

**MINUTES**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OUR LADY'S CHURCH ACOMB, and**  
**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GREEN HAMMERTON**  
**Wednesday 14 March 2018 7.30 pm – 9 pm**

**Present:** : John Kesterton (Chair), David Barber, David Copeland, Rebecca Kramm, Tony Lester (Parish Priest), Marek Lichtarowicz , Kath Lyall , Rosemary Phizackerley, Amanda Sturdy, Claire Young, Sue Parkes (notetaker)

**1. Opening prayer led by Tony Lester**

**2. Apologies & notification of items for Any Other Business**

Apologies were received from Joe Dale, Giles Nightingale, Nan Saeki, Peter Warren

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

Amendment requested to member updates on minutes of 23 January.

**Action: SP to action accordingly**

**4. Matters arising**

DC gave an update on ACT– A series of lent talks are to be given, details to be placed in parish newsletter. Thy Kingdom Come series of events taking place 10-20 May. A litter pick is to take place on 23 June 10-11.30.

Parish directory, accessibility to Sanctuary and translations of Welcome Statement into Polish – on going.

Constitution to be updated

**Action: SP**

Copies of the welcome notice have been distributed through OLQM school.

JK had spoken to ML regarding the facebook pages. JK advised that ML's group was an open group and the first communion group is a closed optional group. It was agreed to place the community page under parish administration. JK suggested an annual 'health check' take place on facebook pages.

**Action: TL to move facebook page under parish administration**

**5. Inclusive Church** (guidelines given at last meeting) [https://www.inclusive-church.org/sites/default/files/files/IC%20registering%20Churches\(2\).pdf](https://www.inclusive-church.org/sites/default/files/files/IC%20registering%20Churches(2).pdf)

There are currently 2 inclusive churches in York neither of which are Catholic. ML proposed Our Lady's register with the charity as an inclusive church. The committee fully supported this.

**Action: TL to action with Charity,  
details to be placed in parish newsletter**

**6. Member updates**

First Communion - preparations proceeding well

Youth Group – sold some daffodils and Fr Tony had taken remainder. Ready Steady Cook event planned. On 29<sup>th</sup> April a joint session is planned with the Care for our Common Home Group. Planning to contribute to mass on 30 September.

SVP – written report distributed. KL advised that they had a new male volunteer. A discussion took place around all SVP members being DBS checked. JK asked KL to ensure all SVP volunteers' forms are up to date.

**Action: KL to check SVP volunteers' forms  
SP to ask Angela Clarke to check whether any DBS checks are due for renewal**

**7. Remembrance Day 2018**

JK proposed changing the mass time to 9 am and all agreed so that parishioners may attend the special service to be held at the war memorial in Acomb.

**8. Proposed weekend focussed on increasing engagement**

Suggestion: BBQ and AGM weekend

Different parish groups to speak at mass each week to introduce themselves

**Action: JK to put together programme**

**9. Chair - review under the 'normal' 2 term cycle**

ML proposed that JK remain as Chair for another term. KL seconded. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

**10. Any other business**

It was suggested that more ministers be added to give communion in order to speed up mass times.

Following the resignation of JD RP was asked to gain clarity on committee appointments and renewal dates. The normal appointment term is 3 years.

TL advised that he had received a request from York College to use the Parish Hall 3 days per week for a group of 16-19 year olds who had been unsuccessful in the traditional education system. York College is to submit a proposal. The PCC was supportive of this initiative.

TL requested that RP pass on the passwords for the parish server.

**Action: RP to let TL have passwords**

**Closing prayer** – led by Fr Tony

**Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 7.30-9 pm Fr Kelly Room