

**ST ALBANS CHURCH**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2015**

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**Present:-** Fr Paul, Fr John, Juan Carlos Valer, Geoff Rowlands, Kevin Boyle, James Kissane, Clare Cox, David McArdle, Simon Baldwin, Eileen Rees, Fran Wickes, Lewis Fenn Griffin

**Apologies:-** Sanju Sabu, Mark Booton, Georgia Clewer, Eddie Duncombe

**Opening Prayer:** led by Fr John

**Previous Meeting's Minutes** – The minutes of the previous meeting were read out and approved.

**Matters Arising From Minutes –**

- Groups – responsibilities to be placed next to photos on board – cards completed by Clare
- Need PPC member to represent Cafod, Welcomers & Youth Group – GR offered
- Need Sue Brown's photo on board as Child Protection Officer
- Pastoral Plan – to be passed out to each of the groups once electronic copy completed
- CTS pamphlets – collection box required

**Website –**

Policy read through and discussed  
Minor amend regarding names with children's photos

**Living Stones –**

GR has been in touch with Tony Gregory – chair of St Hugh's PPC; St Hugh's Concerns – loss of identity, one PPC for both churches.

There are no set time frames for changes

It is proposed that a merger Committee is formed from the Parish Priest, Assistant Priest and Deacon, to include the chair and representative from both St Alban and St Hugh. It is suggested that we involve the Dean as a facilitator

Look to change Sunday Mass times quickly so that a single priest can cover all masses in the event of illness or sudden removal of a priest - St H – 9:00, St A – 10:30

Any ultimate changes to the parishes can only be authorised by The Bishop

Sat evening and Sunday evening masses are the issue – no need to involve St Hugh's with this

It is proposed that we hold two meetings, one for the Saturday night congregation and one of the Sunday congregation to present information and gather thoughts, feelings and suggestions in moving forward.

**AOB –**

Trees – conifers and hedges to be lopped and trimmed – cost of £300, alternative quote for £750

Chairs for church hall – Quote for all chairs is circa £850 Decision made to Cover twenty for the church and explore other chair and tables for the hall.

Blinds for church hall – Hilary Blinds - £5,000. Try Castle Blinds.

Ramp – permanent option preferred, quote to come

Parish Secretary – Clare Boyle to step down at end of school term, Amanda Wilson to start

**Future Meetings** – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm

**Closing Prayer**