

Catholic Parish of Belper and Duffield Parish Pastoral Council | AGENDA

Wednesday, 09/11/2016, 7:00pm, St. Benedict's room, Our Lady's, Belper.

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies
3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
4. PPC membership
5. St Margaret's Decoration - Comments from Parishioners
6. Community Orchard proposal at St Margaret's
7. Journeys Magazine
8. Buildings and maintenance updates/quotes
9. Proposal to establish a permanent Parish Building and Sites Committee
10. Request for financial support from the Duffield Homelessness Project
11. Date of next meetings in 2017
12. Closing Prayers

Proposal to establish a permanent Parish Building and Sites Committee

Summary

The parish finance committee are proposing the creation of a Parish Building and Sites Committee in order to better manage building maintenance and improvements. 1

Context

Currently both the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee spend a lot of time discussing matters around the church building upkeep. This means that the PPC in particular do not spend as much time as they would like in supporting Father Michael on pastoral matters and the faith life of our church. 2

Recently, the Diocese has undertaken a quinquennial inspection of all church sites and buildings in the diocese. The review of Belper and Duffield has taken place earlier this year and we have now received the reports on both buildings, listing all issues found, with recommendations on how to mitigate those, estimated costs, and – most importantly – a priority in which the auditor believes the issues need to be addressed. 3

The reports are very detailed and hence rather large documents. The reception and analysis of those reports, together with the decision-making process on how to best act on the issues requires time, energy and skill. 4

Detailed Recommendation

This committee, open to any parishioners who would like to serve in that capacity and who should have skills, training and/or experience in the field, would meet regularly (frequency and meeting dates to be determined by the committee itself), be led by a Chairperson (to be elected by the committee members) and report its findings to the Parish Finance Committee. The Parish Finance Committee will then assess the reports with regards to the affordability of the projects or measures recommended by the Building and Sites Committee and forward the report with its assessment to the Parish Pastoral Council for final decision-making, if necessary with recommendations for additional fund-raising. 5

Any requests for repairs, maintenance and other issues around church buildings and sites are to be directed to the new Parish Building and Sites Committee and not to the Parish Pastoral Council, thus freeing up the Parish Pastoral Council to focus on more important matters while retaining the final say. 6

The first task for the Parish Building and Sites Committee would be to deal with the quinquennial inspection reports. 7

Benefits for the Parish

The Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee will create and maintain a complete list of proposed and prioritised works. This will enable better and more proactive decision making around building matters. 8

The Finance Committee will be able to project building spend forward and better advise Father Michael on and the Parish Pastoral Council. 9

Church members wishing to propose works will have a clear contact point with which to raise their requests. 10

Work can be more proactive rather than reactive and hopefully mitigate any future expensive repair bills caused through neglect. 11

Action Required

We believe that it is in the best interest of everyone to establish a Building and Sites Committee as set out above and ask for your approval. 12