

**MINUTES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2017**  
**AT 7:00 pm in ST. ANNE'S PRIORY**

Present:

Liz Hindley, Tizz Kumarajeewa (Chair), Peter Mawtus, Fr Boniface Moran,  
Susan O'Halloran, Anne Hunt, Irene Slack, Fr. Godric Timney, Julia Woolgar

Minutes Secretary: Brian Farrimond

**1. Opening Prayer**

Julia led the opening prayer.

**2. Apologies**

Des Bill, Elaine Corrin, Terry Graham, Deacon Mac,

**3. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of June 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**4. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting**

Review of the Parish Database

*Action: Fr Godric to report back when more information becomes available.*

Fr Godric reported that he was still awaiting a response from Abbot Geoffrey on the professional advice he was seeking on behalf of the Douai Abbey Parish Trust.

Tizz reported that he intended working on the format of the database in August pending receiving the data protection guidelines.

**Action: Fr Godric to report back when more information becomes available.**

**Action: Tizz to report back on progress of work on the database.**

Outreach - Edge Hill University

*Action: Fr Godric to report back on discussions with Edge Hill University.*

Fr Godric said that that this was still ongoing. He had the impression that Edge Hill University preferred initiatives to come from within. In the discussion that followed it was reported that a potential contact within the University may be able to help to take this forward.

**Action: Fr Godric to report back on progress with Edge Hill University.**

### Parish Response to Migrants

*Action: Deacon Mac to find a volunteer to lead a discussion on the refugee proposal at the AGM*

Deacon Mac was unable to attend the meeting but had sent this report by email:

We're moving ahead slowly following the AGM. We had a meeting a week ago and looked at the next steps. There is a speaker we could get from Caritas, Salford, who is very much involved in the sponsorship scheme there, at St Monica's in Flixton. In the meantime we are trying to make contact with one or two organisations that we would need to liaise with if the sponsorship goes ahead.

A discussion took place in which the following points were made:

- Peter reported that there was a lot of interest in this initiative among the various parish groups
- one of our parishioners was already involved in helping a family move into Skelmersdale.
- The Caritas speaker would be happy to come to talk to the parish
- A major issue would be the high cost of houses and rental prices in Ormskirk

It was learned that a meeting was arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> September to take this forward.

**Action: Deacon Mac to negotiate a date for the Caritas speaker to come to the parish.**

*Action: Fr Godric or Fr Boniface to raise the issue at the Ecumenical Breakfast on 20th July*

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### Car Park Charging

Ongoing.

### Reaching out to people

*Action: Peter to identify a date for the meeting to discuss structure of proposed course.*

Fr Godric said that a meeting would take place on 4th August and he was inviting any interested parishioners to attend. He said that he had held a very useful meeting with Fr Philip Ince.

**Action: Fr Godric to report back on progress.**

### Welcomers

*Action: Terry to report back on progress.*

Terry was unable to attend the meeting but sent this report via email:

We've had confirmation from existing welcomers that they're happy to continue & 3 new applicants plus myself & Ann Barton. She & I hope to have a meeting with the new & not - new early September and discuss the role of welcomers & practicalities with a view to drafting a rota. Because there are so few people involved, a strict rota may not be viable, but it will give some structure to the role. We would also, through the bulletin, invite anyone interested but not committed, to attend the meeting.

**Action: Terry to report back on progress.**

### Live Simply

Susan reported that the Live Simply weekend had been a great success. Over 300 pledges had been received. It was noted that the most popular involved reducing food waste.

*Action: Susan and Terry to discuss the survey with Peter Gateley and report back*

Susan reported that Peter Gateley's survey report was expected soon. A major item was an alder tree growing out of the tower that need to be dealt with before it caused major damage.

**Action: Susan and Terry to report back on progress.**

*Action: Susan to explore the feasibility of setting up an allotment and report back*

Susan reported that investigations had revealed that setting up an allotment required a lot of work and commitment. A discussion took place in which the following points were made:

- it may be better to support the work of the Scouts who plan to create a garden
- bird feeders and wormeries may prove popular

Fr Godric said that regarding the labyrinth discussed at the last meeting, he knows a nun who did such things. It was agreed that he should take this forward.

**Action: Fr Godric to report back after contacting the nun regarding a labyrinth.**

**5. New agenda items**

**a) Bulletin by email**

A discussion took place on the desirability of delivering the bulletin to parishioners by email. The following points were made:

- a similar parish using email had been able to reduce printing to 50 copies
- we need to make sure we do not reveal parishioner email addresses when sending out the bulletin
- email with attachment or link is more likely to engage parishioners than a general call to look for it on the parish web site.

**Action: Steve to report on feasibility of sending out bulletin by email taking into account data protection of email addresses and volume of emails involved.**

**b) Parish Website Support (Standing Item) - web site administration**

No issues.

**c) Status of Parish Centre Development (Standing Item).**

**- Fr Godric to report**

Nothing to report.

**6. Correspondence**

None.

**7. Reserved issues**

None.

**8. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere**

None.

9. **Any other business**

Conference of Catholic Family History Society (North West Region)

Irene reported that the parish was hosting the Society's annual conference this coming weekend.

Ormskirk Gingerbread Day

Irene reported that this event would take place on 29<sup>th</sup> July.

**Action: Peter to enquire whether the organisers wanted to sell copies of the Guide to St Anne's Church on their book stand.**

Licencing of Rev Pauline Bicknell

Rev Pauline Bicknell is the new Vicar of Ormskirk Parish Church. The ceremony takes place at 7:30 pm on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Irene volunteered to attend on behalf of the parish.

**Action: Irene to attend Licencing of Rev Pauline Bicknell.**

10. **Date of next meeting**

The next PPC meeting is arranged for 7 pm on **Tuesday** 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in the Parish Centre. The meeting should finish by 8.30 pm.

11. **Closing prayer**

Fr Godric led the closing prayer.

The meeting closed at 7:40 pm.