

MINUTES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 20 MAY 2024, 7:00 pm in Parish Centre

Present:

Deacon Des Bill, Will Daunt, Terry Graham, Caroline Grieco, Deacon Peter Mawtus, Susan O'Halloran (Chair), Paul Spencer, Fr Godric Timney.

Invited: Joan Bill

1. **Opening Prayer:** Paul.

2. **Apologies:** Elaine Corrin, Brian Farrimond, Aidan McFall, Claire Reed, Irene Slick.

3. **Membership and Chair (Standing Item)**

Susan took the chair.

It was confirmed that we have volunteers in place for all planned PPC meetings this year apart from November's.

The following draft schedule of meetings and rota of chairs has been agreed:

Provisional Date of meeting	Chair
22 Jan 2024	Paul
18 Mar 2024	Irene
20 May 2024	Susan
15 July 2024	Claire
16 Sep 2024 (prep for APM)	Will
18 Nov 2024	

4. **Safeguarding Update**

Terry has started the process of checking parish volunteers. The process seems to be working as people have started receiving their certificates. There are around 40-45 to check but the process has started.

5. **Reviewing actions from last meeting**

5.1 DBS checking

This is underway.

5.2 Labyrinth benches

Irene was not present at the meeting but it was reported that she, Susan and Fr Godric had walked around to look at suitable sites for benches. This is ongoing.

5.3 Multi-cultural event

No one has volunteered yet to organise this in spite of notices in the bulletin. It was agreed that a personal approach may be more effective. Paul offered to do this.

5.4 Family of Parishes

Joan Bill spoke to the meeting about the Deanery's Family of Parishes plan, and there was discussion of ideas about how to move forward.

5.5 Liturgy Committee

A discussion took place as to who needed to be on the committee. It was agreed that Ann Barton should be asked whether she wished to continue or/and if another representative from the PPC (possibly Paul) could be another voice.

5.6 Local pilgrimages

Mary Ormsby had suggested Holywell and Fernyhalgh as these were within a day's travelling.

5.7 Fossil fuel letters

Sue had sent letters to the Archbishop and the Abbot but had not received any reply. Fr Godric confirmed that Abbey Trust Investment Managers are instructed to invest ethically.

5.8 Hustings

Terry has emailed the chair of *Churches Together* to ask if this could be included in the Agenda for the forthcoming clergy meeting. Fr Godric is willing to host an event. Concern was expressed about the need to consider security issues. It was noted that CAFOD offer advice about organising hustings.

6. Family of Parishes

See 5.4 above.

7. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Sunday 6th October. It would include a review of items from last year and a Financial Review

8. AOB

8.1 Youth Committee

Fr Godric commended Mike Price's work with the Duke of Edinburgh award. A discussion followed on how the Parish and Archdiocese could support the young people further. It was suggested that Jacinta Brown, School Chaplain at St Bede's, could be invited to the next meeting to share information about Faith in Action.

8.2 Finance Committee

Aidan provided a written update, which was discussed.

9. Next meeting

9.1 Monday 15th July 2024 at 7 pm in the Parish Centre lounge.

9.2 Opening and closing prayers: Brian to arrange.

10. Closing prayer: Deacon Peter

ACTION POINTS – 20 May 2024

1	Terry to continue to arrange DBS rechecking for parish volunteers.	Terry
2	Benches for the Labyrinth Walk	Fr Godric and Irene
3	Recruit an organiser for a summer multicultural event	Paul
4	Meeting with representatives of St Elizabeth's to discuss potential joint initiatives as a "family of parishes".	Joan, Terry and Deacon Peter
5	Liturgy Committee membership – Ann and Paul	Fr Godric
6	Discussion with Mary Ormsby on local pilgrimages	Joan
7	Hustings - discuss further with Churches Together - ask advice from CAFOD	Terry, Sue
8	Fossil fuel letter - discuss archdiocese position with Pablo Guidi	Sue
9	Youth Committee - invite Jacinta Brown to next meeting	Sue
10	Finance committee report	Aidan