



HOLY CROSS PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 26th June 2019

ATTENDEES:

Fr. Paul Chipchase	President
Chris Wisniewski	Chair
Vivien Flynn	Secretary
Bill Flynn	
Michal Hallam	
Rebecca Turnbull	
Graham Foster	
Joe Wheat	
Simon Clunie	
Mary Umney	
Paul Glover	
Dorothy Bevins	
Sally Butkevicius	
Sue Hanson	
Lisa Hunka	
Dominic Dixon	
Rosalyn Walters	
Caroline Hornby	
Jackie Ortega	
Lucas Ortega	

APOLOGIES:

Krystyna Szmukala

MINUTES

Opening prayer was followed by apologies and approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th March 2019. It was agreed that the Minutes were a true and correct interpretation of the meeting.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Planning the Future of our Parish

This focussed on how we will manage without a resident priest. A paper was tabled showing how the Nottingham Deanery is currently supported

and that between 2019 and 2021 it is anticipated that we will be down from 17 parishes served by 19 priests to 10 pastoral areas served by 14 priests.

Parishes will be reorganised and will be linked within these 10 pastoral areas. It is proposed that The Divine Infant of Prague church currently supported by Fr. John Martin, will be sold to the Romanian Orthodox Church. The bishop has decided to link Holy Cross Hucknall with Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Bulwell, both served by Fr. Martin. This change will take place in mid-September. Similar discussions are happening within every Deanery within the Diocese.

This meeting was the beginning of our consultation and thoughts and comments were invited.

G.F. commented that this merge will mean there are over 600 people within the two linked parishes and Fr. Martin will need a lot of additional help from parishioners. Questions were asked regarding Mass Times, how the link will work with the school and whether Mass will continue to take place at school on Friday afternoons. These questions have been sent to Fr. Martin and he has accepted an invitation to attend our Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on 17th July 2019.

It was suggested that a visiting priest from Africa may be made available to us and he would stay with Fr. Martin in Bulwell and would be able to celebrate Masses at both parishes if this arrangement can be confirmed.

W.F. suggested we could possible source newly ordained priests from India but Father pointed out that not all African and Indian Bishops can afford to support priests. They can encounter cultural problems but these options will be actively considered by Bishop Patrick. We will know within the next six months if this is to happen. It is likely that we will have more Eucharistic celebrations, but most of our Eucharistic Ministers are working and those who are retired and available for morning Mass will be overwhelmed if they are to be relied upon solely.

Fr. Paul informed the parish council that the presbytery would most likely be Let once he leaves the parish. The rent from this would enhance the parish income.

The location of the parish office was then discussed at length and a proposal for it to be at the school was rejected by most of the attendees. G.F. suggested we might utilise part of the sacristy and Father Paul suggested an immediate site visit to see if this would be possible. On return to the meeting, a vote was taken and it was agreed to proceed with the proposal. It was then suggested that Hanson's, who are currently working on the disabled toilet in the narthex should draw up plans and

submit these to the PPC for consideration and then the sites and buildings committee for approval.

Fr. Paul suggested that a list of main officers should be drawn up to focus people's minds on the support required to enable a smooth transition once we are without a resident parish priest. VF agreed to do this and present it to the parish council on 17th July.

AOB

The first Parish Garden Party was announced and a poster has been put up at the back of church. Proceeds from this event will be donated to Fr. Paul Okello Wandera, who will be visiting us later this month and is raising funds for a school farm in Africa.

Churches Together are working towards a sanctuary for refugees. Information regarding this is available in our parish newsletter.

A date for this year's Autumn Fair was proposed and agreed that it should coincide with our celebration for Christ the King. It will therefore take place on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November 2019.

The next meeting of the PPC will take place in the Meeting Room at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 17th July 2019.

C.W. thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed.