

MINUTES OF PPC MEETING On 11th January 2017

Present: Mark Shuldham (Chairman) (MS), Fr Robert (Fr R), Martin Snell (MSn), Corinne Williams (CW), Jenny Malone Lee (JML), Anne Evans (AE), Catherine Vaux (CV), Chris von Patzelt (CvP), Alan MacDermot (AM) (Secretary)

Apologies: Andrew Lodge (AL), Venetia Wright (VW), James Lock (JL)

Prayer

The meeting opened with a prayer

Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed

Matters Arising

None

Date for Parish AGM

It was agreed that the AGM should be on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm. AM to book the Hinton Hall (**Action: AM**). *(The Hinton Hall is already booked that night. I have booked it for 22nd February with the agreement of MS MSn and Fr R. AM).*

Treasurer's Report

Balances are approximately £9,000 in the current account and £81,000 on deposit

Martin Snell would like to hand over the book-keeping and computer data entry involved in the Treasurer's job. It was agreed we should advertise for this post on the basis of about one hour a week other than at year-end

- CW has drafted an advertisement which JML will put into February's FOCUS (**Action: JML**)
- Fr Robert will ask Mike Lennard whether he could do the work when he teaches in Tisbury on Wednesdays (**Action: Fr R**)
- MSn will ask Johnnie Berkley Matthews for a recommendation and what a suitable pay rate might be (**Action: MSn**)
- A notice will be put in the weekly mass-sheet

Fabric and Finance Committee

AE reported a meeting with Cherringtons in October. They produced two new designs for new parish rooms between the church and Trellis House, one preferred over the other.

After the meeting the committee decided to pursue other options. A developer suggested to AE that work on the site might be more difficult than anticipated with sub-surface water and

the likelihood of Tree Preservation Orders, and also that permission might not be granted for as many buildings as Cherringtons hoped.

An option put forward was to refurbish West End House (some refurbishment, to stairs and possibly roof, is needed anyway), paying for it by selling building land at the South East or possibly the North East corner of the estate. This leads to two pieces of work

- i. Access would be needed to the back of the property. This could be exchanged for leasing out the land south of the Trellis House drive for parking. The Parish Council and the Sports Club (Ian Burfitt) are likely to be supportive and the Parish Council might fund the work.
- ii. A decision should be made on what to do with West End House. One option is to turn it into an enlarged Parish Room and a Parish Office with a flat for the Priest above. Alternatively it could be sold to build a new Room/Office/Flat.

Some estimates from Matthew Boatright (the Estate Agent) and the builders are:

- Refurbishment of the building in its current configuration is £35,000
- Redevelopment of WEH and separation of Trellis House from the church likely to exceed £200,000
- Value of WEH is £175,000 to £200,000 with a bit of refurbishment and £250,000 to £275,000 if the building is redeveloped. The flat by itself with the use of the courtyard at the back might fetch £100,000.
- Commercial rent for the Parish Room as a shop is £800 - £850 p.c.m.

It was suggested that converting the Laundry building to an office would greatly enhance the value of Trellis House.

The Diocesan Property Officer, Derek Salmon, is visiting on 9th February. It was agreed that the Committee would meet him after lunch and would do some preliminary work before that, particularly on the objective for WEH.

Events / Social Group report (JML)

The social group ran a raffle stall at the fete; organised a successful visit to Buckfast Abbey; and ran the Harvest Supper.

The Childrens' Party will be on 5th February; they will organise refreshments for the AGM. They propose to organise an excursion to the "Life of Christ" enactment at Wintershall which takes place between 20th and 24th June.

LYRA, the group of Russian Singers, will perform at the Sacred Heart in April.

Parish Youth Report (CV)

First Holy Communion Instruction starts on 5th February and will take place just after the 9am Sunday Mass. Nine children are enrolled. First Holy Communion will be on 11th June with the

usual Communion Breakfast afterwards at the School. Fr Robert will notify David Howell. **(Action: Fr R)**.

There are no enrollments this year for Confirmation.

The Childrens' Liturgy is continuing successfully and there are occasional Childrens' Masses.

There will be no exhibition of nativities this year. CV will raise with the School the possibility of organising something for 2018.

Provision of Church Music

There are two siphers on the organ and Fr Robert will try to bring in the man who maintains the one in St Thomas's in Salisbury.

It would be desirable to have a keyboard for contingencies and CvP has offered his old one to the Parish

Douglas, the organist, has indicated that his remuneration is a little below the going rate. Fr Robert has raised the amount he asks for Weddings (£150) and Funerals (£100) and suggested that the rate for a service be increased from £30 to £35. This was agreed.

Mission

The Bishop's recent Pastoral Letter asked congregations to form a plan for the next few years. Nick Weeks seems willing to coordinate this for us. MS will contact him and offer the use of the Parish Room and a short introduction at Masses. **(Action: MS)**

Any Other Business

The members present all indicated that they would be happy to continue next year. AM was asked to send out a note to the absentees to gauge their willingness, in case there is a need to invite new members at the AGM **(Action: AM)**

Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th April at 7pm in the Parish Rooms.