

Our Lady and All Saints Parbold
Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Advisory Group
held in the Church Meeting Room
1900 Monday 30 January 2012

Present:

Parish Priest	Father Gordon
Chairman	Stephen Marston
Vice Chair	Richard Charnock
Clergy	<i>Apologies from Deacon David Bennett</i>
Altar Servers	Stephen Marston
APF	Joan Trevelyan
CAFOD	<i>Apologies from Deacon David Bennett</i>
Catechists	Richard Charnock
Children's Liturgy	Ged Tromp
Child Protection	Helen Jones
<i>Coffee Group</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
Extraordinary Ministers	<i>Apologies from Lesley Kellett</i>
Finance	Anthony Hitchen
Flowers	Angela Roberts
<i>Health, Safety and Grounds</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
Music	Sue Mellor
<i>Nugent Care</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Prayer Group</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Primary School</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
PTFA	Faye Jackson
Readers	Maise McNeil
Rosary	Celia Charnock
<i>Social Group</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Stewards</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>SVP</i>	Sue Mellor
200 Club	<i>Apologies from Caroline Marston</i>
Pastoral Area Working Group	<i>(Co-opted) Catherine Bennett</i>

ACTION

1. Welcome from the Chair

Stephen Marston welcomed all present to the Meeting.

2. Opening Prayer by the Parish Priest

Father Gordon opened the Meeting with a Prayer.

3+ 4 Roll Call and Apologies

Deacon David Bennett (Clergy, CAFOD) Caroline Marston (200 Club), Lesley Kellet (Eucharistic Ministers) sent apologies. Following a promotion at work Lesley Kellet is unable to continue with her role in the PPAG. Stephen Marston will approach Eucharistic Ministers directly for a replacement.

The PTFA would continue to send a representative to each meeting of the PPAG although it would not always be the same person. Jess Robinson will be the main contact and Minutes and Agendas will be sent to her.

Stephen Marston

5. Minutes from the meeting held on 10 October 2011

The Minutes were approved with the following amendment. Angela Roberts was the seconder of the Minutes from June 2011 not Maise McNeil who was absent from that Meeting. Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Antony Hitchen and seconded by Celia Charnock.

6. Matters arising

a). Parish Booklet

Stephen Marston informed the PPAG that with a small working party consisting of Caroline Marston, Stephen Marston, Stephanie Millar and Tony Charnock, work on the Parish booklet was ready to be begin. The Group discussed whether the specific Centenary pages of the Booklet should remain. All agreed that the new booklet should include the Centenary celebrations with pictures from the Centenary. Also to be included would be the re-ordering of the Church and the proposed departure of the Benedictines.

Stephen would now start work on compiling a new booklet and obtain pricing for the production costs.

Stephen Marston

b). Parbold Village Fair

Stephen Marston reported to the PPAG his visit to the AGM of the Parbold Village Fair Committee. The Committee is committed to holding the fair on Alder Lane Field but had not, as yet, heard from Parbold Parish Council. In light of the need to proceed with plans for this year's Fair it was again going to be held at Parbold Douglas School.

c). Garden Fête

Ged Tromp informed the he had been unable to make contact with Stephanie Millar as to the School's decision concerning their involvement in a Garden Fête.

Faye Jackson, as representative for the PTFA at this meeting, reported that the PTFA were unsure as to whether the PPAG wanted to go ahead with a Fête this year and suggestions had been made for a different event. All agreed that the PPAG did wish to proceed with a Garden Fête this year, but only with the involvement of the School. Ged Tromp suggested a list of proposed activities and

stalls and what would be needed to be done for the event to go ahead. Stephen Marston suggested that he and Ged attend the next PTFA Meeting on 28 February to gain support from the PTFA.

Once this is established work could then begin on advertising the event.

Celia Charnock suggested a theme for the Fête and all agreed to explore this suggestion. Sue Mellor asked if a PPAG Diary could be commenced with village events and school events included to help the PPAG plan events that do not clash each other. Stephen Marston agreed to act on this.

