

## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11/09/17.**

Attendees: Paul Turpin, Mike Eggleton, Mike O'Sullivan, Kit Tranmer, Quentin Jackson, Jac Edwards, Matthew Ives, Isabel Evans/Parker, Rob Fernandes, Michelle Spears, Sue Musiu.

Apologies: Guy Williamson, William Yeung.

The minutes from the last Parish Council meeting, held on 17/07/17, were approved.

### **1) 24-hour adoration**

PT felt that the Parish Council should lead by example at the 24-hour adoration and that as many members should attend as possible. There will be 2 time slots booked by the Parish Council:

**9pm.** Attendees: Jac, Sue, Mike E, Paul.

**4am.** Attendees: Michelle, Isabel, Mike O'S, Kit, Rob.

### **2) Becket Centre. Request for funds for decoration of the downstairs hallway (£15,000 plus VAT?)**

Paul Turpin, on behalf of the Becket Centre Committee, requested £6000 from the Parish Council. This was agreed by all members. It was also decided that it is easier for the Parish to remain not registered for VAT.

### **3) Social Committee - Discussion and ideas**

- A) Film night to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- B) KT - International Evening to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November. People from our Parish will provide dishes from various countries.
- C) KT has asked Jon Constable if he would be able to organise 2 social functions per year for the next 2 years. **Action KT to update the Parish Council on the progress of this.**
- D) ME raised a suggestion on behalf of WY that we could have a social event with a sporting theme, such as the Olympics or the World Cup.
- E) SM raised the possibility of an "It's A Knockout" style event, including a picnic.
- F) QJ has suggested we hold "Mass on the grass" in 2018.
- G) ME - Could we have a board games evening? WY plays Bridge and could teach others to play.
- H) QJ informed the Parish Council that next year's Summer Fete may not be held. Could we hold a similar event as a fundraiser? If we include St Antony's pupils performing country dancing, this would mean parents would be required to attend.

#### **4) Liturgy Group - recent meeting.**

ME raised the idea that we have 1 or 2 people who are responsible for each mass, ensuring that readers, Ministers of Communion, Sacristans etc are present before mass starts. One suggestion was to have a "register" available at the back of the church so that people can mark themselves as present before mass starts. In order for this to work, people would need to arrive at mass at least 10minutes before it begins. **Action ME - do we have people who would be willing to do this on a rota basis?**

ME raised the idea of live screening of the Children's Christmas Eve mass in the Becket Centre. This would ease congestion in the church.

KT - Can we hold more masses on Christmas Eve to ease congestion at each mass?

JE - Can the Children's Mass be held earlier in the afternoon. Could it be moved from 5pm to 3pm?

SM - If we are to hold mass in the Becket Centre (via a screen), we would need to arrange for Eucharistic Ministers to be available.

#### **5) Finance Committee Note from Gerry Curran regarding the roof.**

Gerry Curran has informed the Finance Committee that the cost of stripping and replacing the roof of the church will be £260,000 plus VAT.

QJ- A survey of the church roof is taking place at a cost of £1000. The church was re-roofed 40 years ago and is unlikely to need attention.

The cost of repairing the car park will be £86,875 plus VAT. The car park will be repaired using permeable tarmac, if this is acceptable to Redbridge council. It is likely that there will be an appeal during mass to fund the cost of replacing the roof (if required) and repairing the car park.

KT - If the Parish are to be asked for huge sums of money, we should speak to the Custos. to ask what provision is in place for the future of our Parish.

ME - Is the total amount to be raised by the Parish community or will the Friary also contribute?

**Action PT - Start dialogue with the Custos. on this matter.**

#### **6) Church porch notice boards - TELCO request.**

TELCO would like to put noticeboards up in the church porch. There are currently 6 noticeboards in the porch. Will people take any notice of another one? TELCO did not specify what information would be displayed on this noticeboard.

MS asked if it would be possible to install an interactive noticeboard, possibly touchscreen.

**KT suggested postponing this agenda item and informing TELCO. Action KT.**

## **7) An update on the Church heating from QJ.**

The heating system has been cleaned and the boilers are now working. This should last for 3 years. A second sump pump has been installed. The heating system will now be maintained 5 times per year. This has been moderately costly, but not as bad as previously thought.

## **8) Communications - Website update**

ME - A special edition of The Word will be issued linking to William Yeung's Restructuring and Renewal document.

MO'S has produced a condensed version of this document. **Action PT to scan and distribute this document to members of the Parish Council.**

ME - Go live date of the new website is the first Sunday of Advent. ME and Paul Kinman will be administrators of the website. It was agreed that no non-faith groups will be on the website at the beginning.

**Action ME - Terms of Reference need to include photos and images.**

**Action ME - Send out link to website.**

There is an unofficial St Thomas of Canterbury Fb page. **Action ME - Put in writing how we go about closing this unofficial page.**

## **9) Adult education dates**

- a) October 25<sup>th</sup> - session on "family".
- b) 8th November - session subject undecided.
- c) 22<sup>nd</sup> November - session subject undecided.

## **10) AOB**

SM - As an usher, SM is concerned that not everyone knows the appropriate responses during mass. There are no response sheets available to hand out to Parishioners.

We discussed the possibility of having response sheets available, and also the idea of having a projector/screen displaying responses and hymns during mass.

**Action - MO'S will make enquiries.**

**Date of next meeting - Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8pm.**