

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 14th July 2024 at 12.15pm in the Parish Hall

Parish Pastoral Council Members Present:

John Hannacher (Chair), Fr Roy, Sue Finch, Vince Smith, Vivianne Gattoc, Deirdre Lay, Finbarr O'Donaghue, Deacon David Curtis, Debbie Rogers (Parish Secretary)

Apologies for absence: Peter Kirk

Parishioners Present: In addition to the PPC there were 24 parishioners present.

1. Welcome

John Hannacher welcomed the parishioners to the meeting.

2. Opening Prayer

Fr. Roy opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

Minutes of the AGM held June 2023 were approved. These were proposed by Vince Smith and seconded by Deirdre Lay.

4. Chairman's Report

John Hannacher read his chairman's report, which contained updates from all ministries and is available on the parish website.

Matters arising from the last meeting:

Memorial Garden

The request for a sign/visible listing of all those whose ashes are buried in the Memorial Garden has been discussed by the Parish Council and agreed to be done. It is on the list to be completed as soon as is possible.

Memorial for Fr. Ken

Although this is a lovely idea, it has been agreed that it will not be done as the Council did not feel that this is something he would have wanted.

5. Financial Report

Sue Finch circulated copies of the Financial Statement, and read her financial report, both of which are available on the website.

The major expense this year has been the refurbishment of the Presbytery. Fr. Roy is now in residence.

Joanna Hale asked whether the cost of the refurbishment came out of the Parish funds or whether it was paid by the Diocese. Sue Finch confirmed that it was paid out of the Parish funds and was helped by the £10,000 legacy from Fr. Ken.

Joanna Hale also asked whether last year St Aidan's contributed to the Our Lady's Presbytery's living expenses and will they now be contributing to the living expenses at St. Aidan's. Sue advised that a fair division of shared expenses is paid by each Parish.

Ben Bergonzi asked about the commercial rental of Our Lady's Presbytery and who will receive the money from this. Sue Finch advised that the Diocese would receive this and then eventually it should go back to the Our Lady's Parish account.

Ewelina Bergonzi asked for an explanation of how many quotes were received in connection with the refurbishment and how these were approved by the Diocese. Fr. Roy chose the contractor, and it was considered of very good value compared to the others, this was agreed by the Diocese. Fr. Roy invited Ewelina and others to visit the Presbytery if they wished to see what work had been done and where the money was spent.

Sue reported that the 'Tap n Go' system is now up and running and she informed that we do not want people to change from Standing Orders as this is still the best way of contributing.

Sue took the opportunity to thank members of the Finance Committee for all their help and support.

6. Pastoral Council Membership for the year 2018-19

Election of next year's elective members of the Parish Pastoral Council

Vivianne Gattoc was happy to stand as PPC member for another year and was elected unopposed. Vivianne's role on the council is to represent the interests of the parishioners.

Identification of next year's Ministry representatives to the Parish Pastoral Council

Sue Finch – Finance

Deirdre Lay – Social and Cultural

Vivianne Gattoc – Ecumenical

Finbarr O'Donoghue – Maintenance

Peter Kirk – Pastoral Area

Vince Smith - Liturgy

All co-ordinators were happy to remain as representatives, and this was unopposed.

Identification of Fr Roy's nominees to serve next year on the Parish Pastoral Council

Both John Hannacher and Vince Smith will remain as Fr Roy's nominees for the next year.

It was noted that there are two vacant Ministry representative positions (Formation and Youth) and people were encouraged to come forward.

7. AOB

Car Park Tarmac

Fr. Roy mentioned that the tarmac on the entrance and on the road to the garage needs resurfacing. Three quotes are being sought to do this work which is now a priority.

8. Thank you and closing prayer.

Fr Roy expressed his thanks and gratitude to the PPC, all volunteers and those parishioners attending.

Brian Gallagher expressed his thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for all they do.

Fr Roy closed the meeting with a prayer.

Please go to: <http://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/parish-council/agm-2022/> to read the Chairman's Report, Financial Report and Statement.