

## Parish Council Meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**1. Present:** Fr Sidon Sagar, Desmond DeSa (Chairman), Chris Derby (Finance Committee), Phillip Hazell, Shenda Holmes, Ruth Jones, Louise Lloyd, Andrew McLaren, Lyndon Rodrigues. *Apologies* from Stacy Rielly.

**2. Approval of minutes from last meeting and matters arising.** Minutes approved. Matters arising - **Christmas Card making competition** did not go ahead; **New Year's Eve Party** will not go ahead this year; **Donations towards the cost of the Pelican** – the parish has received further donations since the last meeting. **All actions now closed.**

### 3. Updates.

#### Finance

Parish is showing a healthy bank balance. Projects being discussed: new bathrooms in the presbytery; new presbytery kitchen? Now that it is being used more; re-painting of lines in church car park – do we simply re-paint lines or look in to re-surfacing the car park first?

#### School:

Stacy Rielly passed on updates for this term - the new nursery/reception play area is now open; Fr Sidon has been in to sign school forms; Nursery, Reception 1 and Reception 2 have performed their Nativity plays to parents; KS2 Carol Concert next week

**4. Christmas Services.** Fr Sidon is happy that all Christmas Services go ahead this year as they have in previous years.

**5. A Day with Mary.** This event is booked to be held at St Michael's on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020. They will run the programme entirely, requiring use of the church and the parish hall for the day. No planning/organisation is required from the parish.

**6. Projector for the parish hall.** Discussed whether we get a professional wall/ceiling mounted one or simply a portable one. The preferred option seemed to be a portable projector that could be used in different locations within the parish and stored away securely when not in use. This option would perhaps provide more flexibility. **Action: LR to investigate options and costings.**

### 6. Social Events.

Sing a long carols evening. **Update since meeting – the evening went ahead but it was very poorly attended. Was this due to lack of advertising? Is it enough to advertise at Masses and in newsletter?**

**New Year's Eve** - decision was taken that this event will not take place this year, but perhaps will hold the event next year with better planning.

### 7. AOB.

**New format for offertory.** New system at weekend Masses now is to bring up the gifts with the collectors at the start of the collection, so the collection goes on while the priest carries on with the Mass.

**9. Next meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.**