

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Haworth - Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 1st November 2016 – 19.30

Present: Tony Nolan, Eileen Nolan, Fiona, Catherine, Chris Issott, Paul Monaghan, Barbara Cox, John Drury, John Breen, Steve Kelly, Christine Kelly, Chris Kelly, Fr. Dennis Cassidy, Steph Bailey, Sheila Forde, Sheila Butler, Peter Butler & Davina-Jo Otterburn.

Apologies: Debra Butler, Rosemary Monaghan.

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer by Fr.Dennis

2. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 20/09/16

- The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Matters arising

- To clarify the old font will come out of the cupboard and placed in usual place. The floorboards will be replaced and stained first.
- Trevor has looked into repairs of the Church and will attend to the concrete outside as soon as possible. Not a lot can be done with the water supply in the sacristy but he will put dye down and see what can be done.
- Visiting the housebound – It was agreed to put a request in the newsletter for anyone who has a relative or neighbour who would like a visit to contact Fr Dennis. This applies to both Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Joseph's. Peter suggested the Eucharistic Ministers could undertake visits and not necessarily on Sundays. Peter will organise and liaise with Steve.
- The date for the Nativity is confirmed as 17th December. Catherine will prepare and co-ordinate with parents.
- Christmas Fayre 26th November 1-4pm– St Joseph's SVP will help with two stalls and appeal for bottles. Proceeds will be shared between Our Lady of Lourdes SVP and the Parish.
- Steve will compile a list of announcements to be read out at the end of Mass.
- Clearance – Fr Dennis will look at the Parish Library and take any books, following which others will be free to take any books they want and the rest will be cleared out.
- Sheila advised that the sacristy had been sorted and the confessional cleared out. The only things in there now is the Christmas items.
- Toddlers Group – Davina is collecting names and hopes to start in a couple of weeks. The group will be open to anyone, not just parishioners. She also suggests a Youth Group which could be up and running before Christmas but a discussion on finances is required.

4. Sub-committee updates

- **Finance** - Fr Dennis is managing the accounts at the moment. A meeting with Fr Dennis and Chris Issott to be arranged.
- **Property** – The group had a meeting with the diocese property manager. If spending more than £5,000 approval is required from the Parish Council. It is proposed that a survey be carried out on the whole site. Some survey fees will be needed for this.

The Property Committee have had two meetings, the first to decide what we wanted to achieve before it was put to the diocese. This included a list as follows: 1000 sq ft to include office, kitchen, meeting room, toilets, car park for 40 cars, relocate the grotto and remedial work to the Church.

The second meeting with the Property Manager revealed that the Parish is the driving force behind the project. Anything from the property sale is not just for Haworth but for St. Joseph's as well. It was agreed the house and car park were saleable, the lawned area could be a new car park. This will be discussed at a later date.

One estate agent had looked at the house today and given an estimate somewhere in the region of £300-400,000. We should have our plans ready before it is put up for sale to avoid any conditions on use of the house.

We should look into grants for building work i.e., Church Trust or WREN.

We should get information out to Parishioners to avoid speculation and to reassure, caution should be used not to say too much too soon but we need to be transparent.

Sheila Forde will liaise with Rachel with regard to the website.

- Clearout of house and cellar. 2 or 3 people are needed to go through old paperwork and a skip is required for the rest.
The Cleaning rota is up and running, more volunteers required. It was agreed to have a brass cleaning day after Mass on Sunday 4th December.

5. Liturgy

- **Music** – John advised that there is no organ player at the moment so the music may not be up to the usual standard.
- **Children's Liturgy** – There are fewer children for the liturgy. More volunteers are required and we should look into purchasing Visual Aids. Davina will speak to Alicia to plan a way forward.

6. Communications – Bulletin/Point of Contact

Mags will set up a Facebook page.

There was a discussion about the bulletin while some found that there was too much information, others liked to see the information from other Churches but clarification was needed as to which events are held where. It is a work in progress and Fr Dennis will speak to Michelle.

7. Parish Activities

- Games/Quiz Night 12th November 2016 (Barbara was concerned the price of £1 entrance would not cover the pie and pea supper. Fr Dennis will make up the shortfall. Thanks to him for the offer.
- Christmas Fayre – 26th November 2016 1-4pm
- Spiritual lead up to Christmas will include a mini day of recollection on Sunday 11th December 12.30-16.00. This will include a shared lunch with a separate afternoon planned for the children to encourage parents to attend.
- Nativity is 17th December 2016 at 3pm

8. Parish Groups

- The SVP has one new member.

9. Safeguarding

- Debra advises that all volunteers who had a CRB check before 2012 now need the new DBS check. Debra will contact those involved. The DBS check can be done online.

10. Any other business

- The time of Saturday Mass will be moved to 9.30am this fits in better with the bus service. Change agreed.
- Thanks were given to all who had attended tonight, It was good to see so many participating.

Next Meeting: 6th December 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 21.10pm