

**ST JOHN FISHER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting held at 19:30 on Monday 15th May 2017

- * Fr Shaun Middleton Parish Priest
- * Kay O'Connor Catechist
- + Michael Parkinson Finance
- Neville Bayross
- * Neil Cocking Chairman, Music & Liturgy
- + Noel McHugh Safeguarding
- * Claire Mendonca Social Outreach
- Johnpromise Umeh Youth
- + Neville Ransley Education / Catechesis
- * Elspeth Everitt Clerk
- * *Member present*
- # *Member present for part of meeting*
- + *Apologies*

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1	Opening Prayer The meeting started with prayer led by Fr Shaun.	
2	Apologies Noel McHugh, Neville Ransley, Mike Parkinson	
3	Minutes of the last meeting (February 2017) Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.	
4	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Item 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New carpet, chairs and a sofa are now in the bar. A parishioner's firm gave the chairs in return for a small sum & the sofa was donated. Fr Shaun will discuss replacement tables with the Social Club. • Hall re-wiring will need to take place in a pre-school half term or holiday. Fr Shaun will talk to Mike about an application to the Trinity Fund. • Dennis will adjust the inspection chamber cover in the hall lobby when he is fit. • A PIR light outside the front of the church is no longer needed as the internal light switch will not be turned off. <p>Item 7</p> <p>Noel reported by email that he met with Bishop John Sherrington on 25th February as part of the visitation to discuss Safeguarding. He walked the Bishop through St John Fisher Church's safeguarding processes and protocols & Bishop John was satisfied that they were adherent to the policies</p>	SM

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	set and driven by the Diocese.	
5	<p>Chair's remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil has investigated noticeboards. Further research will be done on the wording. It will be positioned on the side of the church. • 98 responses were received from the 6pm music at mass questionnaire. About 25% preferred no music, 50% some music and 25% would like sung mass and hymns. It was decided to start with hymns and a sung Alleluia on feast day weekends (from Pentecost 2017) and on the first Sunday of Lent and Advent. 	NC
6	<p>Catechist's Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Communion have begun. This year red ties or a red item will be worn. • Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral. This will be reviewed for future years as this year numbers from the Deanery have exceeded the limit of 120 set by the Cathedral. • 2018 Confirmation preparation has begun with approximately 50 candidates. 	
7	<p>Finance report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The financial position remains stable with loan repayments being made as scheduled. • A number of boxes of planned giving envelopes have not been collected. Fr Shaun will write to these people to check if they now contribute by standing order. • Antoinette Moriarty's replacement has been appointed. She will work on parish finance and accounts for 10 hours on Mondays & Tuesdays from late May. • A planned giving campaign will take place in 2018. 	SM
8	<p>Parish Priest's remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrow Citizens. Two training sessions have taken place. The Pre-Founding assembly took place on 9th May. There are 7 founding members – 2 churches, 1 school, 2 synagogues & 2 mosques. The next step is a listening campaign where hosts from each institution invite groups into their homes. Fr Shaun will invite individuals to lead groups and will hold a training session for them in September. • The parish is hosting a Caritas Westminster area mental health awareness training day on 17th 	SM

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	<p>June.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Get Together: Barbecue at St Peter's Church, West Harrow on Sunday 18th June. • The International Day at St John Fisher School will be on Saturday 24th June. • Engaging groups within the parish - a Portuguese evening may be held in the autumn. • A sing-along evening with Latino music will be on Saturday 7th October. • St John Fisher Church 80th anniversary 2019. Stained glass windows will be commissioned. <p>Initial ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer garden party ○ Theology programme ○ Photo collage of history ○ Showcase of parish organisations ○ Flower festival ○ Parish retreat ○ Dinner dance ○ Special edition of Pylon ○ Oral memories of older parishioners ○ Trip – Allen Hall, Rochester, Tower of London ○ Overview of the parish in numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love in Action: A toiletry collection for residents of Bhakita House will take place and Sr Doreen will preach at each mass on 17th/18th June. • Theology on Tap. Final sessions are in May and June. Peter Keenan is willing to continue for the time being but changes to the format may be made and the frequency reduced. 	
12	<p>Future meetings Parish Council Monday 11th September 7:30 pm Parish Council Monday 13th November 7:30 pm Annual Parish Meeting Monday 27th November</p>	
13	The meeting closed with a prayer at 8:35pm	

Signed..... Date.....

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