

**ST ALBANS CHURCH**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

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**Present:-** Fr Paul, Geoff Rowlands, Kevin Boyle, Mark Booton, Clare Cox, James Kissane, Eileen Rees, David McArdle, Sanju Sabu, Jessica Daykin, Lewis Griffin, Dean Clegg, Eddie Duncombe, Simon Baldwin

**Apologies:** - Fran Wickes

**Opening Prayer** – led by Fr Paul

**Previous Meeting's Minutes** – approved

**Welcome** – personal introductions by all members of the council

**Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal** – cake sale by the Youth Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> June raised £60.00 – thank you very much.

**Parish Council** – aims & objectives of the council discussed. Copies of the constitution to be sent out to the new members.

**Nomination of Officers** – Chair – Geoff Rowlands, Vice-Chair – Kevin Boyle, Secretary – James Kissane. These will be reviewed after twelve months. We also discussed about someone being responsible for official communications – Fran was suggested in her absence.

**Living Stones** – no fixed dates for changes, it is more to be a rolling plan, a gradual change  
We discussed the shortage of priests and how we should prepare for changes – information sharing with other parishes, empowerment of councils and the practical processes involved. This will become one of the principle tasks for the council.

**Council Communication** – suggestion box – not just a physical box, but also by emails?

Collections - it was asked by a parishioner if regular information could be given out about the amounts from collections – this was stopped a while ago as it was felt a security risk if the weekly collections were stated in the newsletter. We could, however, do this on a quarterly basis.

**Report From Oakwood** – Oakwood committee meeting was held.

**Buildings & Maintenance Team** – Kevin, Eileen, David & Sanju

**Recent Events:-**

21<sup>st</sup> June – Circus Day – school fully involved  
23<sup>rd</sup> June – St Albans Day – Blessing of the Peace Garden  
12<sup>th</sup> July – St Albansbury – well attended, huge enjoyment  
13<sup>th</sup> July – Fr John's ordination – 30% of St Albans attended

**Upcoming Events –**

26/29 July – World Youth Week  
3rd/4th August – Fr John leading Mass  
22nd August – Holy Land trip  
Open retreats at The Briars – August, Lent

**Future Meetings:-** 7:30 pm in parish hall

19<sup>th</sup> September  
24<sup>th</sup> October

**AOB:-**

Tom Shepherd on Youth Team at The Briars  
Christmas Bazaar – date discussed – Saturday 7th December  
Lawnmower – letter of thanks and gift to Joe

**Closing Prayer**