

Our Lady of Lourdes, Ebor Lane, Haworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at 7.45pm on Thursday 16th August 2016 at the Church Meeting Rooms, Ebor Lane, Haworth.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Present: Tony Nolan (Chair), Fr Dennis Cassidy, Peter Butler, Sheila Butler, John Drury, Chris Issott, Sheila Forde, Barbara Cox Rosemary and Paul ?, Steph? , John Breen and Mags Smith

1. **Apologies:** Deborah Butler, Steve Kelly, Davina Otterburn
2. **Introduction:** Introductions were made and a warm welcome given to Fr. Dennis.
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 14th July 2016 and matters arising.**
 - With regard to the no parking sign on Mytholmes Lane, Cllr Poulsen had advised that to change the time would need another TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) costing £5,000. John Breen would take this up with the Area Co-ordinator's Office.
 - Ellen Nolan will not be joining the Finance Committee.
 - Change of Mass times: Saturday morning will be 10am following Confessions at 9.30am and Tuesday evening Mass will be at 7pm.
4. **Update from Fr Dennis on the merger of the two Parishes.**
 - Fr. Dennis reassured that we were not losing a Priest and he is committed to Haworth.
 - One major concern is security of the house when it is empty. The Bishop favours it being sold asap. To ensure we have a Community space/hall Fr Dennis proposes that a Committee is formed to discuss how best to sell the property and create a hall and car park. This Committee would work best if professional people such as estate agents, architects and developers are involved and if there are any in the Parish, they be asked to get involved. Having said that, the Community will be the driving force of what is required.
 - Fr Dennis' time is taken up with Parish, hospice, school and diocese business. He would like to observe for a year before any major changes. He asks that if we see anything that isn't working, to let him know.
 - Mass at St. Joseph's is 9am so Father should be here between 10-10.15am to celebrate Mass at 10.30am. Someone to open up and prepare the altar is required.
 - As there are two SVP groups, discussions are needed to see the best way to move forward.
 - Groups for the Preparation for Marriage, Baptisms, Confirmations and 1st Holy Communions. Discussions to be held on the best way to run these groups.

The dynamics of the Parishes will change over the next year, we need to let the dust settle so we can see the way forward.
5. **Matters for Discussion:**
 - **Liturgy** – Fr Dennis will write the Bidding Prayers.
The Confessional box needs clearing of stored items.
Music – John D has written a new *Gloria* which incorporates the new text.
 - **Finance** – Fr Dennis proposes that the accounts are kept separate until the new financial year in April. Sheila Forde will join Chis Issott on the Finance Committee.

- **Function of Parish Council** – The Parish Council is there to advise what is needed. Fr Dennis hopes that communication will be good and if the PC feels something is wrong, that they will speak to him.
Eventually it is hoped that that Parish Council and Finance Committees of both churches can be linked, things should be clearer by January/February.
The bulletin will be produced by Michelle (diocese administrator) and one bulletin will cover both Our Lady & St. Joseph's parish and St. Ann's advertising Mass times throughout and other new items.
- **Day to Day arrangements** – Peter and Sheila Butler, along with others will be keyholders and open the church on Sunday mornings and prepare for Mass.
The change of Mass time to 10.30am will start on 4th September.
- **Parish Activities** – Work on Parish activities will start over the next few months. A group will take this forward to build up Community and Faith in the area.
- **Parish Groups** – SVP -
Prayer group at Michelle's – this may be better attended if held in the afternoon.
Toddlers – It would be good to get a toddler group going. Perhaps invite the organisers of the one at Hall Green, which is very well attended with a waiting list, for ideas.

6. Any other matters –

- Rosemary informed us that she has agreed to be the Parish Rep for CAFOD.
- Need to talk to young people in the Parish to see what they would like.
- The church can be noisy before Mass. John Drury suggests we try to introduce a short quiet period to refocus. This could either be done by a chant or an announcement.
- Sub Committees:
Building Development/Disposal Committee – John Breen, Chris Issott, John Kerney? And Trevor Cox?
Clearance Committee – Sheila Butler
Finance Committee – Chris Issott, Sheila Forde
Other groups and members to follow.

7. It was agreed a monthly meeting is necessary for the next six months. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 9.05pm