


APPROVED

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, St. Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch
Wednesday 12th July 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Fr. Martin Fletcher, Eddie Allen (Chair), Susan Squire, Frances Rodgers, Gary Redmond, Christine Toolis, Jane Tatam, Brenda Kivlehan, Roland Kivlehan, Teresa Young, Joanne Challis, Pat Edwards, Brian Rodgers (Secretary).
PARISH REPS/OBSERVERS:	
APOLOGIES:	Jo Luxton.
The meeting was held in the Van Meenen Room and commenced at 20:05 with a welcome and prayers.	
ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Eddie Allen was nominated and elected unopposed.	
MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting of 10 th May 2017 were approved and signed by the Chair.	
MATTERS ARISING	ACTIONS
52.57 Parking – Gary still hasn't dealt with this. Christine reported that a car took the side out of a new car and just drove off. Suggestion was to leave the parking issue till September then enforce it. Jo Challis suggested a request in the newsletter. It was agreed that we need to put hi-vis vests on and marshal it. Gary said it is only 9.30am and 11.30am that have the problem. Brian suggested an announcement about there being no right to park, only a favour which can be withdrawn. Gary thought maybe a newsletter insert stating all our intentions, including parking.	
CORRESPONDENCE - None	
PARISH PRIEST'S POINTS	
Gym Application – this has gone to committee. Fr Martin has contacted the local councillors and 3 have put in objections. At Committee, one objector can speak for 2 minutes then the reply can be 2 minutes. Jody Ganly (Councillor) can speak for 4 minutes but someone else is needed. Reasons stated are: risk from more traffic, particularly to children; noise when funerals are taking place. Fr Martin gave in the numbers of church and school users. Jo Challis said she and her children nearly got hit the other day – she had to shout at the driver who hadn't looked. Discussion continued. Fr Martin needs to sit down with a couple of people to get the points in order. Eucharistic Ministers – 5 new ones in training. need more. The previous week, he got mixed up between the Parish Council/Catechists meeting and the meeting about the future of the parish. Future of the Parish – need to take this further - we need more assistance from the parish. One World - in September, make a serious effort to get this event together. School trip to Aylesford – last Monday. The children were wonderful, a credit to school and parish. Parish Mission Statement – the School has a mission statement, we need one for the parish. Hall Kitchen – key was missing for the coffee morning, Fr Martin had to get the master but the cupboard key was also missing. Brenda has the cupboard master keys but Eddie felt they should be held centrally. Gary felt there were two issues here, the keys going missing and the non-availability of a second set. Eddie said this was a parish event that would have failed if Fr Martin hadn't been able to supply tea, coffee and milk from the Presbytery. It was pointed out that the keys in the key safe are <u>only</u> for the Saturday Morning Club. Two actions: Roland and Brenda will follow up with groups about responsibility for keys and paying the deposit; Gary will change the locks to those for which copies cannot be cut without authorisation. Susan pointed out that we have to have a clear system that is consistent and explained to everyone who needs to borrow keys. The list of everyone who has keys should be with Jackie Caprari and Fr Martin. Gary will get a set of keys for the new locks.	Roland & Brenda, Gary

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SACRAMENTS		
<p>First Holy Communion – Jane said the new programme started the day before with 71 children. An excellent response from parents for catechists – she hopes all the children she has on the waiting list can be accommodated. 75 is the probable maximum. The first proper meeting will be 12th September at 7pm. If any parish councillor wishes to come and speak to the whole group, they are welcome. May be speak to each table rather than the whole group. Eddie suggested a brief intro then talking to smaller groups. This keeps Jane separated from all requests for help by the parish. The signing-in started the previous day and many were anxious because they would soon be on holiday for some weeks.</p> <p>Thanksgiving Mass - Fr Martin agreed that there are already a good number of people involved in various tasks. Gary reminded the meeting that we need to set a date for this Mass.</p> <p>School – Key Stage 1 & 2 results have been good. The school is now in the top quarter of the Borough instead of the bottom quarter.</p> <p>Meeting last week. Gary thought this was good.</p> <p>Altar Servers – Roland said there are 21 new servers.</p> <p>RCIA – starting in September on Monday nights.</p> <p>Baptism – Jo Challis will pop into a session in September to talk to them.</p>		<p>Parish Council</p> <p>Fr Martin</p> <p>Jo C</p>
FINANCE		
<p>Jo C will do a simple balance – then we can get it on the back of the newsletter, to push the money situation in the parish. Christine warned it might not be the first weekend after the holidays as Eileen is away for 6 weeks.</p> <p>Gary mentioned that Holy Redeemer, Billericay, have completely rehashed their parish Council, Finance Committee, etc. It is worth looking at. They spent 6 months reviewing everything before making changes. Eddie thought we should contact such parishes and get ideas from them. We need to take actions that matter, so as to get loads of people to come along with us.</p>		Jo C
OTHER BUSINESS		
<p>Susan said it has come to her that she is on the Parish Council under false pretences, as she can't commit for the next 12 months because of a huge commitment next year. She was persuaded to stay on the Parish Council because everyone values her contribution.</p> <p>52. General items.</p> <p>77. 100 Club – Brenda said there was very poor take up this year and she is stopping it in September. She asked if someone else would like to take it on.</p> <p>78. Diocesan Education Authority – Gary said this is in the process of being set up and eventually the school's affiliation with Havering will fade away. Other dioceses are doing this. In the Borough, it is the church schools that are rising in quality. There was further discussion on this whole issue.</p>		
DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING		
Wednesday 20th Sept 2017, 8:00pm The Presbytery (or Van Meenen Room).		
FORTHCOMING MEETINGS – Provisional dates - Please put these dates in your diaries		
15 th Nov 2017, 17 th Jan 2018, 21 st Mar 2018, 16 th May 2018, AGM 20 th June 2018, 18 th July 2018.		
The meeting closed with prayers at 21:19.		
Brian J. Rodgers Secretary	Signed: Eddie Allen Chairperson	
29 th July 2017	Date 20 th Sept 2017	