

MINUTES of the 248th meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council held on Thursday 24th May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

PRESENT: Father David Finegan, President of the Council, Mrs Josephine Lea, in the Chair, Mrs Elaine Durbin, Mr Richard Hall and Mrs Carole Kelly.

APOLOGIES: Mrs Christine Cannon, Mrs Gillian Millyard and Mrs Pat Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: Frank Lea, Clerk to the Council

16/18 WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER: Jo Lea welcomed everyone to the meeting and Father David formally opened the meeting with a prayer.

17/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: It was agreed that the MINUTES of the 247th meeting of the PPC, held on 1st February 2018, constituted a true record. They were signed and dated by the Chairman.

18/18 MATTERS ARISING: There were none.

19/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT SCHEDULED FOR THE AGENDA: Father David said he wished to raise matters concerning GDPR, Woolpit and Holydays of Obligation.

20/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH AGM: The matter of the efficiency of the Hearing Loop in church had been raised at the AGM and Father David was asked if this had been investigated. Father David said reception for the hard of hearing seemed to be quite fluky around the church. There appeared to be no ready solution, but further investigation would be undertaken and, if necessary, Mr Bannister would be consulted to advise if the loop was fit for purpose.

21/18 REPORT FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Chairman reported on the meeting that had taken place on Tuesday 17th April 2018.

- ❖ **CHURCH REDECORATION:** Now almost complete. The Narthex will be getting one final coat in due course.
- ❖ **INTERNAL CHURCH ALTERATIONS:** Father David awaited communication from Ormsby regarding the tabernacle. He expected to tie up final details regarding dates and timings for the installation of the tabernacle and the new crucifix in the near future.
- ❖ **ACCESS TO THE CHURCH HALL:** The matter is progressing. Simon Millyard has had site meetings with the architect and structural engineer. The whole project is about to be costed.
- ❖ **PREZZO WALL:** Ben Nickell has been dealing with Prezzo. The matter has now been referred back to the owners of the Prezzo site and further developments are awaited.
- ❖ **PARISH MAGAZINE:** Agreement has been reached for two editions per year. It was reported that enough material for the next issue was now to hand and Father David would view it prior to publication.
- ❖ **SHELVES OVER RADIATORS:** Simon Millyard is liaising with Rafal Pochec regarding the putting up of the remaining shelves. If Rafal cannot do the job another contractor will be sought.
- ❖ The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Tuesday 25th September 2018.

22/18 DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF LAITY: The Chairman said that the next meeting would take place on Saturday 7th July.

23/18 DEANERY COUNCIL OF LAITY: Father David reported on the last meeting that had taken place on Wednesday 9th May. He said there had been the usual reports from all the parishes in the deanery. Discussion had taken place regarding having another Day of Reflection and also of having another "Church Crawl" in order to visit the other three parishes in the deanery, It was hoped to arrange both these events in

2019, but there was always the matter of finding a guest speaker for the former event. The next meeting will take place in Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday 26th September.

24/18 REPORT FROM THE PASTORAL GROUP: Gillian Millyard had given her apologies for the meeting, but reported that the group had had no activity since the last PPC meeting.

25/18 NEWS FROM CAFOD+: Jo reported that the group was currently discussing the future of having Fair Trade stalls in the parish. Over the past year or so takings had fallen and the Bury St Edmunds shop, from whence the goods were collected, has introduced new rules for casual stall holders and these will be discussed at the group's next meeting. Jo also said that the group had had some part in organising plant stalls at Our Lady's in support of this year's Christian Aid appeal.

26/18 PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Carole Kelly reported. Carole said that the Parish Summer Party would take place at the Cedars Hotel on Sunday 15th July. Rick and Anna Keating-Fedders have again agreed to loan their Barbecue for the event. As regards the Autumn Bazaar, Carole said she would shortly be having a general meeting to discuss detailed plans for the bazaar which is to take place on Saturday 27th October.

27/18 NEWS FROM STOWMARKET CHURCHES TOGETHER: Father David and Christine Cannon had attended the latest meeting on 16th May. Christine submitted a detailed report of the meeting and this will be attached to these Minutes in the Minute Book. Father David said that Rev Michael Eden had retired as Chairman and had been replaced by Mike Smith from the New Life Church. Next year's Women's World Day of Prayer service would take place in Our Lady's on Friday 1st March 2019.

28/18 STOWMARKET & DISTRICT FOOD BANK – UPDATE: It was commented that the Universal Credit scheme was now being rolled out in Stowmarket and district and as it took a minimum of six weeks for benefits to click in, it was expected that there would be a significant impact on the Food Bank.

29/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: From Minute 19/18 above:

- ❖ GDPR: Father David said that the diocese was aware of the new scheme and was taking steps to become compliant.
- ❖ WOOLPIT MASS: Father David said that he would be saying the Saturday evening Mass on 1st September in Stowmarket as Woolpit church would be holding a Music in Country Churches concert that weekend and he proposed that the Mass on 8th September also be held in Stowmarket as the Woolpit church would be holding an art show over that weekend. The meeting agreed to these changes and they would be well advertised in the newsletter.
- ❖ HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION: Father David said he was considering reducing the number of Masses from three to two. These will be at 10am and 7pm. Due to the low numbers attending the 8am Mass, this was agreed.

30/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting, the 249th, will take place in the same location on **Thursday 4th October 2018**. The meeting would start at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre, Upper Room.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.18pm and Father David closed proceedings with a prayer.

Signed Date

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