

MEETING: MINUTES OF HOLY GHOST PPC

Attending: Colin Davidson
Alison Ford
Mgr Vincent Harvey
Barbara King
Richard Luker
Sr Mary Patrick
Tony Spiteri

Apologies: Geraldine Gallacher
Greg Medalla
Marcin Donisiewicz

Date: Thursday 20th December, 2007

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The meeting opened at 8 pm. Mgr Vincent read the Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

1 MATTERS ARISING

1.1 **Holy Ghost Parish Hall.** Mgr Vincent announced that we had just received notification from B & D Borough Council that planning permission had been granted for the proposed redevelopment of the old presbytery. There were a number of conditions attached, about which he would be able to say more at the next meeting of PPC.

1.2 **Stewardship.** Tony gave a brief report on the 27th November meeting of the stewardship steering group, which had been attended by four people from the Parish plus a visitor from Heythrop University, who was studying the process of setting up such groups. The size of the group had been discussed, and particularly the ratio of men to women, the latter being strikingly in the majority. There were planned to be 9 training sessions, starting in February 2008.

1.3 **Quiz Night.** The price per ticket was confirmed as £4.00, with participating groups bringing their own food and drink.

1.4 **Communications within the Parish.** Since the last meeting, Richard had been sent details of various types of notice-board that we might acquire. As yet he had taken no action with them, but he will bring them to the next meeting for consideration. VH asked Tony if he would undertake photographing the PPC for display on the notice-boards.

2 **North-West Hampshire Pastoral Area.** There had been a meeting on 1st December - though a poorly attended one. It had discussed Confirmation - when, how and by whom it is best carried out; could it reasonably be moved to the summer? No clear decisions had been reached on any of these points, although, in passing, it had become apparent that Andover would have to maintain its own Confirmation service, because of the distance between there and Basingstoke.

3 **Extra-ordinary Form of Mass** (eg: Tridentine or 1962 Rite)

Mgr Vincent explained that he and Fr Mark had met the parishioner who was taking a particular interest in this matter. The meeting had gone surprisingly well, the party concerned being very appreciative of our clergy's time in meeting with him. No progress had yet been made into establishing any such mass, and a further meeting was planned after Christmas.

The same parishioner has also submitted an item which will appear in the next edition of the Dove.

4 Creation of Parish Social Committee

Tony and Mgr Vincent both feel that it may be an opportune time to reconstitute the social committee, which last functioned some years ago. The point was raised as to whether or not such a committee could be developed from the Stewardship movement. This led to a general discussion, in which it was pointed out that generally social events tend to be organised by individuals, who are in possession of the names of their contacts, but who would not necessarily be prepared to serve on any central committee. This is useful, but the need is still there for some central grouping to take control of such events.

5 Items for Newsletter

It was agreed that the Minutes of the November meeting of PPC should be posted to the parish website.

6 Any Other Business

Recently various messages in Polish had been appearing in the Newsletter, without the English translation. An underlay of complaint was arising about this, and Mgr Vincent expressed the view that wherever possible an English translation should appear in the same edition as any such Polish or other foreign language announcement.

7 Date of Next Meeting

17th January, 2008, in St Bede's Meeting Room

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.