

Sacred Heart Waterlooville

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th September 2011

Present:

Father Kevin, Cyril Brown (Chairman), Maureen Anglaret, Richard Barclay, Christine Hartridge, David Stretton, Joy Hastilow, Jo Austen. Observers: Craig Read, John McCormack

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

09.11.01. Apologies for Absence:

Sister Margaret, Nicola Ellul-Turner, Jane Standen, Elizabeth White, Julie Long(resigned)

09.11.02. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes for the previous meeting, held on 28.07.11 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

09.11.03. Election of Officers

Following Julie's resignation, Joy Hastilow was elected Secretary.

09.11.04. Parish Priest's Report:

- a) General Parish Report.
Father Kevin reported that he had taken the attendance levels at the new mass times as an indication that they were generally working well; the Sunday 10.00 mass being full and the two evening ones at least three quarters full.
- b) He then presented the Redemptionist Publications format for the parish newsletter that had been discussed at the July meeting. It was agreed that the format offered significant opportunities for self funding, as well as providing a straightforward means of sharing additional information and flyers. It was agreed that Advent would be a suitable time to introduce the new format, following preparation work in November, including raising community awareness of suitable advertising possibilities.
- c) Fr. Kevin stated that the Mayor's Coffee Morning on 12th October confirmed what an effective community resource the new church and its facilities offered.
- d) New Presbytery update:
Father Kevin reported that there had been a very smooth transfer, and that being onsite was a considerable advantage.
- e) Introduction of the New Order of Mass:

Father Kevin explained that the new Order of Mass will be in use by the First Sunday in Advent, and that he was working with the schools to ensure a greater understanding of the reasons for the changes. He took advantage of the opportunity to widen the understanding of those present with an explanation of 'consubstantial'.

As a result of the considerable number of baptisms now taking place at the 10am mass, Father Kevin explained that he would not only be encouraging baptisms at other masses, but would also have a trial period of Baptisms at 11.30 after the 10:00 mass.

09.11.05 Church opening times outside normal mass times:

Following wide ranging discussion, it was agreed that Father Kevin would prepare a questionnaire for parishioners that would provide him and the Council with a more detailed picture of the community needs, and also enable them to be made aware of the implications of their choices, particularly with regard to volunteer attendants. In these present times the church could not be left open unattended.

As a practical trial, it was agreed that there would initially be an 'Open Day' on a Saturday.

09.11.06 Parking:

There had been a number of issues, especially at the 10am mass. Father Kevin explained that car parking had been restricted to 80 places as part of the planning conditions. Parishioners need to be encouraged to use alternative modes of transport – including walking and car sharing, as well as remembering to park considerately, and not in the private road. Additional spaces at the end of the rows would be marked up.

An earlier unfortunate incident has hopefully now been resolved.

09.11.07 Notice boards

Access to the outside notice board to is to be reviewed and amended due to problems opening the front to fit and remove notices.

The notice board inside the foyer will be maintained by Mr. & Mrs. Flynn. It was considered that its location may need to be reviewed.

09.11.08 A.O.B:

a. The meeting room ambience was felt to be acceptable, although the ambience needs reviewing such as several of the large store cupboards were considered to be ready for replacement.

b. The state of areas of the garden was discussed, and it was decided that clarification with regards to maintenance responsibility needed to be identified, with the appointment of a regular contract at a later date.

c. The organization during the receiving of communion was discussed. Following a practical demonstration in the church, Father Kevin will give specific directions at appropriate times.

d. It was suggested that refreshments should be available at the start of the meeting. Joy Hastilow agreed to make them.

Confidential

Cyril Brown informed the Council of his intention to stand down as chairperson this year.

The members and Father Kevin then went into the church to view the beautiful new bas relief of Our Lady and the Holy Child, which will be placed on the wall of the Church where the present temporary statue is situated.

Father Kevin closed the meeting at 8.50 with prayers.

01.11.09 Dates of Next Meeting: 7pm in the Church Centre:

27/10/11

08/12/11

26/01/12