



## Parish Pastoral Council

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### Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Present:** Father Mark Skelton (MS), Sarah Barreto (SB), Nici Newbery-Thornton (NNT), Deacon Anthony Carey (AC), Paul Doherty (PD), Raymond Twohig (RT), Jillian Wilce (JW), Brigid Kelly (BK), Lorraine Thornton (LT), Mary Stocker (MS), Lorraine Coulter (LC) and Joanna Bowery (JB)

	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	MS opened the meeting with a prayer.	
2.	<b>Apologies</b> Received from: - Tony Watkins - Linda Clarke - Laura Puyal	
3.	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b> Minutes of the PPC AGM in July were distributed. However, AGM minutes go from AGM to AGM so will be signed off at the 2019 AGM.	
4.	<b>Election of new PPC Chair</b> - Following the resignation of Simon Fletcher (SF), Father Mark (MS) volunteered to Chair this meeting. - MS expressed his gratitude to SF for all his hard work. JW asked if the PPC had formally written to SF to acknowledge his resignation and thank him for his contributions to the PPC. MS replied that we are awaiting a formal resignation. However, he had already suggested a small gathering but SF declined. - MS confirmed that the chair is a three year term. He said that if no-one stepped forward, we could potentially meet in a couple of weeks after PPC members had time to reflect. It was agreed that names of people interested in standing for Chair should be forwarded to the Parish Office by Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September. - BK proposed that we should also elect a vice-chair to make succession planning easier in the future. It was agreed that names of people interested in standing as vice-chair should also be sent to the Parish Office by 19 <sup>th</sup> September.	<b>PPC Members</b> to send names for Chair and Vice Chair to Parish Office by Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September.
5.	<b>Finance</b> - RT provided an overview of the first 4 months of this financial year and pointed out that members of the Parish do not give enough to cover our day-to-day expenses. He suggested that the future chair of the Finance Committee should be a salesperson or that there should be a separate role in the parish to focus on drumming up income.	<b>BK and LT</b> to join Finance Committee for 6 months. <b>PD</b> to join Finance Committee in

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The only building project currently approved is for a new boiler at St Agatha's. RT added that the Rose Window at St Agatha's is another priority.</li> <li>- There have been no developments regarding the future of the presbytery at St Ignatius. We are waiting for the Diocese to make a move. RT noted that Parish volunteers are reluctant to take things forward after the amount of work involved in refurbishing the presbytery at St Agatha last year with very little help from the Diocese. RT suggested that the Diocese lack of action in this was a dreadful example of working with volunteers in any organisation.</li> <li>- RT raised concerns about the meagre number of personnel on the Finance Committee and proposed that two PPC members should be seconded to the Finance Committee every six months as part of their PPC role. BK and LT volunteered to serve for the next six months and PD agreed to sign up in March. RT offered to run a background session for new Finance Committee members.</li> </ul>	<p>March 2019.  <b>RT</b> to run an introductory session for new Finance Committee members.</p>
6.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LP is concerned about the dangers of the <b>crossing between OLSP church and the East Cliff Car Park</b>. RT described extensive discussions between the Parish and local councillors regarding this issue.</li> <li>- <b>Divine Renovation</b> SB provided an overview of the book and discussion group. She outlined several ideas that have come about after reading the book including: prayer partners, a youth Alpha course, Catholic Alpha, house Mass, holding welcome drinks for new parishioners twice a year. As a result of Divine Renovation, we have already re-worked our Welcome Packs and Welcome cards. Plus lots of things that involve lots of members of the Parish who aren't PPC.</li> <li>- <b>Meeting dates</b> new dates for 2019 are required.</li> <li>- <b>Organ at OLSP</b> We have had a quote for £10,000 to move the organ at OLSP and restore some of the pipes so the beautiful stained glass window is exposed and the organ can be played. Around £5-6k will come from the King legacy with the rest of the money coming from specific fundraising over the next 12 months.</li> <li>- <b>Organ in Shaldon</b> BK requested that the defunct organ in Shaldon be removed to make space for additional chairs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>JB</b> to write to LP to outline situation to date.</p> <p><b>JB</b> to send out dates of PPC and Finance Committee meetings for the next 12 months.</p> <p><b>MS</b> to ask Chris to arrange for the organ in Shaldon to be removed and chairs added.</p>