

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

**Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting held on  
Monday 16 July in the Sacred Heart Church Annexe at 19:15 hours**

Present: Fr. Martin O'Connor                      Clare Kent  
              Daphne Bagshawe                         George Micallef  
              Frances Dorr                                     Ann Mulleneux

1. WELCOME	ACTION
The Chairman welcomed members of the PPC who just formed a quorum.	
2. OPENING PRAYER	
Fr. Martin opened the meeting with a prayer	
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:	
Toni Buckley, Crispian Collins ,Jerome Curran, Kate Purcell , Len Tudor	
4. Approval of PPC Minutes of last meeting	
Minutes were approved.	
5. Matters arising from last meeting	
Redecoration exterior church: Daphne thanked George for all his work in attempted communication with the decorators who had failed to meet their commitment. George will obtain further estimates which will probably mean that the work will be postponed until next year. It was agreed that Frances would inform the school of the postponement and will liase with the school when it does go ahead to arrange a time that will be convenient for the school.	GM  FD
Blessing of crucifix: Father Martin will decide on a date to have a blessing of the crucifix rather than wait for the decorations to be complete as originally planned.	Fr. Martin
Bins: Frances reported that she had communicated with the bursar who had advised that the bins were too heavy to move out each week and would have to stay in place. It was agreed that other options would need to be considered such as concealing the bins with a trellis.	DB

<p>Grounds maintenance: Fr. Martin noted that he is very happy with the gardener who works every other week; it was agreed to postpone changing the contract for pruning the hedges.</p> <p>Security of site/school: Daphne had just received a letter from the school rejecting the PPC May proposal and restating the school's intention to keep the gate into the shared playground locked at all times including weekends and school holidays except for an hour either side of Masses at the weekend. Regrettably it seemed unlikely that further discussion with the school would resolve the problem and it was agreed to authorize Daphne to write to the bishop asking him to intervene to make a decision on the use of the gates outside school hours.</p>	
<p><b>6. Parish reports</b></p> <p><b>Fabric and Buildings:</b> George proposed construction of new signs for the Church; this was well received but it was agreed that a decision would be made at the next meeting when more members could be present.</p> <p><b>Ecumenical:</b> Fr Martin reported that Songs of Praise had gone well and two members of our parish, Cameron... and Karen Collins had spoken about their chosen hymns.</p> <p><b>Fundraising/Social:</b> Frances reported that Toni and Kate had held a meeting with the PTA to discuss the joint Burns night and this had gone very well with plans to meet again in September. Frances had managed to arrange for someone to supervise the collection for Nourish in August which would be very important as children would not be receiving school meals.</p> <p><b>Financial</b> It was agreed to postpone discussion of this until a report had been received from the PFC</p> <p><b>Liturgy</b> Fr Martin noted that two parishioners had been confirmed in Uckfield.</p> <p><b>Communications</b> There was some discussion around GDPR and it was agreed that Clare would email the PPC members regarding consent for joint email</p>	<p>CK</p>
<p><b>7. Date of Next Meeting:</b> 17 September 2018</p>	

<b>8. CLOSING PRAYER</b>	
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Fr. Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.	
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For information: Daphne has emailed the Bishop to let him know that the school has closed the gates.