



**JOINT PARISH COUNCIL OF ST PATRICK'S,
WELLINGTON AND
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY & ST LUKE,
TRENCH**



Parishes in the RC Diocese of Shrewsbury – a Registered Charity.

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Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 5th July 2018

Present: Fr Alban Greenwood (FrA), John Maher (JM), Bobbie Maher (BM), Pauline Heffernan (PH) Philip Williams (PW), Sue Harris (SH), Mary-Jane Harris (MJH), Edith Bayley (EB), Dianne Kidd (DK), Matt O'Neill (MO'N), Janet Beyer (JB), Tony Ostrowski (TO), Gay Kendrick (GK), Geraldine Moruzzi (GM), Ros Hargrave (RH), Mary Davis (MD), Lottie Jiekel (LJ) & Ann Neilson, (Note Taker AN),

1. **Opening Prayer** – The meeting was opened with a prayer by RH.
2. **Welcome** - FrA welcomed everyone to the first joint meeting of our two Parish Councils.
3. **Apologies** - Mick Lugowski, Maureen Saunders, AJ Kuttige and Martin Doran
4. **Minutes of previous meetings-**
 - a) St Patricks – The previous minutes were agreed as a true record.
 - b) Our Lady's - The previous minutes were agreed as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising** –
 - a) St Patricks – A wet signage has not yet been ordered; SH advised that she could supply one, (*this has since been supplied many thanks*); The horticulturist has not yet contacted FrA, GK to follow up; The joint social committee has met and a programme of events is being planned; GDPR everyone present agreed that they were happy to have email addresses circulated; Halcyon has been sold and the new occupier is in the house; when all finances associated with Halcyon are finalised then the two churches can move together as one; Fr A reported that his observation was that more Polish people are attending both churches.
 - b) Our Lady's – information re the photo copier cost has been found and this would be discussed at the next PFC meeting; The issue of Crib Figures would be considered nearer the time; DK reported that the

monthly school Mass will be linked with youth Masses, the first one will be in September, SJH has been involved in the organising; PH advised that the new Vicar Debbie, in Oakengates, is trying to establish a new worship group for young people. PH will mention to Debbie that we too are trying to establish a youth group; Double parking still remains a problem; Fr A has still not seen the plans for the Sanctuary refurbishment; Adoremus in Liverpool, three from St Patricks are going and probably some from Our Lady's; Two nominations from OLOR had been made for the strategy group but none from St Patricks; AN reported that a reply had been received from Peter Bowyer with regard to the paint and that specialist paint was not needed, some paint was in storage; There is a "stain" on the ceiling/wall in the kitchen. Fr A suggested that this could be looked at further when the Sanctuary refurbishment was done; There is now a pool of 28 cleaners, many thanks to DK and PW for organising it and to PW for ensuring key holders are always available; Mass books at OLOR are out of date, it was agreed that these would be removed and a supply of Mass cards made available with Sunday Mass readings printed on the reverse of the weekly newsletter.

6. **Schools Update – St Patricks** - GK reported that the consultation went well with four positive comments and one negative. The reason for forming a federation with a Shrewsbury School and not a Telford one was that the two schools had been sharing a Head Teacher for some time as the Shrewsbury School had been unable to recruit a head Teacher. The staff meeting was positive but no parents attended the parents meeting. The Federation of Blessed Edward Campion was formed on the 28th June and they are now looking to form a new logo.

Holy Trinity Academy – A new school is permitted seven terms before their first full Ofsted Inspection, this has now happened and they were graded as 'Good' but this was a strong good. DK asked if there were any figures about how many pupils from St Luke's and St Patrick's attended Holy Trinity. Currently there are four from St Patricks and 18 from St Luke's will be going but these are not official figures. The numbers of catholic children attending holy Trinity is a concern but long term it is hoped that as families move to the area they will choose to move closer to the school in Priorslee.

There was discussion about the lack of links with the school, Fr A suggested that he write to the school expressing these concerns and asking how we can support and help the school to form links.

PH asked how many young people who have received First Communion then progress to Confirmation and when children go to a non-catholic secondary school how do we attract them to take the steps towards Confirmation? Do state schools keep statistics of the religious persuasion of their pupils? PH will investigate to see if the information is available. FrA reported that there are quite a few teenagers at St Patricks which may in part be due to work of the children's liturgy group and the good attendance they have every week. When the Mass was at OLOR the attendance of children was better.

Fr A also suggested that some general information when available could be put in the newsletter about St Patricks and St Luke's schools.

St Lukes, their OFSTED had been reported as Good.

7. Parish Income & Expenditure Accounts –
These were considered and discussed for both parishes. Fr A advised that any parishioner who goes to another Telford church for Sunday Mass will have their envelopes returned to their home church. The high cost of the telephone at Our Lady's was a concern, part of the cost incurred included Halcyon which had been registered as a business account but further investigation will be carried out.
8. Any Other Business –
GK asked will the joint PPC comprise all the current members. FrA advised that in the short term yes but when the two parishes formally come together as one then there will be elections to form a new PPC, this will probably happen in the autumn.
9. Date of Next Meeting – 4th October 2018, 19:30 at St Patrick's.
Prayer Leaders – PW opening and MO'N closing

The meeting was closed with a prayer by GK