



ST EDMUND'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH BUNGAY AND HARLESTON

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 26 APRIL 2021 VIA ZOOM

Present: Father Charles Fitzgerald-Lombard (Fr C), Shirley Kalinauckas (SK) chair, Samantha Barlow (SB), headteacher, Rebecca Clarke (RC), catechist, Helen Kirby (HK) safeguarding, Mary Kirk (MK) communications, Cathy Scott (CS)

Apologies: Jenny Beaugeard, Carole Hunt

Father Charles opened with a prayer

Agenda items

Note: These minutes were circulated for approval via email after the meeting. Any matters arising from them are noted under the agenda item concerned, in red.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 25 January 2021: had been previously circulated by email and agreed. MK to post these on the website.

4. Father Charles's report: [1] As stated in the catechist's report, First Holy Communion would take place in two groups of five candidates. It was agreed to hold these ceremonies on Saturdays 5 and 12 June. Instruction was being given on Zoom, and the DBS checking of a second "accompanier" had been expedited. [2] A list of possible candidates for confirmation was being established. These classes would also be held via Zoom (especially as three candidates were at boarding school), starting in the autumn. [3] Fr C had asked the treasurer to ensure there was a provision in the budget for new computer hardware for the presbytery. [4] SK asked about the probable date of departure of Fr C, who said the end of August was likely, though there would be several trips to Downside in the interim.

5. Chair's report: In response to the item about reconnecting with both parish life and social contact, RC said that a ministry of Prayer and Listening would be initiated by the Marriage and Family Life Commission to help people with post-Covid social and psychological problems. Details would be made known later. HK flagged up a "Couples for Christ" initiative.

6. Communications report: MK, while agreeing the parish should have its own Zoom account, pointed out practical and logistical difficulties. In order to have several "users" who could schedule and start their own meetings each would

have to have a license [sic] purchased at a cost of £11.99 per month or £95.92pa. A way round this would be to have one central parish account and several officers to have the login details. It would be impracticable for the parish priest to hold the account and have to be present to start each meeting. MK said another solution would be for the parish Zoom account to be used for safeguarding-sensitive meetings (eg instruction of children) and her own account to be used for such meetings as parish get-togethers and discussion group, which had no safeguarding implications. HK said there would be new diocesan guidelines about video-conferencing, and that all parish meetings of whatever sort should be on a parish Zoom account, and all hosts should be DBS checked. It was agreed SK, HK and Mk would take the discussion offline.

Because of presbytery printing difficulties, SB offered to print the parish newsletter at the school, subject to having the copies of Sunday Bulletin in time, and to MK's sending the pdf in time. In holiday time MK would print and drive to Bungay.

7. CAFOD and Laudato si' report: The final total raised by the four people who did CAFOD's Lent Walk for Water challenge was £1943. They were to be thanked in the newsletter and online.

8. School report: SB reported an intake of 14 for September.

9. Safeguarding report: SK, HK and MK would discuss renewing permissions for online photos when they met.

10. Catechist's report: dealt with above under '4'.

11. Newsletter: The consensus was that people preferred Sunday Plus to the Sunday Bulletin. the supply of Sunday Bulletins runs out at the end of May. Fr C to order 50 Sunday Plus from June onwards.

12. AGM: A provisional date of 4 July at 11.45am in the hall was fixed, subject to Covid restrictions being fully lifted. It would be an election year, and the constitution would be changed to allow elections in uneven years in future. Subsequent to the meeting it was decided to delay elections, but not the AGM, till after the arrival of a new priest, if there is to be one. A new date of 15 August (the Feast of the Assumption) has now been fixed, and it has been proposed that this should be followed by a festive farewell meal for Father Charles.

13. AOB: None

14. Date of next meeting: Monday 27 September 7.30pm

There being no further business, Fr C closed with the doxology.