

St Catherine & All Saints & St Lewis' Parish Council Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting.

Date of Meeting : 17th February 2020

Meeting Venue :
Benedict Room
St. Catherine's and All Saints
Church.

Meeting Attendees:

Fr. Gordon
Deacon Derek
Martyn Griffiths
Elizabeth Casey
Peter Coon
Angela Holmes
Gill Hamilton
Pat Dodson
Linda Morris
Elizabeth Casey
Anna Charnock
Kevin Jones

Apologies:

None.

Item

Actions

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| 1.0 | Deacon Derek opened the meeting with prayers | |
| 2.0 | Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed | |
| 3.0 | Kevin Jones has joined the Parish Council to represent St. Lewis' | |
| 4.0 | <u>Updates given from previous meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Damage to the statue at St. Lewis' has been fixed.• Received a quote of £150.00 for moving the notice board to a place which is more visible. A new sign is also required and a quote of £85.00 has been received.• A sign writer has been instructed to complete the board with the list of St. Lewis' Parish Priests. It will be put to the right of Our Lady's statue on the sanctuary.• Linda Morris has agreed to be the lay representative for the Ecumenical meetings in Golborne and Lowton.• A licence has been applied for to allow us to fundraise through a Bonus Ball lottery for the maintenance of the cemetery at All Saints.• Anna spoke to Fr. Mark Madden the contact for Bethlehem Seminaries. They are keen to do something when the seminarians are here in July.• On 5th July a welcome mass will be held at English Martyrs, Litherland for Bethlehem seminarians.• Mass time changes at St. Lewis – a proposal to be put forward for the mass times to be moved forward half an hour on Sundays. Slips for comments to be left at the | |

back of both churches for comments. Possible changes week after Easter. This will affect the Eucharistic Ministers rota for taking Holy Communion out to the Nursing Homes and individuals at All Saints.

5.0 Update on Buildings Work

- There is a problem with rainwater drainage through the side gate at All Saints – Fr Gordon seeking a solution to this with the Diocesan Surveyors dept.
- All Saints Social Centre and Debt – In the past servicing of the debt was through a discount barrelage scheme. From August 2019 this has been suspended. Fr. Gordon awaiting response from Archdiocese to find out what is happening.

5.1 Update on Building Maintenance

- Work on the lights installation at St. Lewis' has been completed.
- Work on electrics at All Saints complete with the exception of the statue spotlights and one of the outside lights.
- A complaint has been put into the Archdiocese for the state of the fuse box at All Saints which was fitted by a company that was approved by the Archdiocese.
- Work on replacing the steps at the front of All Saints presbytery have been completed.
- Our Lady's Grotto at All Saints is now in pieces and replacing it will be addressed in the spring.
- Work on maintaining All Saints cemetery will begin in March – This will including filling in the gaps in the hedges.

6.0 Safeguarding

- The 2 new Safeguarding assistants have completed their training.
- 4 new Eucharistic ministers have received training.
- There is a 12 month backlog at the Archdiocese for the processing of DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks.
- The Tuesday club will receive a visit from the Archdiocesan Safeguarding dept. regarding what safeguarding is required.
- The Safeguarding team will receive updated training on 3rd June 2020.
- Safeguarding training for Priests will take place on 20th March 2020. Priests are now required to keep their Safeguarding training (including on-line training) up to date. Failure to do so may result in a Celebret not being issued (this says that they are of good standing should they wish to celebrate mass in churches abroad.)

7.0

Website

- St Catherine and All Saints website is now up and running stcatherineandallsaints.co.uk
- St Lewis' website stlewis.co.uk doesn't show an address and postcode; this will be addressed.

8.0

SVP

- There are 3 more SVP groups in our deanery, they are:
 - St. Edmund Arrowsmith (largest and most active)
 - St. John Rigby
 - Margaret Clitherow.
- We need to build up relationships with these just in case we are asked to help someone not within our boundary.
- In the SVP meeting 13th February a request came through from St. Lewis' school to provide a family with financial help. The Head of St. Lewis' school was thrilled that help had been received so quickly.

9.0

Lent and Easter – Stations of the Cross

- During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held after midday mass each Friday at All Saints and on Monday evenings at St. Lewis'. Fr. Gordon would like volunteers to participate in leading the stations.
- Wednesday evening Lenten talks will continue this year with the theme of exploring lent through art 5. Starting with David Torevell.
- There will be a Chrism Mass on the Wednesday of Holy week at Liverpool Cathedral. Transportation will be put on for parishioners from both parishes and the parish will contribute towards cost.
- The rite of the washing of hands will take place on Holy Thursday at All Saints. Fr. Gordon asked 6 members of the Parish Council to nominate 2 people each to participate in this ceremony.
- The Good Friday service will be served by Fr. Gordon at All Saints and by Deacon Derek at St. Lewis'.

10.0

AOB

Fr. Gordon is the current representative for the Council of Priest. The Archbishop wishes the Deans to attend this meeting. He is currently re-appointing Deans but only for the next twelve months– Fr. Paul Seddon will continue on as Dean for the foreseeable future.

Fr. Gordon asked the Parish Council to consider what we would want regarding Pilgrimages, Retreats, Social Events etc...

Fr. Gordon closed the meeting with prayers.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY 31ST MARCH 2020
BENEDICT ROOM – ST. CATHERINE'S & ALL SAINTS**