

Catholic Parish of Belper and Duffield Parish Pastoral Council | MINUTES

Meeting date: 10/03/2015, 19:00

Attending council members:

Fr Michael Kirkham	present	Louise Monange	Present to 8:50
David Barlow (Chair)	present	Sally Phillips	present
John Wareing (Vice Chair)	present	David Pipe	present
Niels Richthof (Secretary)	present	Barbara Wareing	present
Anne Halliday	apologised	Alan Ward	present
Patricia Lloyd	present (to 8:45)	Michael Wright	present

Guests:

John O'Melia

1. Welcome by chairman

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present. Fr Michael Kirkham led the opening prayer.

John O'Melia asks for an introduction from everyone.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Liturgy

Times of the Easter services – Good Friday at 3pm, Easter Vigil on Saturday at 8:45pm. Sign-up lists for the Easter liturgy are opened, members are asked to encourage as many people as possible to sign up to help.

Soon after Easter, a new training program for altar servants will be started. A meeting of the Eucharistic ministers is required soon.

Fr Michael asks whether Stations of the Cross is desired on Friday morning. David Pipe suggested to stage one on an evening to allow parishioners who cannot attend on Friday mornings.

4. Spirituality

The Rite of Election was very much appreciated by the candidates on the first Sunday of Lent. There are 8 candidates. Our parish is bucking the national trend, which is very encouraging. Based on last year's numbers, we would contribute 5% of all candidates in the diocese.

There are currently four different mother prayer groups in the parish.

5. Sacramental Preparation/Youth

Baptism program is underway and well attended. We have quite a good number of helpers for Children's liturgy. Louise Monange suggests to invite the confirmation people from last December again in order to try to not lose them. The Confirmation group is looking at different ideas.

Some members of the Agape Youth group went to the Flame2 event in London Wembley. Agape applied for the Knights of St Columba 2015 bursary in December. The bursary was awarded to another initiative, but the Knights were so impressed with the application that they awarded £50.

6. Evangelisation/Mission

Cafod: David Pipe summer stroll will be on Sunday 19th July.

Cafod, climate change: David passes copies of the "One Climate One World" card around. The idea is to pressurize the incoming government on climate change. David asks for permission to circulate those cards after mass; there are no objections. Also to be mentioned in the bulletin.

Cafod is considering reducing staff.

Mr Michael feels that the mission is continuing to have a good effect in the parish. There've been a couple of group meetings, a number of groups for bible sharing/faith sharing a forming, he's hoping that a supporting network will grow.

Zion community have invited us to a meeting in April to feedback how the mission has gone, on 23rd of April for 2 days.

7. Finance

NSR presented the current numbers from the Finance committee. David Pipe suggests to have a fundraising committee. David Pipe and NSR would like to start that.

Ways to organise and improve fundraising was discussed. Use tea and coffee to provide a stand with giving forms to catch newcomers. Alternative a welcome pack. To be done every 3 months.

Louise Menange to speak to Steve Brind regarding Giving.

8. Ecumenical

Introduction to Christian Meditation at the Methodist church, will be advertised in the bulletin.

Women's day of prayer – participants were impressed by the warm welcome in this parish.

9. Planning / Structures

Quote regarding the flooring in the lounge of the house of Belper, worst case scenario (replace whole floor) about £1,700. Agreement to take up floor boards to assess the damage, in the lounge. We need a cost overview for the next stage, which is the other side of the building.

Fire at the back of the garage in Duffield, a section of the hedge on fire. Fire fighters called to deal with it. That corner provides a hideaway for youths, suspicion of cannabis being consumed. Various neighbours have complained that the hedge is growing too high. Quote for a fence is £7700 for the entire plot.

Alan Ward proposes to have an on-site meeting, John Wareing and David Barlow to meet.

Ivy is growing on the garage, increasing the fire hazard. It also needs a better lock.

Ramps in Duffield behind the fire doors is in hand, but not yet done.

Michael Wright obtained quote for window behind the organ £245 plus VAT to repair. Decided to go ahead.

Sally Philips raises the issue of heating, thinks its false economy to not run the heating on a minimum level at all times, also very unwelcoming to have a cold place. There is a seven day time which is updated every Friday by John Vale. We need a well maintained event plan to be able to set the heating in advance.

Somebody is fiddling with the organ and changing the settings so that it doesn't work. A notice should be fixed

10. Social Events

Ash Wednesday was mass in school, well attended by parishioners – the school appreciate the support. School children to tour the church in summer.

Leisure Group meetings still well attended despite the fact that the members get on in age. The Leisure Group is holding a Lenten Mass and Lunch and also hosting it as a fundraising event to help funds for John Vale Jr. to go to Lourdes this year.

11. Communication

Parish website to be redesigned, PPC meeting minutes to be published on the website, keep an archive of bulletins

12. Health & Safety

None.

13. AOB

Next meeting: 12/05/2015 19:30