

THE GLOSSOP PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

31st August 2022

Opening prayer- Fr Martin

Reading- C Hulley

Apologies- Anne Fielding, Sandra Mellor-Fallon

Present- Fr Martin, A King, C Hulley, B Payne, J Cieslik, L Doyle, E Hall

1. Amendments completed.
2. Matters arising- were addressed through the agenda items
3. Pastoral theme for this meeting is Communication.

L Nash and P Brown were invited to the meeting as L Nash is the editor for the Parish Newsletter, P Brown manages the Glossop Catholics website and J Cieslik relays parish information on Facebook.

What we have already in place on the theme of communication is as follows-

Face to Face, Homily, printed literature (newsletter, postcards, poster) Notice boards, YouTube Channel, social media, Articles in newspapers, Door to door, Minutes from meetings, Email. Link person for schools.

Suggestions are as follows-

Lay people to contribute to the newsletter and therefore have ownership, layout to include names of contributors, to include pictures and narrative, quotes from staff and pupils, especially those that have recently received the sacraments of confirmation, reconciliation and first holy communion.

The plans in SMC could be labelled so that everyone can access them.

An A Board for AS needed to display the opening of the church.

Review of the Sycamore course, following each session or at the end of the sessions.

Produce our own calendar, with the intentions of it being ready for Christmas. JC to follow up.

Advertise the opening of the churches in the local newspaper.

Welcome pack in progress.

Website- Navigation can be tricky at times, bringing newsletters to the top of the list when browsing. It was decided that an innovative design of the website would be at a later date due to costs. Items can be archived, and there are some items that could be taken off the website. P Brown to investigate any possible ways of improving certain aspects on the website.

For more significant building work at both churches the group would like a more detailed report.

Twitter is another form of social media which is used by schools and the diocese. We would like to set up our own account. CH was asked to research this further.

L Nash, P Brown and J Cieslik were thanked for their continued support and for attending the meeting.

4. Steering group update-

The plan and events calendar have been updated and include various events. The diocese has not been in touch yet with regards to a meeting to discuss the plan and events calendar. The hiring of the bureau has now been researched and the cost will be £15 an hour. BP to investigate booking the bureau once a contact person has been located. The suggestion was to hire it for a few hours on the 1st Saturday of the month, 11am until 2pm.

5. Payback team-

The meeting took place as planned, no contact made at present, the stables have been tidied and ready for use.

6. Heritage Open days-

9th- 18th September 2022.

AW to give a talk at the next opening of AS church on 17th September. The parish church has a few events planned.

6. Buildings and Maintenance-

The front door at All Saints requires some maintenance.

BP to investigate the previous notice that the stables had a No Entry sign because of asbestos.

8. Finance-

LD and Emily, the bookkeeper met to look at the coding for the finances. There has been a delay from the finance department at the diocese, the Annual Return has not been completed.

9. Items from the chairperson-

Fr Martin will be on holiday 4th- 14th October.

10. Correspondence- none

AOB

Soup kitchen to restart at SMH.

Great Big Green Week, various events for example -litter picking and walk.

PACT- Prison Sunday, it was suggested that on that Sunday someone to give a short talk about the work of PACT. It could not replace the homily and people might now want to sit for a talk.

More thought to be given into how we can support this group.

Other matters to be carried over to the next meeting.

Fr Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.