

Sacred Heart Waterlooville

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th January 2011

Present:

Father Kevin, Cyril Brown (Chairman), , Nikki Ellul-Turner, Christine Hartridge, Jane Standen, David Stretton, Elizabeth White, Sister Margaret, Joy Hastilow.

Father Kevin opened the meeting at 7.00pm with the reading for next Sunday and prayers.

01.11.01. Apologies for Absence:

Maureen Anglaret, Richard Barclay, Julie Long

01.11.02. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes for the previous meeting, held on 28.10.10 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

01.11.03. Parish Priest's Report:

a. Organist Appointment: Father Kevin reported that a contract, with fees and conditions in line with the Diocese and the Royal College of Music, had been agreed with Chris Hyson, for the 2nd and 4th Sundays and all major feasts and festivals, as from 13th February 2011. He would also be offered all weddings and funerals. His appointment was welcomed and his skills and experience appreciated.

b. Parish Information: Meeting 16/01/11 – this was reported on by David Stretton. Father Kevin commented on the high number of parishioners who attended the meeting, and suggested that it might be a useful format to facilitate a greater attendance at future parish Annual Reporting meetings.

c. Parish Information: Father Kevin reported that all Christmas Masses had been very well attended,. The Christmas Fayre, and especially the raffle, had been very successful, and it was felt that the involvement of St Peter's School was a very positive improvement. He thanked Elizabeth White and her helpers for a great success.

There has been a notification from the Diocese, which will affect the parish as a whole. Father Tom Grufferty will become the Parish Priest for the Havant Pastoral Area (HPA) and Father Kevin will be a co-priest with special responsibilities for Waterlooville. Similar arrangements have been made in the other parishes making up the HPA.

Judith Hoare is replacing Richard Barclay and along with John Farrell will represent our Parish on the Havant Pastoral Area Council.

The Journey in Faith's twelve candidates were to be welcomed on the following Sunday, and Father Kevin felt that the slightly amended timing worked well for the group. He also commented that 6 of the 12 would hopefully be being baptized at the Vigil.

Father Kevin reported that the changes to the hospital Chaplaincy mentioned at the previous meeting appeared to be working well and he appreciated the chaplaincy team at QA filtering calls to make sure that only genuine emergency calls will be put through to our priests.

Father explained that thought would be needed as to how the liturgies would operate in the new church, with Lenten preparation a particular priority.

In response to a query from Cyril Brown, Father Kevin confirmed that he would be delivering some form of Lenten lectures.

01.11.04 New Church Progress Report:

David Stretton presented a brief summary of the information that was made available at the Parish Information Meeting, and which would be available as a summary sheet at the weekend masses. Currently due to the winter weather the completion date is mid March.

Although the last Mass in the old Church had been planned to take place on 11.02.11, at 10.00am, this date had now been put back into March as a result of the delays caused by the very severe weather. It is planned that there will be the Liturgy of the Word and prayers in the old chapel and then all the parishioners will carry in procession something from the old church to the new church.

The mosaic has now been commissioned. Other major works would be dealt with when the resources were available.

The statues and other artifacts had to stay with the church, at least for the present, because of various regulations. However, the circular bronze door from the tabernacle in The Oratory can be used. The detail of transfer requirements for the relics was discussed briefly.

There will need to be a plan for the move as to what is going to the new church from the old and what is staying, but until there is a definite date it is difficult to be specific.

The new church has to be registered as a place of worship, and the required forms had now been obtained.

01.11.05 Dedication of the New Church:

The Dedication of the New Church will take place on the 1.7.11 (Feast day of The Sacred Heart) by our Bishop, Crispian Hollis.

Following discussion regarding the organizational requirements it was agreed that as many parishioners and groups should be involved as possible, and that requests for those interested in forming a Church Dedication Planning Group to sign up. The tasks for such a group will be defined by the PPC, and would include parking, seating, catering, escorts and non-clergy invitations. It was agreed that an appeal for volunteers to form this group would be placed in the parish newsletter. From the PPC, Jane Standen and Nikky Ellul-Turner agree to act as the interface between this new group and the PPC.

Father Kevin will be writing to invite all relevant clergy.

Particular requirements of the ceremony were outlined by Father Kevin, including the specific liturgy required, and those whose presence is required.

01.11.06 New Presbytery Update:

Work has now started on the new Presbytery and it is due to be completed in May 2011.

01.11.07 Havant Pastoral Area

Father Kevin re-iterated the need for the ongoing discussion and planning resulting because of declining clergy numbers.

01.11.08 Fundraising

Father Kevin outlined the current amount that had been pledged from the Living our Faith campaign (£521,606) over 5 years. The amount actually paid to the Parish so far is (£145,187). He reported various other donations, and felt that the situation was generally positive.

01.11.09 Bamenda Sponsored Walk:

Elizabeth White updated the situation regarding the sponsored walk: Bamenda is our twin Diocese in Africa and Elizabeth is the secretary of the Bamenda Committee. One of the local members, Jo Overton, has planned to go out to Bamenda in February 2011, to do a sponsored walk from one health centre to another. It was agreed that the IRT giving via the collection box in church should be suspended for one month only and people asked to sponsor / donate to the Bamenda Fund. It was agreed to support the Bamenda appeal but opinion by some was that Parishioners that wanted to support I.R.T. should do this also. Elizabeth would ensure that sponsor forms and posters were available and that she would collect in any monies due.

01.11.10 A.O.B:

Father Kevin reported that as a result of the recent rat problem in the Scout Hut, the Playgroup rent would be reduced as recompense for their having to temporarily re-locate. It was felt that there may be a council liability.

The cleaning of the new church and Parish Centre was identified as two separate issues, both of which were still under discussion.

Father Kevin has received correspondence identifying possible concerns regarding parking at the new church. There is concern that the car park will be used by shoppers, local workers and residents from the local houses/flats. It was agreed that this aspect required further investigation.

David Stretton enquired about the progress of the time capsule due to be located on the new site. It was confirmed that Trish Bailey was coordinating it, and Sister Margaret had provided some documentary evidence about the convent.

Father Kevin closed the meeting at 8.50 with prayers.

01.11.11 Dates of Next Meeting:

03.03.11.

14/04/11

26/05/11