


**APPROVED**

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting, St. Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Fr. Martin Fletcher, Eddie Allen (Chair), Brenda Kivlehan, Roland Kivlehan, Jo Luxton, Frances Rodgers, Gary Redmond, Tony Bennett, Joanne Challis, Pat Edwards, Teresa Young, Brian Rodgers (Secretary).
<b>PARISH REPS/OBSERVERS:</b>	John Fells
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Jean Horan, Trisa Mahoney, Susan Squire.
The meeting was held in the Presbytery Dining Room and commenced at 20:04 with a welcome and prayers.	
<b>MINUTES</b>	
The minutes of the meeting of 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 were approved and signed by the Chair.	
<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>
<p><b>52.57 Parking</b> – Brenda said they prepared posters and leaflets and then nothing happened. Parking is getting worse. Gary suggested a rota to man the car parks at 9.30am and 11.30am. Gary to send spreadsheet around for people to volunteer. Brian pointed out that people do not have a right to park. Eddie suggested an announcement at Mass that there will be stewards and the gates will be shut when full.</p> <p><b>David Adams &amp; Choir</b> – they changed the date and the new one is unworkable.</p> <p><b>May Queen Procession</b> – As last year, the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses will be amalgamated.</p>	<b>Gary</b>
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
None	
<b>PARISH PRIEST'S POINTS</b>	
<p><b>Van Meenen Room</b> now has a DVD player to go with the large-screen TV.</p> <p><b>Michael Wigley</b> is now coming on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March, following the evening Mass. Afterwards, there will be refreshments in the Hall.</p> <p><b>CAFOD boxes</b> – Fr Martin said to leave collecting the boxes until Divine Mercy Sunday.</p> <p><b>Confirmation</b> – 11.30am Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June (Pentecost). Michael Wigley will be doing the music. About 40 candidates will go to Walsingham House, 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p><b>Aylesford, Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June.</b></p> <p><b>Reconciliation</b> – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm</p> <p><b>Holy Week services</b> will be as last year except the Vigil will commence at 8.30pm.</p> <p><b>Newspaper Racks</b> – not working, need to look at them again (to high for some people to reach).</p> <p><b>Repository Shop break-in</b> - Police came and looked at CCTV footage. Get new window glass fitted then consider further (CCTV camera, signs, etc.)</p> <p><b>Novena</b> till Divine Mercy Sunday.</p> <p><b>March 22<sup>nd</sup></b> – no evening Mass because of celebration at the Cathedral.</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> – need more. Many sick and Fr Martin can't get around to them all. Gary suggested asking from the pulpit. Others thought this not a very good idea – better to have names passed to Fr Martin for consideration.</p> <p><b>Fr Martin's Day Off</b> – now he is on his own, he is not getting a proper day off, more like two half days. Jo C suggested stopping one day's mass and getting a full day off. Fr Martin will look at how to achieve this.</p> <p><b>Summer Fayre</b> – 24<sup>th</sup> June. PTA will run it, proceeds to be split 50/50.</p>	<b>Fr Martin</b>
<b>SACRAMENTS</b>	
<p><b>Baptism</b> - Jane's programme is working well.</p> <p><b>Confirmation</b> also going well. Very good group this year, catechists doing a very good job. About 53 candidates in total.</p> <p><b>First Communion</b> – Jane's programme is again going well. Groups now stay in Mass on Sunday mornings, only 2 small groups going out for Children's Liturgy.</p>	

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<b>Stations of the Cross</b> – John Fells said the Youth Club and Confirmation Group are doing Stations on 24 <sup>th</sup> March with rehearsal on 18 <sup>th</sup> .		
<b>FINANCE</b>		
Jo C said the figures are just about breaking even. Working on a budget for the coming year, hope to have a slightly positive result, to give us some breathing space. Rush Green Club lease is up for renewal. Hope to renew it successfully.		
<b>YOUTH CLUB</b>		
John Fells said it is ticking over nicely, 30+ for the last month. Trisa Mahoney donated lots of sweets to the Youth Club. A big thank you to her. So many that some have been passed to other groups.		
<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>		
<p><b>52. General items.</b></p> <p><b>48 a).</b> Car Park wall will be repaired soon, now that insurance money has been received.</p> <p><b>64. Hall Kitchen</b> – Brenda said that 2 groups have yet to pay, the PTA and Friday Coffee group. groups are supposed to pay £50 per year for its use but no income received so far. Eddie suggested talking to the school, who organise the bookings.</p> <p><b>65. Church Cleaning Day</b> – a cherry-picker will be used to clean the upper parts of the inside of the church. Any help will be gratefully received.</p> <p><b>66. Memorial Plaque for Jackie Fisher.</b> This will go on the Memorial Book stand, which she looked after meticulously for many years. The Parish will pay for this.</p> <p><b>67. Visual impact</b> – Eddie said youth are our future but the church is a bit bland – perhaps have more displays around the church in addition to the board by the Lady chapel. Various ideas were put forward. Needs brainstorming before next meeting. Get ideas from Confirmation and other groups. Hang cork boards and get groups to create labels for them, take ownership and look after them.</p> <p><b>68. Easter Sunday music</b> – 8am – Mike, 9.30am – Jacques; for 11.30am perhaps John Parkinson and Frances O’Leary.</p> <p><b>69. Afternoon Gathering 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> – having an OAP-ish event, with refreshments, getting older and younger people together so older ones can impart information to younger ones.</p> <p><b>70. Gift Aid boxes</b> – need to go out very soon and be pushed to the parish. Jo C will get it going. Eddie said to let the PC know if help needed.</p> <p><b>71. East Africa Appeal</b> – Fr Martin said we are already collecting for CAFOD, who are sending to this fund. John said the youngsters are getting confused with the different appeals. Fr Martin agreed. Frances asked what we are doing about the CAFOD boxes. Fr Martin originally thought of Maundy Thursday but now may be later.</p>		
<b>DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING</b>		
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 8:00pm</b> The Presbytery. <i>[Date changed with the agreement of the meeting].</i>		
<b>FORTHCOMING MEETINGS – Provisional dates</b>		
AGM 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2017, 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017, 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017, 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017, 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018, 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2018. <b>[Please put these dates in your diaries]</b>		
Gary asked if, in future, we could spend longer discussing matters, rather than rushing through. The meeting closed with prayers at 20:53.		
Brian J. Rodgers <b>Secretary</b>	<b>Signed:</b> Eddie Allen <b>Chairperson</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	<b>Date</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	