunteers.

Would this fix the problems shown up in the audit?

Wait until the parish council is set up.

- 5- Bishop Mark to visit at the end of November, require a meeting before then. Father would inform us of the date.
- 6- Facebook page and other social media could be used as a means of let parishioners what is happening in the Parish.
- 7- Newsletters out earlier for website, especially the Swanage one, Father would investigate
- 8- We believe that David Wiley is responsible for media in the parish
- 9- Mass times – Anglican parishes of Lulworth produce a magazine, would be useful if they could include Mass times especially at Christmas, Sally will give Father a copy
- 10- Wareham churches together meetings – magazines? Advertising? Could this be used in the future, Father have not been able to attend any of the meetings as of yet as the notices are given out at very short notice.
- 11- Establish parish council, agenda to be based upon previous meeting, names from the parishioners present who are prepared to stand on the council to be given to Nicky at the end of the meeting. Possibly a plea and/or notice put in the newsletter asking for volunteers
- 12- Nicky was thanked for taking the minutes.
- 13- Prayer to close

Volunteers gathered

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