

Minutes of Pastoral Council meeting 7th Oct 2021

Present: Kathleen Thomas, Father Claro, Mary Hughes, Andrew Chell, Lorraine Brabin, Audrey Curnock

Apologies: J P Crilly, Clare Cottingham

Meeting started with opening prayer led by Audrey.

Comments from Parishioners have been read and incorporated into the document received from the Diocese. Audrey continued to revise the document as more suggestions and comments were made by the Parish Council. The finished document will be distributed to all the parishioners on the mailing list for discussion at the AGM. **Action: Audrey**

Father Claro is getting to know the clergy from other churches within the Parish with a view to perhaps holding joint services in the future, possibly during Advent. **Action: Father Claro**

Update on building maintenance: A Structural Engineer is visiting the church on Wednesday; Audrey will be meeting him. It is still not resolved if the issue with the cracks/ is due to subsidence or if the roof has spread, hopefully he will be able to advise.

- Neil has offered to use his 'drone' to take some photos of the roof, particularly the corners of the building to assist the engineer in deciding the cause of the problem. **Action: Neil**
- Good news is that we have an extension of the deadline to using the grant that we were given, Audrey to Liaise with Hilary in Portsmouth. **Action: Audrey.**
- We must make sure that when the building work starts on the old Budgens site that the church is not adversely affected by the drilling **Action: Audrey**

Comments were made that it is sometimes difficult to hear the children after their liturgy and other speakers on Zoom. Neil confirmed that the church has purchased a sound system which has only partially been installed. We need speakers installed in the church to fully utilize the sound system. **Action: TBA**

The AGM takes place on Wed October 13th in the Church, where it can be zoomed to parishioners who can't attend in person. Meeting starts at 7.00pm, this needs to be announced on Sunday at Mass. **Action: Father Claro**

Each organisation within the church needs to explain what it is they do and if possible, give a report to the parish. We need an Agenda detailing the different organisations within the parish and it needs to be circulated via the email system. **Action: Audrey**

Meeting closed with a prayer.