

MINUTES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - ST EDMUND CAMPION, MAIDENHEAD

19th January 2021

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies-Laura Bigoni

In attendance Andrew Stearn (AS), Mary Fraser (MF), Lilian Akinjobi (LA), Jane Mullen (JM), Fr Liam Cummins (LC), Noris Dukes (ND), Jennifer Camp-Overy (JC-O), Sarah Hubbard (SH)

2. Matters from the Last Meeting

Review of Planning application 20/03049 actions taken and Approval. SH lodged an objection after the last meeting, on behalf of the PPC. We were notified on Friday by letter that the planning application has been approved.

New website update - Awaiting rotas and booking. Jonas is investigating making updates and amendments user friendly. We won't launch unless it is easier to maintain, in this case the current updated website will remain.

PAMIS database update Still awaiting further responses from the company who wrote and maintain it. People are still not getting the newsletter though their profiles are set up correctly. SH chased this again 18/01/21

New parishioner to replace Basil on the PPC? Decision taken to maintain the current PPC without replacing Basil's role. If additional resource is needed, at a later date, a replacement can be recruited then.

3. Parish Update

Mass Reps Feedback Great thanks to Fr.Liam, Fr. Kevin and helpers for making Christmas such a beautiful Event bringing knowledge and joy to both Parishioners and wider Neighbours. Grateful thanks too to Jim McGovern and the whole committee for organising and carrying out the Pilgrimage on the 50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St. Edmund Campion, and the careful research, writing and printing of the beautiful Commemorative Book.

A "Sacramental Policy" is needed for Initiation Sacraments. As we plan for post pandemic Sacraments and (requirements before booking them) Fr Liam has some ideas that will need support of the PPC. These involve a period of readjustment to normal worship.

The proposal (agreed to by the PPC) is as follows:

Once normal worship resumes, allow six months to readjust to normal worship. Bring children back to Church, and get back into the rhythm of the Church. Allow everyone time to feel at ease and get our community back to normal.

Once the six months is complete, bring back the Sacraments. (There will be exceptions at Fr Liam's discretion).

The Pilgrimage Walk- Parish update - Vision Group - Commemorative booklets completed / distributed / next steps?

The Pilgrimage Walk brought the community together. There are 5 booklets left, and they were very popular in the Parish. Final meeting next Friday, 29th of January for next steps.

2021 Parish Plans

Flexibility is the key. No big things are currently planned.

4. Finance Update

Decision required on distribution of our committed 10% of Collection. Options to be discussed include sponsoring a young person through tertiary education for the duration of their course, and donating to the Sudan Appeal (via a donation to the SVP). Final decision required at the next meeting.

It was agreed that 10% of our parishioner donations would be given to Charity. This includes, cash

donations, direct debits, standing orders and contactless giving. From September 2019 to December 2020, this totals £8894.29, and it was agreed to round this up to £9000. The Parish Account is healthy and will not be negatively impacted by these donations.

Agreement was gained to donate internationally through W.O.R.K to support individuals in their pursuit of tertiary education. Mary-Jane Butler had identified two individuals, one pursuing a three year Community Healthcare Degree (£3.5K) and one who has 2 years remaining of a Medical Degree (£2K). After discussion on the, wide reaching, benefits of this sponsorship, it was agreed that these would be funded by the Parish.

Agreement was gained to donate both internationally and locally by supporting the SVP (who usually donate large sums of money to the Sudan Appeal via a second collection in the Parish, and who had requested that this be considered as a recipient of Parish funds). JCO also highlighted the community support that the SVP had provided during the pandemic. Providing financial aid to families via the school. It was agreed that £1.5K would be given to the SVP to use as they saw fit.

Agreement was gained to donate locally by supporting two Charities in Maidenhead, both involved with family support and children's services. Thames Valley Adventure Playground and Family Friends were identified and it was agreed to donate £1K to each.

Action: Parish Administrator to contact charities, and transfer agreed money to them as soon as possible.

5. AOB

6. Dates for Next Meetings

Tuesday 16th March

Tuesday 18th May

Tuesday 20th July

Tuesday 21st September

Tuesday 16th November