

**ST ALBANS CHURCH**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

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**Present:-** Fr Paul, Geoff Rowlands, James Kissane, Clare Cox, Kevin Boyle, Fran Wickes, Simon Baldwin, Mark Booton, David McArdle, Lewis Fenn Griffin

Andy Brough, Nick Carberry, Catherine Endsor, Sandra Endsor, Louise Franik, Cath Green, Linda McCauley, Carl Mendonca, Jo Rowlands, Stuart Olivier, Jamie Roppa, Amanda Wilson

**Apologies:-** Juan Carlos Valer, Fr Slavic, Jackie Chapman, Eddie Duncombe

**Opening Prayer:** led by Fr Paul

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

**New Parish Council** – welcome by Geoff and introductions were made

**Living Stones:-**

**Finance**— discussed potential changes for St Albans & St Hugh's, principally the merging of the finances – one account, but two ledgers. The aim would be to complete this, if parish communities were in support, at the changeover from the current financial year. It is important to focus on the positives. Discussion around the allocation of expenditure took place.

**A.P:** **A consultation/discussion process or meeting has now been scheduled for October / November 2016.** (This needs to happen at this time so that it can be taken to the bishop's council if it is to proceed)

**One Priest** – from September 2016, it is highly likely that there will be only one priest covering St Albans, The Church on Oakwood and St Hugh's. There are currently four masses over a weekend which will need to reduce to three with one of the Sunday masses to be dropped. The 9:00 at St Hugh's and the 10:30 at St Albans will be retained, amongst the options were the 5:00 at The Church on Oakwood will either have to move to Saturday evening with the 6:30 at St Albans being dropped or this mass be dropped and retain the 6:30 at St Albans. The mass attendees for these two services will need to be included in the decision along with many other factors.

**A.P:** **Fr Paul to speak to Peter at Oakwood to discuss the implications of moving to a Saturday late afternoon time.**

**A.P:** **The new PPC to hold a special meeting in July to review and proceed on this matter.**

**Constitution** - The new PPC for St Alban's to review the parish constitution in light of changes to the size and representative from the school. And to continue to review annually. All members of the new PPC were provided with copies

**Parish Pastoral Plan** - is totally out of date and requires urgent review. All members of the new PPC were provided with Copies

**Groups** – new PPC will need under the current system, to allocate responsibility and lines of communication to the various groups throughout the Parish.

**A.P:** **GR to forward a list of the Parish groups to the new PPC secretary**

**PPC Officers** – nominations and seconds were made for the following posts:-

Chair – Stuart Olivier

(Proposed Jo Rowlands, seconded Fr Paul Newman. All in favour, no votes against.)

Vice-Chair – Carl Mendonca

(Proposed Mark Booton, seconded Cath Green. All in favour, no votes against.)

Secretary – Linda McCauley

(Proposed Cath Green, seconded Amanda Wilson. All in favour, no votes against.)

**Upcoming Events:-**

19<sup>th</sup> June – St Albans Day

20<sup>th</sup> June - Bishop Patrick will be here for confirmations

19<sup>th</sup> July – Deanery Youth Choir performance at 7pm

10<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> September - pilgrimage to St Alban's abbey

SRP Fund – Lisa Radford at St Hugh's is organising a ball to raise money

**Thanks:-**

GR passed his thanks as Chair to the new members of the PPC for taking on the responsibility and commitment to supporting the parish and our Parish Priest in their new roles and wished them well.

GR Passed his thanks to the PPC members standing down from their posts for their hard work and dedication to improving the life and fabric of the Parish and the Church.

Special notes of thanks were made to KB for his hard work in leading the process of bringing the parish centre and church up to the required legal standards for hiring and public use. And to MB for his dedication to the parish in his role as Headteacher of St Alban's school. Mention was made to how he has led the school team in fostering strong, healthy and enviable links between the school and Parish community. We wish him well in his retirement from this role.

**Next Meeting** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Previous Minutes and matters arising**
- 3. Mass times / one priest**
- 4. Groups and Parish links**
- 5. Upcoming Events and Celebrations**
- 6. Suggestions**
- 7. AOB**
- 8. Next Meeting**