

MINUTES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2024, 7:00 pm in Parish Centre

Present:

Deacon Des Bill, Will Daunt, Terry Graham (Chair), Bernadette Halsall (St Elizabeth's rep), Fr Joseph Jacob, Bridget Mawtus, Deacon Peter Mawtus, Aidan McFall, Susan O'Halloran, Claire Reed, Paul Spencer, Fr Godric Timney

Minutes Secretary: Brian Farrimond

1. **Opening Prayer:** Will. Terry welcomed Bernadette and Bridget to their first meeting as PPC members.
2. **Apologies:** Elaine Corrin, Caroline Grieco, Irene Slack.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**
The minutes of the PPC meeting on 16 September 2024 were accepted as a true and accurate record.
4. **Membership and Chair (Standing item)**

4.1 Terms of office

Appendix 1 contains a list of the current members of the PPC and their terms of office. A number of members are approaching the end of their terms; the majority of those have agreed to continue for another year; Terry has decided to step down from the PPC

It was agreed that Fr Godric would begin a recruitment campaign for new members. Current members will be kept up to date with its progress via the PPC WhatsApp group.

4.2 Chairs and Dates of meetings

Next year's meetings are set to follow the dates of this year's to the nearest Monday.

Provisional Date of meeting	Chair
20 Jan 2025	Paul
17 Mar 2025	Susan
19 May 2025	Irene
14 July 2025	Will
15 Sep 2025 (prep for APM)	
17 Nov 2025	Aidan

Paul has volunteered to chair the January 2025 meeting and Susan the March 2025 meeting. Volunteers are sought for the other 4 meetings. Note that chairing the September meeting may include the annual parish meeting, depending on its new format.

5. Safeguarding Update (Standing item)

Terry reported that checks on parish volunteers are nearly complete.

6. Reviewing actions from last meeting

6.1 PPC Members terms of office

This was discussed as recorded above.

6.2 Confirmation celebration

This was discussed. No action to be taken.

6.3 Moving sandstone blocks in the church grounds

Paul agreed to approach the parish maintenance team.

6.4 PPC representative from St Elizabeth's

Bernadette has joined the PPC as a representative of St Elizabeth's.

6.5 Joint creation time activities

It was agreed that Susan and Bernadette would liaise on this..

6.6 Pilgrimage destinations

Fr Godric announced that plans for a pilgrimage to Rome for the 2025 Holy Year was being explored.

Sue, Bernadette and Mary Ormsby to investigate local destinations.

6.7 Roof appeal

Aidan reported that work on the tower is due to begin in January 2025 and be completed by April. Parish funds would subsidise the current roof fund to enable the urgent work to be done.

It was agreed that the roof fund needs to be re-opened to pay back this resulting debt. Generous parishioner standing-orders are enabling the fund to steadily grow but re-opening needs to investigate potential funding sources in order to meet the financial demands.

6.8 Finance report

See item 9.1 below.

6.9 Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

See item 7 below.

6.10 Defibrillator

It was agreed that publicity about the defibrillator needs to be improved and that training needs to be refreshed. It was noted that the scouts received training from St John's Ambulance. Bridget and Peter will liaise with Colette on the matter.

6.11 Red Cross videos

It was agreed that this would be organised once defibrillator publicity and training were in place.

6.12 Harvest festival donation box

This has been done.

7. Annual Parish Meeting (APM) Review

A discussion took place reviewing the Annual Parish Meeting. The following points were made:

- the parish centre hall was too big a location; the lounge would have been more welcoming
- not many younger families were present; this was probably because the meeting was not expected to be easy for people with children
- two question and answer sessions had been scheduled to address the family of parishes and parish finances but neither produced much response
- different views were expressed regarding whether we should revert to the discussion groups used in the 2023 APM.

It was agreed that the nature of the APM or what should replace it should be the single item on the agenda of the next PPC meeting. Members were invited to post their ideas on the PPC WhatsApp group in advance of that meeting.

8. Advent

The following events were recorded as being planned for Advent

4 Dec 2024	Carol Concert given by the Community Choir in St Anne's Church
16 Dec 2024	St Bede's Carol Service in St Anne's Church
17 Dec 2024	Fleur Dorrell talk "A Journey to Christmas through Art and Sculpture"
19 Dec 2024	Service of Reconciliation in St Anne's Church
20 and 21 Dec 2024	Blessing of the Cribs in St Anne's Church at the 4 th Sunday of Advent vigil Mass and 10:30 am Mass

9. AOB

9.1 Finance Committee

Funding of the tower repairs was described above at item 6.7.

The maintenance team now has a representative on the Finance Committee.

9.2 New Mass books

A discussion took place on the new Mass books and issues raised by the new Lectionary. It's been decided not to change the Mass books since the liturgy itself is not changing, only the translation of the Readings.

Fr Godric announced that Abbot Paul may talk to the parish about the new lectionary in Lent 2025.

9.3 Security of parish centre

A discussion took place on a letter received from Mike Price the Youth Minister raising parish centre security issues.

9.3 Parish celebration

This was held over.

10. Next meeting

10.1 Monday 20th January 2024 at 7 pm in the Parish Centre lounge.

10.2 Opening and closing prayers: Brian to arrange.

11. Closing prayer: Fr Godric

ACTION POINTS – 18 November 2024

1	Parish maintenance team to be approached regarding moving sandstone blocks.	Paul
2	Joint creation time activities	Sue and Bernadette
3	Identify local pilgrimage destinations	Sue, Bernadette and Mary Ormsby
4	Reopen the roof fund	Fr Godric
5	Defibrillator training and publicity	Peter, Bridget
6	Red Cross first aid videos to be advertised once defibrillator training and publicity in place.	Terry
7	Annual Parish Meeting (APM) to be the only agenda item at the January 2025 PPC meeting	Fr Godric, Paul, Brian
8	Parish celebration to be added to AOB of January 2025 meeting	Paul, Brian