

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 15th May 2023

Present:	Catherine Wloch (Chair), Robert Nunn (CAFOD), Ron Burchell (Parishioners Rep), Jenny Mascarenhas (Mothers prayer group), Daniella Burke (Choir), Gary Plumb (Scouts and Cubs), Siobhan Denny (Youth), Elizabeth Cox (Alter Servers), Noreen Flynn (Minutes), Fr. Sean (Parish Priest) and Fr. Jose (Assistant PP).
Apologies received from:	Eileen Bonner, Richard Wloch, Zoe Elliot, Nicola McGeady, Colin Frost, Harriet Plumb and Yvonne Hillier.
Welcome and prayer. Fr. Sean opened the meeting with a prayer.	
Matters and actions arising from previous meeting Fr. Sean confirmed that there would not be a Vigil Mass on feast days. The work on the Outdoor lights has been done but the sensors need to be checked to ensure that they are working properly.	
Updates from the Groups Safeguarding The Diocese has acknowledged that they are behind with the DBS checking work but they will endeavour to rectify this. Yvonne has sent the relevant forms to the Redcaps in respect of the upcoming Lourdes trip. She also is processing three forms at the moment. Altar Servers One new member has expressed an interest in joining. It is hoped that some more new members will come forward after the First Holy Communions. Finance committee There is no update from the Committee for this meeting. Jubilee Trust The Thursday lunches continue to be well attended. CAFOD The West London Justice and Peace Network Meeting took place via Zoom on 22 nd April. Twelve people attended and they will report back from the parishes at a later date.	

There will be a Justice and Peace contact meeting on 5th June 2023 at Vaughan House in Westminster.

The CAFOD parliamentary reception will take place on 22nd May 2023 at 7pm in the House of Commons.

The CAFOD coordinator, Tony Sheen, has contacted Robert regarding a new volunteer in the parish. The person's name is Liana Quadros. The volunteer is required by law to sign an agreement covering the new code of conduct and safeguarding for CAFOD.

Tony Sheen has also said that if the youth group contact him he will arrange for a CAFOD Representative to attend one of their meetings.

The fix the food system campaign takes place in July. Robert will liaise with Fr. Sean.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

No update for this meeting.

Parishioners

Ron reported that many parishioners were pleased that the Mass times have reverted back to the original times.

SVP

Support for various families within the parish continues. Donations continue to be made to the Food Bank in St. Gregory's for which they are grateful.

Choir

Both the children's choir and the Senior Choir are now up and running and are doing very well. All of the Choir Groups will participate in the First Holy Communion Masses and the music and hymns have all been arranged.

Folk Group

The group sings at the 10 am mass general every second and fourth Sunday of the month.

Mothers Prayer Group

It was noted that the parish website hadn't updated the change of Mass Times.

Scouts and Cubs

The numbers in the groups at the moment are Scouts: 8, Cubs: 20, Beavers: 12.

There is a severe shortage of volunteer helpers particularly within the Scout Group. Many efforts have been made to rectify this but with little success. The group is running with one leader and a parent rota.

Youth Groups

Six young people will join the pilgrimage to Lourdes. Fundraising is taking place at the moment.

Siobhan presented the results of the Survey to the meeting. There was a good response from the younger age groups – possibly about 50 in all.

All of the groups are well attended and more volunteers are needed to help out at the meetings.

The summer holiday club will take place between 22nd and 25th August 2023.

Fr. Sean

Fr. Sean thought the feedback from the Youth Survey was very positive.

It is his intention to make the 10 am Mass more family orientated.

A pamphlet is being prepared about volunteering in the parish.

It is hoped that a person in the Parish will be taken to Lourdes as part of the pilgrimage.

Fr. Duncan's family has requested that the monies in the fund are to be used for the purposes of sending people to Lourdes.

Health and Safety procedures and regulations have now all been taken in-house within the Diocese. The church will have a Health and Safety Audit next month. The internal doors in the Foyer have to be replaced and quotes have been received which now have to be approved by the Diocese.

A quotation of £11,000 plus VAT has been received for the screens and projectors. Two more quotes will be required.

Communion under both kinds will be offered after Corpus Christi. More Ministers of the Eucharist will, therefore, be needed. It is hoped to hold a recruitment drive in September.

Fr. Sean is keen to explore the possibility of setting up the following groups in the parish:

- Prayer in Life Groups – following 14 week programs.
- Bereavement Group.
- Communion and Liberation for Families, a programme we might be interested in following.
- A week of guided prayer, possibly at the beginning of Lent)

AOB

It is hoped that a Barbeque will be held for all of the Youth Groups in the parish. This includes the Scouts and Cubs, Children's Choirs, Alter Servers and all of their parents. The garden of the priest's house can be used and food will be provided by the parish.

7. The next meeting will be on 12th June 2023 in the Coffee Lounge.

The meeting closed with a prayer.