

Catholic Parish of Belper and Duffield Parish Pastoral Council | MINUTES

Meeting date: 11/05/2016

Attending council members:

Fr Michael Kirkham	present	Sally Phillips	present
David Barlow (Chair)	present	David Pipe	present
Barbara Waring (Vice Chair)	present	Jannice Richthof	present
Melita Tooher (Secretary)	present	Niels Richthof	present
Fiona Cartmell	present	Alan Ward	apologies
Anne Halliday	present		
John McCabe	apologies		

1. Opening prayer

Fr. Michael opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Apologies

Alan Ward, John McCabe.

3. Approval of minutes of the last meeting

Sally raised the wording of the draft minutes (point 11) regarding the PPC's approval to accept initial proposals on the community orchard. All agreed to clarify the wording to 'All agreed in favour of support for the **consideration** of a community orchard at St. Margaret's, Duffield', as this clarified that the PPC had agreed to considering proposals, once the information had been gathered and presented by the Environmental Group.

4. Community Orchard at Duffield

Sally raised several concerns relayed to her from parishioner's regarding the proposed community orchard. There will be a meeting held on 23.05.16 to discuss the proposals. The Duffield Community Association has printed that the environmental were 'planting' a community orchard, rather than 'planning' a community orchard, and the proposal was also printed in the Duffield Scene. Sally reported that there is already a community orchard in Duffield. The PPC agreed to await clarification on the legal implications of planting a community orchard before discussing further. Members of the environmental group

clarified that they are still at the information gathering stage, and invited those with concern to attend the meeting on 23.05.16. Environmental group members will take the issues raised by Sally to the meeting in Sally's absence. David Pipe also commented that the initial concept of the community orchard was put forward following the Oak Tree planting in Belper, as it was thought that something should also be offered in the Duffield area. The Environmental Group are working in response to Laudato Si. The PCC will make final decisions on any proposals.

5. Syrian Crisis

The retiring collection raised funds which have been sent to Derby Refugee Advice Centre. Fiona explained that the centre aim to provide dictionaries to refugees learning English, and will forward further details. Fiona agreed to act as a contact for the centre, and to contact the centre for find out what our parish can do to help.

6. Parish weekend (July 15th-17th): report on progress and discussion

There have been some changes to the programme, and firmer details will be available after the meeting due to be held on 12.05.16. The event will be welcoming to all parishioners, catering for children, adults and teenagers. A 'Save the Date' will be issued on 22.05.16.

7. Ecclesbourne 6th form car park suggestion

Ecclesbourne School have offered to pay £30 per week for the sixth form students to use the carpark at St. Margaret's. The school also offered to take on the opening and closing of the barrier at 08:45 and 16:15. The PPC discussed the pros and cons of providing this service, including the act of 'community service' in reducing traffic congestion, wear and tear on the carpark, administration of car park availability. The finance committee had looked at the issue and identified that the cost/benefit does not 'stack up'. The Bishop did not consider that the suggestion needs to be accepted. Anne proposed the PPC suggest a higher fee. Three members voted in favour of this. Seven members voted against, proposing that the suggestion is declined. The PCC decided not to further consider the use of Ecclesbourne School 6th form students using the car park.

8. Finance

Niels provided a summary of the Parish Accounts. There have been some changes to the way in which 'gift aid' contributions can be claimed. 'Gift aid' can now be claimed back on 'loose plate' collections. To enable the parish to claim this, it is essential that collections at Duffield and Belper are counted separately

There is a planned 25 % increase in the Diocesan Quota contribution, from £734 per month to £950 per month. This increase is to meet the costs of the Quinquennial inspection. Fr. Michael has already written to the Financial Secretary of the Diocese expressing concern

on behalf of the Parish's Finance Committee at the size of this increase. There was agreement that the Chair of the PPC should also write, requesting reconsideration in light of the recent costs of the building repairs to the parish house.

9. Building Maintenance

Sally raised a list of maintenance issues requiring attention at St. Margaret's. Niels confirmed that there is a budget set aside for such work. A volunteer is required to co-ordinate the repairs. Fr. Michael will seek a volunteer from St. Margaret's to co-ordinate the repairs. David (Chair) agreed that it is important that the repairs are completed, and offered to co-ordinate this if no volunteer from Duffield can be found.

10. Date of next meeting (Agenda items)

Jannice has some suggestions for a logo for our parish and will bring this to the next meeting on 13.07.16.

11. Closing prayer

Fr. Michael led the meeting in Year of Mercy Prayer, to close the meeting

Next meeting to be held on

Wednesday 13th July, 7pm until 8:30pm

St Benedict's Room, Our Lady's, Belper.