

Minutes of the Parish Forum held on Wed. Sept 19th 2012

Present:

Peter White (Chair), Rev. J. Corcoran, Margaret Donnelly, Les Collinson, Susan White, Arnold Marsden, Mike Bradley, Mary Manning, Carol Waterworth, Peter Donnelly, Daphne Marsden, Lou Marsden, Teresa Mercer, Bernard Mercer, Maureen Mercer, Andy Brown, Amanda Taylor, Vincent Murray, Carol Riley, Philip Byrne, Judith Byrne, Jill Downes, Kevin Downes, Christine Willman, Marie Valolin, E. Davies, Patsy Holgate, Megan Astin, C Astin, Betty Collinson, Marie Preedy, Mary Miller, Roisin Bowes, Kevin Shepherd, Margaret Illingworth, Damien Buggy, Peter Sutcliffe, Janet Clegg

1. The meeting opened at 7.30 with a prayer led by Carol Riley. Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies:

Suzanne Brown, Chris Carr, Harry Waterworth, Aileen Evans.

3. Minutes of the meeting of July 4th 2012 were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising.

All on agenda.

5. Amalgamation, two years on.

Feeling of the forum was that the amalgamation has generally gone well but we need to continue working on it.

- Arnold would like to have a Pro Life rep. from Sabden to liaise with.
- It would be helpful to know in advance of any parishioners from Sabden in residential homes in Clitheroe who would like to be taken Communion. Teresa Mercer to be telephone contact and Sabden to discuss method of communication.

6. Newsletter

Newsletter will now be in colour with a more defined print.

Forum felt that no summer holiday newsletter emphasised lack of communication. Visitors need a newsletter and people unable to attend Mass missed it. It was agreed that next year there will be a newsletter and during the holiday period different parish groups would write the back page.

7. Forthcoming work.

The organ has recently been overhauled. Damage caused by peeling paint has escalated the need for church decoration. Sacristy ceiling is in danger of falling in. Work to start there in 2 weeks and will include some alterations to the sacristy to facilitate more appropriate storage. New rails to choir, presbytery steps and church porch to be installed. To accommodate students appointed to the parish work on the presbytery flat necessary. All work is paid for from parish funds.

Essential pipe work and false back wall to be carried out in the social centre. Cost: £650 +VAT.

Sabden are waiting for the bell hammer; wiring is in place for this. Wiring has been surveyed and needs some refining but not replacing.

8. Confirmation.

This will now be on 25th April 2013 at 7am, no Mass. Confirmation will be administered to 42 children from both schools by the Bishop. A reception in the social centre will follow. Ladies to organise this.

9. Commissioning of Special Ministers of Holy Communion.

Training is completed and commissioning will take place at Masses on 3rd and 4th Nov.

19. Social Concerns, RVBC proposal.

RVBC have produced a consultation document on council tax allowance which can be found on the RVBC website. They propose to meet half of the shortfall in government funding from 2nd homes and the remaining shortfall from benefit claimants. A proposal was put to the forum that the shortfall should be met by all council bill tax payers, adding around £5 per household. This was carried with 3 abstentions. Margaret to express this to RVBC on behalf of the parish via the questionnaire on the website.

20. Rotary civic Carol Service.

A parishioner requested that this take place in SSMJ's on 12th Dec. Fr. John has agreed.

21. School Report SSMJ's

- Leavers' Mass held in parish and school – transfer of 33 children to St. Augustine's and 1 to Bowland
- New intake – reduced numbers – 25 catholics in reception.
- Thank you for support for Summer Fayre and Weld day.
- Torchlight Procession was a great success.
- There have been some family bereavements. (3 pupils father's have died recently) School ready to take on Rainbows.
- School holding a Macmillan coffee morning Fri. Sept.28th 9.15 to 10.30. All welcome
- Rosary before school in Oct. Parishioners welcome.
- Harvest week with assembly on 12th Nov. – link to Parish/ Maundy Grange.

22. Reports.

- Book for Prayer Intentions: In church 20th Sept.
- Website: No new facilities though some new pages. Meeting Sept. 24th
- Street Signage (Clitheroe) Permission has been given for changes. Mike to chase up.
- Torchlight Procession: A fantastic success. Bells put away for future use.
- Vocation sponsorship.: Julie has now left area so unable to pursue this.
- Committee Group reports **KSC** i) HPCT sponsored walk on Sun. 14th Oct
ii) Dance on Fri 12th Oct, iii) Jumble Sale on 3rd **Ladies Group** 48 people attended the walking treasure hunt on 29th Aug. This was followed by supper and entertainment by the group. Next big event is on Wed. 3rd Nov. at 7.30 A talk by Simon Entwistle, with sound effects, "Heroes and Villains" £5 including refreshments. Proceeds to Scout and Guide Assoc. **Cafod** i) harvest fast – Fri. 5th Oct. ii) Hurst Green Stall Flea Market, Hurst Green Memorial Hall – Sun. 28th Oct. 9am to 4pm. iii) £ for £ scheme – cafod collected £9million. target was 2 million.

23. AOB.

Peter D said there was a need for feedback on events at each Forum. Forum agreed.

24. Date of next meeting. Wed. Nov. 7th at 7.30pm Clitheroe
Meeting closed at 9.23pm