

**The Sacred Heart Church, Wadhurst and St. Peter's Rotherfield**

**Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017  
in the Sacred Heart Church Annexe at 19:30 hours**

Present:	Fr. Martin O'Connor	Jon Elsby	Ann Mulleneux
	Daphne Bagshawe (Chairman)	Clare Kent	Kate Purcell
	Toni Buckley	George Micallef	Len Tudor
	Jerome Curran		

<b>1. WELCOME</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
The Chairman welcomed members to the PPC Meeting	
<b>2. OPENING PRAYER</b>	
Fr. Martin opened the meeting with a prayer	
<b>3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b>	
Nicholas Bagshawe, Frances Dorr	
<b>4. Approval of PPC Minutes of last meeting</b>	
Minutes were approved.	
<b>5. Matters arising from last meeting</b>	
Fr. Kevin's grave: The family have been contacted and are happy for a stone to be erected with simple wording. The firm in Lincoln will be contacted to erect the stone. It was agreed that a request for donations could now be put in the newsletter	JE TB
Approval of donation to Carillon Cottage: This had been approved by the finance committee.	
Liturgry Room: Further options for a new space to cater for children during Mass were explored but it was agreed that it was not appropriate in view of the considerable expense to proceed with any of these at the present time.	TB
Bibles: These had been purchased and would be made available at the back of the church.	
<b>6. Parish reports</b>	
<b>Fabric and Buildings:</b> Kate Purcell raised the matter on behalf of Frances Dorr that there was a gap in the fence between the presbytery garden and playground that would need improving to maintain safety for the children. It was agreed that she would advise the school who could decide on the urgency of putting this right.	KP

Rotherfield security matters: Daphne Bagshawe advised that the boundary fence had been damaged and would need repairing with a more secure fence. The diocese had agreed to fund half of the cost.

**Pastoral:**

School Liaison: Kate Purcell reported that she had conversed with the school on a couple of occasions; it was noted that a better atmosphere appeared to be developing with the school.

Spiritual Life of the Parish: Clare Kent proposed that the PPC should focus more on pastoral aspects of parish life but the majority of the Council felt that we should focus on more administrative matters. It was agreed however that we should look again at the format of the website and the newsletter in order to promote what spiritual opportunities were available in the Parish to help parishioners deepen their spiritual lives.

**Ecumenical:**

Ann Mulleneux and Joan Grace as our CTIW representatives will be discussing whom to invite for the next CTIW lunch on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and it was agreed that Kate Purcell would liaise with the school over parking.

**Fundraising/Social**

Toni Buckley reported that there were potentially 7 teams for the quiz night on 29<sup>th</sup> April which would include a Ploughman's supper. A date has been set for the open air Mass on 21<sup>st</sup> May. It was agreed that parishioners would be invited to bring their own picnics but there would be desserts made available and possibly a burger van. It was agreed that a sound system would need to be made available and that Kate Purcell would enquire from the school what equipment they use

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**Social Action**

The need for volunteers to be available for parishioners to call on for help when needed was discussed and it was felt that there is considerable overlap with taking communion for the sick and about 8 parishioners are already being visited.

<p>Liturgy</p> <p>Planning for Easter services would take place the following Saturday morning including rehearsal for the servers.</p>	
<p><b>7. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Daphne Bagshawe had received a request from Ann Pickering that labels be applied to the various dustbins and this was approved.</p> <p>Daphne had also received a request from Ann for t the Bidding prayers to include specific names. It was agreed that they could be included where appropriate with the consent of those concerned.</p> <p>Jon Elsby suggested that reserve notices should be placed on the backs of the pews for the choir and this was agreed.</p>	
<p><b>8. Date of Next meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 12 June 7:15PM</p>	
<p><b>9. CLOSING PRAYER</b></p> <p>Fr. Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.</p>	