

GLOSSOP JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 24th February 2021

Minutes

Present: Father Martin, B Payne, S Nash, J Cieslik, L Doyle, A King, E Hall, C Hulley and N Mellor-Fallon

Apologies- S Mellor-Fallon

Opening prayer-Father Martin

Reading – L Doyle

1/2/21 Amendments- completed.

2/2/21 Matters arising from the previous minutes-

- Father Martin tested the recording of the Sycamore course at the meeting, and it was successful.
- Details of the number of catholic and non-Catholic children attending our schools is still to be completed AK to follow this up.
- Father Martin has produced a video to support parents during their child's preparation for the sacrament of reconciliation.
- Father Martin has a meeting with the primary headteacher in the parish to discuss the sacraments. They have agreed to use the same resource for these preparations- the 'I Belong' programme. For those children that are Catholic but not attending a Catholic school, they will receive support remotely.
- AK has contacted the schools in the parish, and they are willing and happy to write a paragraph about their school for the parish newsletter.
- Father Martin has attended a virtual seminar which was the introduction to the course- Divine Renovation. The course book is Divine Renovation by James Mallon, Father Martin has offered to purchase extra books for the members of the PPC.

3/2/21 Ratification of minutes- completed

4/2/21 Finance

LD gave an update on finances for both churches which included the distribution of financial records by email. We had received the VAT back from one of the tasks in the restoration of St Marys, this was agreed that this sum of money should go back into the account where the invoice was paid. Fr Martin has received a large water bill for St Marys Parish hall. This was

investigated and it was found that a mistake on behalf of the water company had been made. There was an error on the direct debit, a monthly pay back of £415 a month has been agreed. We may not be able to make a claim for the return of VAT for the work on the toilet as it may not meet the criteria for a refund. All Saints had received £720 from Gift Aid and £96.97 from the monthly draw.

LD informed us that she has given her resignation to Fr Martin with immediate effect from the end of this financial year, this is due to personal reasons. It was suggested that a better software package for finance would make the job a lot easier. LD volunteered to ask the diocese for advice. It was also suggested that we need to think of a replacement for LD and we may need to pay someone to oversee the finances for both churches.

5/2/21 Buildings and Maintenance update

SN gave an update- work is progressing well at the church, the plaster has been taken down exposing the walls ready for the next stage. A new handrail on the outside of the parish hall has been put in place. At All Saints there is a crack in the sanctuary roof. It will be checked by an architect has been contacted. A piece of tape is to be attached over the crack to monitor any movement.

We have received a quote of £90 to manage and maintain the graveyard area. This was thought to be an acceptable quote. He will continue to maintain the area at our request.

The tree surgeon is still awaiting permission from DCC.

6/2/21 Easter 2021

Fr Martin is waiting for advice from the diocese before we can put any plans in place.

Little Beavers closes on Maundy Thursday. We may be able to have a procession around the church grounds for Palm Sunday at All Saints.

7/2/21 Pastoral theme- Adult Formation

Already in place we have- Baptism courses, Marriage care, Sycamore course and the homily. It was asked if we were having anything during Lent, Fr Martin suggested that the same ten people that previously attended the Sycamore course could continue with the rest of the course, or we could start a new group in the autumn. It was suggested that the place for the course should be somewhere neutral and provide snacks. Various premises were suggested, and the preferred choice seemed to be a shop at the High Street. This was to be investigated.

8/2/21 Items from the chairperson

Several families have contacted Fr Martin about the sacrament of baptism. The sacrament could only take place if we have enough stewards during the summer months. Members agreed that these could be covered by the stewards, so long as we had some notice.

Fr Martin had been asked about the possibility of having more weekday Masses, it was decided that for the first week we would include a Mass on Thursday and the second week we would include a Monday Mass as well. Due to the decrease in number of new COVID cases and more people receiving the vaccine was a good time to make changes to the weekday Masses.

9/2/21 Correspondence

None

10/2/21 AOB

There has been some complaints and concerns about car parking near the parish hall on Sunday mornings. SPH school carpark is available but not always used. It was suggested that a street sign showing and reminding people about the carpark would be useful.

JC volunteered to put a reminder on the church Facebook page.

Date of next meeting- 31st March 2021

Closing prayers- Fr Martin