

## MEETING: MINUTES OF HOLY GHOST PPC

### **Attending:**

Mgr Vincent Harvey  
Rev Show Reddy Gali  
Liz Lovegrove  
Richard Luker  
Sister Mary Patrick  
Greg Medalla  
Tony Spiteri

### **Apologies:**

Colin Davidson  
Geraldine Gallagher  
Barbara King

Date: Thursday 19th February, 2009

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To open the meeting, Greg Medalla read next Sunday's Gospel, and VH said a short prayer.

## **1 MATTERS ARISING**

### **1.1 House or Area Masses:**

The first of these is being actively planned to take place in Winklebury.

### **1.2 School access road**

VH had now been able to check the 'mechanics' of the particular streetlight, and the situation is still wholly unsatisfactory, in that there is still no light on the road before and after the 6.30 Mass on Sunday. It seems the School has not been able to interest the County Authority in the problem, and VH is proposing to visit as soon as term starts again, to lend his weight to the appeal.

### **1.3 Events Committee**

VH confirmed this as the definite title for the new body. As yet, there is nothing to report.

### **1.4 Stations of the Cross**

The meeting planned for January had been cancelled because Paul Forsey had been sick. A further meeting is now planned for May.

### **1.5 Family Mass**

So far one such Mass had been held, and VH said it had been an encouraging start to what he plans will be a regular series.

### **1.6 Quiz night**

A Pastoral Area Quiz in aid of CAFOD is to be held in Pamber Heath Memorial Hall on 7th March. PPC is submitting one team - though expectations of success are not high!

## **2. Elections for PPC**

### **2.1.1 Date of the Election**

It was agreed that this will be 10th May, 2009. Five members will step down - Tony, Alison, Colin, Sister Mary Patrick and Richard. Three to be elected and two to be co-opted.

### **2.1.2 Composition of PPC Membership**

There was a short discussion on the merits or otherwise of appointing *ex-officio* members from various groups or committees within the parish, eg from schools, or from the Finance Committee.

Insofar as any firm view was expressed, it was felt better to co-opt individuals short-term, for up to six months, rather than to appoint them for the duration of a membership period.

### **3 Training for new PPC members**

VH said the diocese is prepared to offer training for new members, which is probably the best option. He called to mind, however, that some time ago training used to take place as part of the actual PPC meetings, and suggested that perhaps we might at some stage experiment with that again.

### **4 Rôle of PPC in relation to Pastoral Area meetings**

Given the intention that the Pastoral Area will eventually become a one parish, it is important to investigate the ways in which the current parish PPC fits in with and impinges upon the rôle of the wider area. We need to look how the PPC relates to the PA and vice versa. There needs to be close collaboration between these two bodies if we are going to be able to develop into one effective parish.

### **5 Items for Newsletter**

The Minutes of the December meeting were cleared for posting on the Website

### **6 Any Other Business**

#### ***i) Times of services.***

Richard called to mind that at the time parishioners first voted for the times of services at St Bede's Church, VH had made some comment to the effect that the 6.30 Mass *might* be revisited. As no-one could remember the exact details, it was agreed this item should be retained on the Agenda.

#### ***ii) Statue of St Joseph***

Tony noted that a parishioner had enquired about erecting a statue of St Joseph inside the Church. As he is patron saint of families, this would fit neatly with the family Masses now being held.

### **2 Date of next meeting**

This will take place in St Bede's meeting room at 8.00 pm on Thursday 19th March, 2009.