

## Parish Council Meeting Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Present:** Fr. Arthur (ex officio member), Terence Sweeney (chair), John McHugh (vice chair), James Lye, Angela Bradley, Rob Cranston, Mary Wright, Kath Pollard (secretary), Peter McGovern, Maureen McGovern

**Opening Prayer:** Terence invited Fr. Arthur to lead the opening prayer.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Terence invited Kath to read the minutes of the previous meeting to the Parish Council.

### **Agenda:**

- 1. Jellybeans After-school club** – Angela spoke to the Parish Council to make members aware of the sudden appearance of items in the big downstairs room which Jellybeans uses. In addition to the number of large items which they already have a T.V. set, couch and, 30 red chairs which have come from the Primary school have been found in the room by Angela. After a number of unhelpful conversations between herself and Jellybeans Angela has asked for support from the Parish Council.

*Issues* – It is believed that neither of the 2 televisions has a T.V. licence, the room is cluttered and items are obstructing the exit and raises questions about Health & Safety. In spite of repeated requests by Angela to ask before bringing anything else into the downstairs room the Jellybeans leader remains trenchant and has asked Angela to find a cleaner to clean the room.

*Consequence* – Other perspective users are being put off by the untidy and dirty appearance of the downstairs room.

*Action* – Terence agreed to write to Jellybeans about these issues and suggested that an eye should be kept on the situation.

- 2. Taxis:** John gave an update to the Parish Council on talks with Cosy Cars. In April John, Terence, Peter and Fr. Arthur met with Cosy Cars rents and responsibilities were agreed. In May John asked them for an update on applications for certain permits connected with operating from the Taxi office in the church yard, but at the time of the Parish Council meeting he had received no communication from Cosy Cars.

*Action* – John will wait a week and then write again to Cosy Cars asking for a yes/no decision about renting the Taxi office.

- 3. Parish Accounts:** Rob talked through the details of the Parish Accounts for the Year ending December 2015 pointing out certain aspects of the Parish's Income and Expenditure for last year. Fr. Arthur gave a vote of thanks to Rob and Kath for the hard work of them both in producing the document and James seconded the vote of thanks.

*Action* – In a previous meeting the setting up of a Finance Committee, Rob, John, James, Kath and Fr. Arthur had been noted and a meeting was planned for January, but this has not happened yet. Terence asked Rob to organise this.

**Worship Activities:** Mens' Harvesters, Open Door Evenings and the Quarterly Mass for the Sick. Arrangements have been made for these events.

### **Members' Reports:**

*Fr. Arthur* – Invitation to a Birthday Lunch and the Wine Press, 3pm on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, Knee operation at Fairfield Hospital, Bury, 6<sup>th</sup> June, On call 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May without a car requires lifts.

*Rob* – Bar Account cheque in order.

*Peter* – Organ repair (£30 reimbursed to Mr. P. Hayhurst), new lead on the Music Box.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm – *Apologies Mary Wright and Kath Pollard*