Stephen Marston

d). Parish Camp

Antony Hitchen reported to the PPAG that if Parish Camp is to ahead then a Risk Assessment for Health and Safety would need to be completed. Richard Charnock, who uses such assessments with Scouts, would liaise with Antony Hitchen and our Insurers that the necessary work could be completed.

Anthony Hitchen
Richard Charnock

PPAG

Stephen advised the PPAG that some of the Parish appear not to be aware of the existence of the PPAG or its role within the Parish. The Group discussed what could be done to increase awareness of the PPAG and its role. Father Gordon reported that the Minutes of the PPAG had been left at the back of Church in the summer for any Parishioner to take. Helen Jones proposed that an insert for the weekly Newsletter based on the format on the Church weekly Newsletter could be produced. She agreed to produce this.

Helen Jones

7. Father Abbot's Letter

The PPAG expressed its distress at Father Abbot's letter detailing the future proposed removal of the Benedictines from the Our Lady and All Saints.

The Group discussed the letter and Stephen Marston and Richard Charnock agreed to compile a letter to Father Abbot expressing that whilst we understand the difficulties faced by Ampleforth the Parish is saddened by the proposal and sincerely hopes that all connections with Ampleforth will not be severed.

The legal ramifications of the relinquishing of the Parish by Ampleforth were discussed. In his January Ad Clerum the Archbishop stated that the time is coming when the Abbot has no alternative but to ask that the pastoral care of the parishioners be entrusted to the Archdiocese. No mention was made as to the care of the Church, Priory and Grounds.

Stephen Marston
Richard Charnock

8. Pastoral Area Working Group

Catherine Bennet reported to the PPAG the details of the last meeting of the PAWG. The PAWG are looking to put into place an action plan that can be commenced when a Church within its Group finds itself without a Priest.

Father Gordon presented Fr Kevin's suggested alterations to the weekend Mass times for Parbold and Wrightington should there only be only one Priest between the two Parishes. This was drawn up bearing in mind the Church and Archdiocesan directives that no Priest should say more than two Masses on any given day. The Group were in agreement with the proposal in general but were unhappy at the suggested removal of Sunday 1800 Mass from Wrightington.

AOB

a. Jubilee Party

Father Gordon suggested the possibility of a Jubilee Party following the Jubilee Service in Church on 3 June 2012. All agreed and a list could be placed at the back of Church asking for food and drink contributions for the party.

Father Gordon

b. Children's Liturgy

On behalf of Peter Madden Ged asked Father Gordon if Deacon David would be holding Children's Station of the Cross in Lent again this year. If he was not the Children's Liturgy Group would like to do something in its place. Father Gordon advised Ged to ask Deacon David as to his intentions this year. Father Gordon was also asked if the Parish could be involved with Christ Church in holding an Ecumenical Carol Service in Christ Church. Father Gordon who agreed that the Parish could be involved but that he personally would not attend if Christmas Carols were being sung before Christmas.

Ged Tromp

c. Car Park

Father Gordon informed the PPAG that the Car Park and Driveway will be resurfaced during half term in February following approval from the Finance Committee.

Once the work has been completed Stephen Marston will meet with Ian Robinson and, if required, appeal for help within the Parish to return the grounds to their present state.

Stephen Marston

d. Minutes of the PPAG

Richard Charnock asked if the Minutes of the PPAG could be made available sooner than previously sent. Father Gordon agreed that the minutes would be sent out sooner.

Helen Jones

e. At Home with the Mayor

Father Gordon was invited to represent the Parish at the Mayoral "At Home" but was previously engaged. He had asked Stephen Marston to represent him.

10. Date and time of next Meeting

28 May 2012, 1900 Church Meeting Room.

Subsequent to the Meeting this date was changed to Monday 21 May.

11. Concluding Prayer

Father Gordon had to leave the Meeting at this stage.

Stephen Marston thanked all who attended and concluded with a Prayer.

Helen Jones
Secretary

Stephen Marston
Chairman