

MINUTES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 17 JULY 2023, 7:00 pm in Parish Centre

Present:

Ann Barton (chair), Deacon Des Bill, Elaine Corrin, Terry Graham, Deacon Peter Mawtus, Susan O'Halloran, Paul Spencer, Fr Godric Timney.

Minutes Secretary: Brian Farrimond

Observer: Peter Butler

- 1. Opening Prayer:** Terry.
- 2. Apologies:** Will Daunt, Caroline Grieco, Pat O'Connor, Claire Reed, Irene Slack.
- 3. Safeguarding Update**

The parish has been advised that since it belongs to the Douai Trust and not to the Archdiocese, safeguarding needs to be supported by the Religious Life Safeguarding Service (RLSS) and not the archdiocese.

The RLSS is still under development and does not appear to be ready to provide this support yet. Deacon Des said that there were a number of problems that need to be addressed which he subsequently detailed in a letter circulated to PPC members.

It was agreed that Deacon Des and Terry would draft a letter from the PPC to send to the Abbot expressing concerns at the change.

4. Reviewing actions from last meeting

4.1 Safeguarding procedures

This was discussed in the safeguarding update.

4.2 Draft timetable for autumn talks

Ann presented a draft timetable which was discussed and accepted. After the meeting two dates were swapped so that as of 21st July the timetable was:

Thursdays 7 pm to 8.30 pm in the parish hall.

Draft Titles

5 Oct	Sr Lynne FCJ	Theology and Our Common Home (Laudato Si)
9 Nov	Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald SMA	God's presence outside the Catholic faith
30 Nov	Brian Farrimond	Meeting Medieval Manuscripts
14 Dec	Fr Godric OSB	A deeper understanding of the Mass

4.3 Social Action

A discussion took place on social action within the parish. It was agreed that a lot of work was going on but groups of people were often working in isolation. It was further agreed that more needs to be done to publicise these activities. Publicity would encourage others to join in.

It was agreed that coordination in this area with St Bede's School should be increased.

4.4 Catholics and Politics

It was agreed that the West Lancashire MP, Ashley Dalton, should be invited to address parishioners.

4.5 Fair Trade

Sue will display an updated Fair-Trade poster in the Narthex

4.6 Live Simply

This is a possible topic for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting, refreshing what this still means to us. To be brought up at the next PPC meeting.

Sue will liaise with Jacinta and the new Head of R.E. at St Bedes on developing cooperation between school and parish on the Live Simply initiative.

4.7 Retreat Day for Men

Paul reported on progress in organising the retreat day. Contact has been made with Ince Benet Retreat Centre. A meeting has been set up with the Centre's Martin Bennett.

4.8 Celebration of multi culture within the parish

It was agreed that an event celebrating multi culture within the parish would be arranged for Spring 2024 and discussed further before the end of the year.

4.9 Job description for Chair of the PPC

Ann produced a draft copy of the job description which would aid discussion with potential PPC chair. Recruitment needs to be pursued. Ideas welcome.

A further discussion took place on raising the profile of the PPC within the parish. It was agreed that PPC members placing notices in the bulletin should use the name "PPC" rather than their own names so that parishioners could see that the PPC was active on several fronts.

4.10 Future of Pastoral Centre

This was discussed in AOB.

4.11 Heritage Open Days

Arrangements are ongoing for the **parish celebration day** will take place on Sunday 3rd September 2023. A checklist from previous years is available.

It will include an open-air Mass, tours of the church and grounds and end with the blessing of animals. Individual aspects of the day to be organised by those groups involved on previous occasions.

4.12 CAFOD rep recruitment.

Sue provided a draft job description for inclusion in the Bulletin.

4.13 Signing of the CAFOD "big letter"

Over 80 people signed the “big letter” which has been forwarded to CAFOD.

4.14 COVID memories

Collection of memories emailed to Brian is ongoing.

4.15 Deanery Synodal Council

Peter reported that:

- the Council is still working to recruit reps from all the parishes in the Deanery
- work is underway on a policy for the care of priests
- lists of parish groups are being collated looking to see if they can support one another across the family of parishes
- these are early days, but it is felt that progress is being made

4.16 Labyrinth Walk

This was discussed under item 6 below.

5. Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place on Sunday 22 October after the 10:30 am Mass.

It was agreed that the PPC will plan its contribution in the September meeting. Members should prepare by looking at the minutes of last year’s meeting which can be found on the parish web site. Go to Groups & Activities, scroll down to Pastoral Council, Minutes for 25 Sep 22 are under Parish AGM.

6. Labyrinth in church grounds

In Irene’s absence it was reported that having “stopping places” around the grounds is being considered. To be discussed at the next meeting.

7. AOB

7.1 Finance Committee

Will has submitted a report on the most recent parish Finance Committee meeting. See Appendix 1.

7.2 Supporting Churches Together Fun Day

The “Fun Day” on 24 June 2023 was reported at the recent Churches Together meeting to be a great success.

The parish’s celebration day will be publicised via Churches Together.

7.3 Fossil Fuels

A draft letter to the Archbishop has been prepared in which St Anne’s Ormskirk Environment Group/Parish Pastoral Council urge the Archdiocese to disinvest from fossil fuels.

It was agreed that this be put on hold until the relationship between the parish and the Archdiocese, regarding safeguarding, has been resolved.

8. Next meeting

8.1 Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7 pm in the Parish Centre lounge.

8.2 Opening and closing prayers: Brian to arrange.

9. Closing prayer: Deacon Des.

ACTION POINTS – 5 June 2023

1	Deacon Des and Terry to draft a letter to the Abbot expressing concern at changes to safeguarding support.	Deacon Des, Terry
2	Contact Jacinta at St Bede's School regarding increasing cooperation on social action.	Sue
3	Ashley Dalton, MP for West Lancashire, to be invited to address the parish.	Fr Godric, Ann
4	Sue to place updated Fair Trade poster in Narthex	Sue
5	Live Simply as APM discussion? Issue to be added to the agenda for the next PPC meeting.	Brian
6	Sue to liaise with St Bede's to develop cooperation between parish and school on the Live Simply initiative.	Sue
7	Paul to report back on progress arranging a retreat day for men.	Paul
8	Add to the next meeting's agenda discussion of a multi culture event in Spring 2024.	Brian
9	Ways to recruit PPC Chair	PPC members
10	PPC members placing notices in the parish bulletin on behalf of the PPC should use the name "PPC" rather than their own names.	PPC members
11	Arrangements parish celebration day (3 September 2023). Peter will coordinate arrangements in the church. Irene will coordinate with Peter Gateley for activities in the church grounds.	Deacon Peter, Irene
12	Parish CAFOD rep recruitment. Notice in Bulletin	Sue
13	Advise PPC on matters of note from Deanery Synodal Council meetings	Deacon Peter
14	Prepare to plan PPC contribution to the Annual Parish Meeting.	PPC members
15	Labyrinth Walk in the church grounds to be on the agenda for the next meeting	Brian

Appendix 1

St. Anne's Pastoral Council Feedback from Finance Committee Meeting of 12/7/2023

Risk Assessments

Michael Murphy will take on the oversight of these.

Pastoral Centre Development Project

The Douai Abbey Parishes' Trust (DAPT) have approved the continued exploration of this project. Initial contact has been made with a solicitor to explore if there are planning constraints, covenants etc. which might hinder development of the parish site. Subject to these checks being encouraging, Fittons Estates will be consulted about next steps.

The Tablet at the Back of Church

It was agreed to seek a way forward with this, e.g. mounting the central part of the tablet back into the wall, with the explanatory plaque.

Primary Schools' Trusteeship

It has been confirmed that the trusteeship of St. Anne's and St. Elizabeth's has passed to the Archdiocese. This has been a relatively 'painless' process, not uncommon in the Liverpool area, where there are now very few Catholic schools in the trusteeship of religious orders.

Safeguarding

As a standing item on the PPC agenda, this will be covered then.

Income and Expenditure

Income has remained stable, with expenditure increasing – inevitably – because of energy costs.

Health and Safety Training

Christine Edwards' session on 12/7/23 had been well attended, and helpful.

Will Daunt