

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

Minutes of the Meeting held at 19:30 on Monday 13th November 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
- + 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 Bayross, Claire Mendonca, Neville Ransley	
3	Minutes of the last meeting (September 2017) Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
4	Matters arising 3 Kay has identified a potential youth activity co-ordinator. Her remit is likely to be encouraging young people to attend Diocesan events. A core group of young adults will begin meeting in the bar once a month at 8pm on Tuesdays. 5 Two new signs have been ordered for the church. One will show the church name on the Imperial Drive side of the church, the other near the entrance will give more details. 9 The application to the Trinity Fund for help with the cost of re-wiring in the hall has been declined. Work will be funded by the parish.	
5	Harrow Citizens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mencap and the Hatch End synagogue have joined. • Members have committed to 3 years financial support. • At masses on 18th/19th November (World Day of Prayer for the Poor) the listening campaign will begin. All will be invited to vote on the local issue of most concern to them. Possible issues have been listed in the newsletter: SOCIAL HOUSING MENTAL HEALTH LONELINESS WASTE AND THE ENVIRONMENT 	

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	<p>LOW PAY SAFETY CARE OF THE ELDERLY PARENTING AND CHILD CARE REFUGEES OTHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish groups will be asked to meet to discuss the focus for action to feed into the process. • All Harrow Citizens groups are undertaking this listening exercise and further meetings of the whole group will be: 30th November Borough Meeting 13th December Delegates Assembly 30th January 2018 Issues Workshop 	
6	<p>Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm on Monday 27th November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea & cake • An overview of parish finance • Listening Exercise: the top 3 issues from the vote on 18/19th November will be the focus of small group discussion • An outline for the small group discussion was handed out & parish council members will be asked to facilitate a group • Small groups will feed back to the whole meeting & general discussion will follow. 	
7	<p>Property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The car park gates will be expensive to repair. Alternative solutions, such as retractable posts, are possible but action will be deferred as the work below has higher priority. • Electrical work in the hall will cost in the region of £12,000 • The leak in the hall roof is being investigated and re-roofing work will be required. 	
8	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diocesan levy has increased from 29% to 33% of assessable income. 	
9	<p>Future meetings Annual Parish Meeting Monday 27th November 7:30pm Parish Council Monday 5th February 2018 7:30 pm Monday 14th May 2018 7:30pm</p>	
10	The meeting closed with a prayer at 8:10 pm	

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

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