

Parish Pastoral Council

Committee Meeting

Attendees:

Kathy Johnston KJ

President: Fr Niall Harrington, Fr. Niall

Patricia MacLachlan PML

Chair: John Geary JG

Robin McGuinness RMG

Secretary: Rachael Williams, RSW

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Opening Prayer

1. Apologies received from:

Steve Gallagher

Jacqui Davis

Clare Hopkins

Alison Huish

Jenny Sismey

Mary Huntington

Sue Benjamin

2. The Minutes of the PPC Oct 13 meeting were noted as being satisfactory and are to be signed at the next meeting. Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda: none.

3. Calendar and dates: The January and February dates were fixed as Monday 12 Jan 2015 at the SWF Church and 2 February 2015 at Danbury. Any further dates discussions can, if necessary, occur when there is a larger attendance at the January meeting.

4. Vacancies to fill: adjourned to next meeting in view of there being 6 people in attendance. John indicated that he was happy to continue duties with the Presbytery.

5. Live Simply Campaign. PML had some items to report and has requested that this be a regular Agenda item, to which JG agreed.

- Sun 4 Jan at Jenny Tolhurst's Barn after Mass there will be a get together.

- 11 Jan 2015 1.15pm Parish Walk

- Suggestions and ideas to live simply & sustainably are to be sent to PML or Pauline Spratt.

- PML was going to ask Maria to place an item in the Parish Newsletter each week.

6. **Justice & Peace & CAFOD.** PML indicated that the Live Simply Campaign has been taken up. There will be a Jumble Sale TBC.

7. **Fabric Reports.** None.

8. **Ecumenical Report for Little Baddow and SWF & JCC.** None.

9. **Treasurer's Report.** Stephen Gallagher

“Apologies that I cannot be with you for the next PCC meeting on Monday, since I will be in New York.

In terms of our finances, we have seen a slight increase in our overdraft position. As a reminder, between August and October our balance sat around £13,000 overdrawn. Today it has increased to £15,775 overdrawn. The key reason for this increase was due to 2 transactions, which always occur this time of year. The first is our annual insurance cover (£2,284) and the second is our final JCC payment (£1,500) of the year.

I anticipate our overdraft position will move slowly back down to £13,000, over the next few months.

Please note I have asked the JCC whether it makes sense to decrease all (Anglican, Catholic and Methodist) contributions in 2015, since the overall JCC bank balance has increased by £4,000 in the last year. If this is approved, our quarterly payment will drop to £1,200 in 2015.

Finally I understand that at the recent AGM, there was a request for a further level of detail of information on the finances. I have in the past included these but resisted this time, since nobody usually asks any questions or – in previous years – take the report. I will prepare a summary so that we can attach them to the January minutes.”

10. **Anglican PCC.** None.

11. **Methodist report.** None.

12. **Diocesan Representative Report:** None.

13. **Liturgy Group.** No report other than Fr Niall's observation that the Easter and New Year Liturgies are in hand.

11. Report from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. None.

13. **Social Committee** KJ.

- QuizNight: 8 teams . £348 profit.
- Calendars are selling very well. £710 profit so far.
- Raffle tickets selling quite well. First prize is £50 and 2nd is a small hamper. £350 profit so far.
- Some more Social Committee Members would be good, and not necessarily PPC members, but any person willing to assist. Also, the northern end of the Parish is under-represented on that Committee and so people from outside the SWF area may be a good plan. An appeal in the Newsletter is to be made.

14. **Presbytery Report.** John Geary

H & S came to inspect the Presbytery and said that it was in good order, save that the cold water tank in the loft needs insulating. JG will volunteer.

15. **AOB.**

- Jenny Sismey sent a message for a walk at 10am but no date given to the Council.
- card from Kath Gable received - addressed to the Council to say thanks for the small gift given to her at the AGM.

The Meeting ended at 8.55pm

Closing Prayer.