

MINUTES
PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 11th May 2022 – 7.30pm
In Presbytery

Present: Fr Gordon, Jim Cunningham, David Aaron, Gerry Connor, Martina McCollom, Siobhan McEvoy, Martin McLean, Barbara Morgan, Brenda Sanderson, Jules Watson.
 John McGovern – Chair of Parish Club/Centre
 Claire Pullen – Facebook Administrator

1	<p>Apologies. John Kilgour, Rachel McGovern, John Turver Julie Humphrey – Chair of Partnership Development Group</p>
2	<p>Items from Previous Minutes Boundary Maps – Andrew Barron from the Diocese coming on Friday to explain what boundaries we need to review. Youth Hall Roof – Still awaiting report from Minnie Fraser at the Diocese who is doing a like for like comparison.</p>
3	<p>Parish Centre Update – JMcG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen. Work is progressing, should start on the roof this week. Have received assurances that it should be complete in time for the wedding booked 24th June. When the roof was taken down, we found that we needed to fill in some brickwork. There is also an issue with the kitchen outside door - the architects specified a solid door, but we would like to replace it with a door that matches the same style of the windows and doors already used on the building. Q. will it have a push bar opening – JMcG to check. The Parish Club will fund the kitchen re-fit at a cost of around £9K, which will allow us to claim VAT back. • Subs - Coming in slowly. It was put to both Parish Centre and Club Committees that if a club member books the Parish Centre to give them a 10% discount – this was agreed. All you get for your subscription now is a right to a vote at the AGM. • CCTV still having problems with vandalism of the cameras. We need some good advice, have had discussions previously with the police. JC said he would follow it up.
4	<p>Finance - MMcL At the end of March, we had £235,461 in the Deposit account and currently £10,631 in the current account. During the last financial year payments from the deposit account were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £9K – Church boiler • £17K transferred to the current account • £1.5K for various invoices where they preferred to be paid by BACS. <p>Receipts into the deposit account were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £5,625 Parish Club rent • £1,500 – Listed Places of Worship grant for the Church Boiler • £18,183 Gift Aid claims – thanks to Debbie Irving for all the work she has done • £4,946 Endowment Fund.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40A Coniscliffe Road – This has now been leased to Endeavour Design (James Connor) on a 5-year lease at £7K/year. The setting up of the lease has still to be invoiced. It was agreed that he would get 6 months free rent as he has agreed to refurbish the property with all prices agreed by the Diocese. • Parish Centre Kitchen - have paid invoices totaling £36,702 this financial year mainly from our deposit account. • Youth Hall Roof – still waiting for a response from the Diocese – 3 estimates all around the same price £35K. • Parish Centre Keyholder - John McGarrity is now back working his full contracted hours of 35hrs/per month.
5	<p>Re-Energising Groups in the Parish – Fr G</p> <p>What groups do we have?</p> <p>We had a list of groups before Christmas and perhaps once the Parish Centre is ready we will try and get all the groups together and let them promote themselves and get more people involved. There are things that happen that I’m still not aware of, there is a problem with communication and lack of co-ordination.</p> <p>Do we need to have somebody from this group to be a co-ordinator of communications – we have a website, bulletin, Facebook, Hogarth website, which are all maintained independently.</p> <p>The Worship is done very well but we could perhaps co-ordinate it better between the 3 groups including the power point presentations.</p> <p>Laura Jones (9.15am Mass) has suggested we have a separate account where all the hymns could be stored, and all 3 groups could access it.</p> <p>GC asked if the prayer group could meet again in the PC – still using remote access. Agreed it could be held back in the PC but perhaps keep the remote access as well. Claire Pullen offered to put it on the Facebook page if required.</p> <p>Are we still looking to have a fixed camera in Church? Carmel IT were going to help but this is no longer possible, could get an outside company but would need to pay monthly maintenance costs. CP said that we do rely on the person filming to use their own phone and they need to be an Administrator on the Facebook site. Would there be anybody from Carmel interested in helping? Perhaps those doing the JPll awards. JMcG to ask his son Andrew who is involved in this, but he is aware that they don’t have to complete many hours.</p>
6	<p>50th Celebration</p> <p>Actual date is 18th June, Fr G will be Ireland.</p> <p>To have a celebration Mass and afterwards over in the Parish Centre on Friday 1st July from 7.00pm. Individual invitations have already been sent out. Letter to be sent to Fr G’s previous parishes.</p> <p>Fr G would like the 3 music groups involved – and will select the music.</p> <p>The Indian community have been asked to provide some food, JC has also been in contact with a catering company.</p> <p>Jules Watson to organise a cake.</p> <p>Not necessary to have any entertainment in the Parish Centre, just a chat and social, if weather is nice to use the patio area.</p> <p>Fr G will organise an Order of Service, hymns to be put on the big screen.</p> <p>To have the Mass live-streamed.</p> <p>Decoration of the Church – would like natural flowers if possible – BM to see Catherine Holborn.</p> <p>To have some decorations in the Parish Centre – BM.</p>

7	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr G would like to thank the Catechists for preparing the First Communion Children, the music groups, Alpha for getting up and running again and Siobhan for the work that is involved in complying with the DBS criteria. She said if anybody knew anybody who they thought would like to be involved to let her know. • David Aaron and Ian Cowan received a letter at the end of last year from Terry Long – Sacristan, who had decided not to help at the 9.15am Mass – she has been doing this for around 40 years. It would be nice to have a letter from the parish as recognition and perhaps some flowers – Agreed.
	<p>Meeting ended at 8.30pm Next meeting date TBA</p>