

MINUTES OF PPC MEETING

On 28th March 2019

Present: Mark Shuldham (Chairman) (MS), Fr Robert Miller (FrR); Andrew Lodge (AL), Corrinne Williams (CW), Anne Evans (AE), Jenny Malone Lee (JML), Robert Vaux (RV), Catherine Vaux (CV), Chris von Patzelt (CvP), Catherine Barnard (CB), Alan MacDermot (AM) (Secretary)

Apologies: Venetia Wright (VW), Honoria Connolly (HC),

The meeting began with a prayer.

1 Welcome

MS introduced and welcomed CB as an observer at the meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 13th December 2018 were agreed

2 Finance (RV)

RV presented the accounts for 2018 (attached). His commentary on them is also attached. FrR pointed out that there was a lot of complex data entry (and a new accounting system) behind the figures and thanked RV for his work.

3 West End House (MS)

MS commented on the Finance and Fabric report (attached) concerning the proposed development, and showed a plan of the proposed development to the meeting. Additional points:

- once the plot has been sold to a developer it would be free to apply to change the site plans
- legal undertakings as a part of the sale could constrain the developer from moving away from low-cost housing, but such undertakings would lower the likely price
- a joint approach with a developer introduces unwelcome risk for the parish and diocese
- a planning application with sufficient detail about the objective could help the planners resist future changes by a developer
- the team have engaged a retired conservation officer to prepare a case for the demolition of the washhouse

Fr R congratulated MS and his team on the progress that had been made.

4 Parish Evangelisation Team (CV)

The team has about 20 members. They meet on the second Sunday of each month with the meetings being attended by 9 or 10 people. A summary of their work is attached.

5 Tisbury and Wardour Catholic Social Group (JML)

The TWCSG provided refreshments for the talk by Fr Nicholas King on 9th March

Planned events include

- the Lent Lunches
- the breakfast for the children receiving First Holy Communion
- refreshments at the Parish AGM. The Hinton Hall has been booked for this on 17th May and AM is to meet John Gully to open up at 6pm.

6 Parish Youth Report (CV)

CV discussed her report, which is attached.

7 Parish AGM

The structure will be the presentation of reports on the topics discussed today.

The plans for the development will be on display. MS will present a high-level review of the reasons for the development and the progress to date.

MS will email PPC members individually to ask them if they will serve for another year.

Fr R will make an announcement beforehand that the plans will be on display, and inviting other parishioners to join the PPC

8 Any Other Business

Fr R is not currently involved at St Mary's. He is trying to wind down his commitments on medical advice, but has promised St Mary's it will not be left in the lurch when Fr Andrew retired

There is some thinking about providing regular Masses at Dinton

The meeting ended with a prayer

The next meeting will be called after the AGM

The Parish AGM will be on Friday 17th May at 7pm.

Attachments

Fabric and Finance Report

A. West End House and the Parish Office

1. Planning Permission has been granted for the Flat/Parish Room and for the new Parish Office.
2. Specifications for the Building Regulations and for details to comply with the Planning Conditions are being drawn up.
3. When those are ready, we shall be able to go out to Tender to obtain accurate costs.

B. The back-land development

1. The F& F Cttee is recommending that we apply for 6 “affordable houses” and 2 larger “Open Market” value houses. All of these will be designed to be as carbon friendly as possible.
2. In order to obtain the best configuration on site, and to facilitate the access, an Application to fell some trees has been submitted. We should receive a decision on or about 4th April.
3. Depending upon the decision in 2 above, the Planning Application for the back-land will be submitted.
4. Planners will require Specialist Reports on the following subjects:
 - Archaeology
 - Drainage
 - Wildlife/Ecology
 - Trees (see above)
 - Access and the old Wash-house (proposed to be demolished)
5. The total cost of these will be approximately £20,000. The Diocese has already agreed to fund these on a loan basis, repayable from the proceeds of sale.

Bridge Funding

The diocese has offered funding to allow us to complete the Flat, Parish Room and Parish Office, before the back-land development is sold. The loan can be up to 10 years.

Interest is at 2.5% above Bank of England Base Rate – so currently 3.25%.

On the fees of say £25K, a 5 year loan will cost £2120 plus the repayment
a 10 year loan will cost £4315 plus the repayment

The F& F is recommending that we start drawing from the Diocese for the fees in 4 and 5 above.

A summary of Youth work

- 1st Holy Communion programme with four children. They will be presented to the Congregation on April 7th Youth Mass. The Sacrament is on June 16th at Wardour. We introduced a Sunday Mass at Wardour this year which was much enjoyed by the families! Father Robert has given the parents a talk on Prayer life in the Family. Those at Wardour School stood up and spoke to the pupils last week as well.
- Youth Masses are the first Sunday of the month.
- Some parishioners came to the school Mass on Ash Wednesday
- Trip to the British Library on 17th January to see the Anglo-Saxon Exhibition – went very well
- The repository Shop sells something every week- Easter cards available now this!
- Easter Sunday will see the Gloria being rung out with extra bells rung by the children

Thank you, as always to Father Robert for his gentle guidance

PET summary

A key aim of the group is to individually bring their faith into conversations and be more 'evangelical' in letting others know our views.

The group has been a part of bringing an all churches **Palm Sunday Procession** to fruition. Anne Evans has linked with St John's and Fr Robert met to discuss it with the other church leaders. Patricia Coopman has also been involved.

10.15 after our 9am Mass we would meet to process with palms (and donkey) up the High Street and stop to read the Palm Sunday narrative.

Feast Day Parish Party (28th June is the Feast of the Sacred Heart) A parish family party is being explored for Sunday at lunchtime on 7th July, PET would help and the Social Committee are keen too. It would have whole Parish involvement,

An Exhibition on Blessed John Henry Newman in the Church on the day of the Community Fete Saturday 13th September. It might include some music and possibly a talk on JHN around that time. A work in progress- comments please.

Easter Masses notelet are in the making

Treasurer's report

A summary income and expenditure account for the year ending 31st December 2018 is attached. This shows a slight improvement in funds: a surplus over the course of 2018 of £728 (2017: deficit of £2,125). This is a good result, given that expenditure of £7,486 has been incurred during the year on preparation and planning for the West End House and related developments. Income for the year was virtually the same as the previous year, but the Parish Share at £22,215 was some £4,300 less than the previous year, in part reflecting the lack of rental income.

Looking ahead to 2019, there will be a slight increase in the costs of running an empty West End House Flat, since with effect from March 2019 the Council Tax on the flat has increased by 50%, this being a surcharge applied to an empty property. It was £1,370 in 2018, and in 2019 it is $£1,431 + 50\% = £2,146$.

