

**The Parish of The Sacred Heart, Tisbury, and All Saints, Wardour**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

**19:00 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017**

The meeting opened with a prayer

The Chairman, Mark Shuldham, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The attendees were not familiar with the minutes of last year's meeting so The Chairman summarised them and they were accepted (proposed Robert Vaux, seconded Felicity MacSwiney, none against).

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Jamie Clark and James Lock have resigned as members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Remaining members are Mark Shuldham, Fr Robert Miller, Martin Snell, Jenny Malone-Lee, Catherine Vaux, Corinne Williams, Anne Evans, Chris von Patzelt, Andrew Lodge, Venetia Wright, and Judy Wright. Alan MacDermot is the secretary. The Chairman invited applications or nominations for the remaining places.

**Parish Accounts**

A financial summary was circulated. The full return was available for inspection.

**Fabric and Finance (Mark Shuldham)**

Windows have been replaced at West End House.

There has been unease about the scale and financial aspects of the proposed site redevelopment, and the PPC feels now it would be simpler and less risky to improve the existing assets rather than building new parish rooms. Antony Harris is moving out of the flat. It is in very poor condition and will need major refurbishment. The stairs could be moved to the back and the Parish Rooms extended and improved, with the main access moved to face the church rather than the street. The cost, potentially £200,000, could be covered by selling one, or maybe two plots on the South East corner of the property for development.

**Tisbury Catholic Social Group (Jenny Malone-Lee)**

Activities have included the First Holy Communion Breakfast, the Community Fete raffle, the trip to Buckfast Abbey and Fr Robert's book launch. The Group was privileged to provide tea after the funeral of Bridget Bell who had been a stalwart for many years. The childrens' party was successful with Wendy Spencer Smith providing excellent entertainment.

A one day outing is proposed in June to the dramatization of the Life of Christ at Wintersham in Surrey. (There are ample disabled facilities).

**Parish Youth Work** (Catherine Vaux)

There are 10 children taking First Holy Communion on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks are due to Caroline Lander and Jacqui Windsor for their help. Lessons are now after Sunday Mass. There may be a confirmation next year.

Youth Masses have been successful. There is a Childrens' Liturgy for under 8s most weeks. Courses are available to help those who run it.

The School Chaplaincy Team has been involved in the fete and the Exhibition of Arks.

The 'Wednesday Word', given by the Parish to the School, has supplemented the religious support of the children.

**Other Business**

Father Robert thanked the members of the PPC. He reassured us that his health is good despite an apparent scare before Christmas.

After many years' service, Martin Snell will retire as treasurer on 4<sup>th</sup> June. There will be an advertisement in FOCUS for a successor and parish members were asked for suggestions. The main tasks are to count the collection money and to enter details in the diocesan spreadsheet – an hour or two a week and a bit more work at year end. Any early appointment would allow a period of overlap. Felicity MacSwiney is our second counter; Adele Cordle handles Gift Aid.

The Bishop has asked parishes to think about our future, with the possibility that we may not have a parish priest to administer the Sacraments, provide pastoral care and unify the community. Nick Weeks has tried to generate interest. This will appear on the PPC agenda.

The meeting closed with The Grace