

## Parish Council Meeting of Thursday - January 2015

### Present:

Terence Sweeney,  
Angela Bradley,  
Kath Pollard,  
Peter McGovern,  
Rob Cranston,  
Mary Wright

### Apologies:

James Lye,  
M. McGovern,  
Fr. Arthur

### Matter arising from last meeting:

Rob Cranston will meet with Dunphy Ecclesiastical Ltd (boiler) on Thursday to discuss problems with the church heating which the parish has been experiencing lately with a view to how best to proceed with repairing the new boiler. It is understood that work to fit a *Spirotech* will begin on Friday, but Mr. Cranston does not know how long the repairs would take.

A vote of thanks to Rob, Maureen and Peter was proposed by Kath and seconded by Terence in appreciation of their dedicated efforts re the boiler.

### Agenda:

**1 Proposed Museum of Parish History and Religious Artefacts** - Mr. Ron Clarke (a parisher) will come, at the invitation of the Parish Council, to speak in April about his proposal.

**2 Mission Follow-up** - Due to the poor response from parishioners (only 4 responses) to Fr. Arthur's appeal for feedback after the Parish Mission of September 2014 Terence suggested that members of the Parish Council should respond on a simpler version of the questionnaire as a way of showing support to Fr. Arthur. All members who were present agreed unanimously to undertake the task.

### 3 Activities:

#### **Lenten Station Masses –**

Fr. Arthur was able to give a list of this year's Lenten  
Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, Holy Family, Rochdale  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, St. Mary's, Littleborough  
Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich  
Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, St. Joseph's, Heywood (with Bishop John)

*Rite of Election* - Transport will be arranged for the Rite of Election of Candidates at Salford Cathedral on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and a notice will go on the Parish Newsletter.

*School RE Inspection* - Fr. Arthur has urged members of the Parish Council to respond to the excellent feedback and results which the school received from the RE inspectors and to congratulate Mrs. Ruane and her staff on their hard work.

#### **4. Members' Reports:**

*Rob* - Members learnt that the Parish Centre needs two more replacement heaters, the existing ones have been in use for many years and they have come to the end of their working life. The entrance to the Parish Centre is in need of painting B & Q will be approached to see if they are willing to sell us their paint at a price reduction. It is hoped that Mr. Mike Howarth will soon visit the Parish Centre to give advice about funding through grants for the Parish Centre.

**5 Next meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015**