

Parish Council Meeting of Thursday, 2nd October 2014

Present:

Terence Sweeney, James Lye, John McHugh, Angela Bradley, Kath Pollard, Mary Wright, Maureen McGovern, Peter McGovern

Apologies:

Fr. Arthur (holiday), Rob Cranston (holiday)

Agenda:

Boiler

Parish Centre Rents
Littleborough Taxis
Members Reports

John - Payment of invoices have not been received from Salford Diocese, Parish Council members were assured that emails will be sent to Mgr. Bulfin about the situation. In light of the good response to the Boiler Fund so far members unanimously agreed that it was in the parish's best interests, in respect to the bank balance, for the loan from Salford Diocese to be repaid quickly. John will speak to Ruth and Mgr. Bulfin and then speak again to Fr. Arthur.

Peter - Members heard that the new boiler is, so far, proving its efficiency and the church is getting heated up in 20 minutes. Chair thanked John and Peter for their efforts.

Jellybeans - The after-school club have been allowed in principle to hold 2 fund raising events in the Parish Centre as a way of thanking St. Mary's for their accommodation. Further information will be given at next month's meeting.

Littleborough Taxis - Parish Council was informed of Gar Hunter's intention to sell the business to another taxi firm. Decisions about the practical issues surrounding occupancy of the church yard and the safety of pupils and parents around opening and closing times of future occupants of the taxi office will need clarification on all sides. A meeting to discuss our expectations will be arranged with Mr. Hunter. It is proposed that a feasibility study should be carried out by SSE (electricity suppliers) so that future owners will pay for their own electricity and, thereby, release the onus on the parish.

Activities

Parish Mission - This was a great success, according to the consensus of opinion around the parish. Members voted unanimously in favour of the sum of £50 being offered to the host families as a gesture of good will on the parish's behalf. Kath will ask Fr. Arthur to write to each host.

Blake's Bakes - A fundraising event is to be held in the Parish Centre on Sunday after 11.00am Mass. Kath will put the notice in the Church Notices Book.

Members' Reports

Ange/a - Members heard that there will be 2 more groups coming to the Parish Centre (singing group, Tuesday; dancing group, Thursday.)

Chair thanked all members for their efforts.

Next meeting: Thursday, 6th November 2014