

Minutes for PPC Meeting Tuesday 12th November 2024

Item	Description
1.	Apologies - No apologies
2.	Present – Father Peter, Kath O'Dea, Steve James, Elliott Handley, Sarina Bloor, Chris Doyle, John Mears
3.	Opening Prayer – Opening prayer was spoken by Father Peter
4.	Election of Officers – The following positions were discussed and filled: Chris proposed Sarina Bloor as secretary, John seconded. Sarina proposed Steve as chair, Chris seconded. Chris proposed John as vice chair, Steve seconded. Father welcomed new members Kath and Elliott.
5.	Matters arising from previous minutes – a -The prospect of a cleaner was to be put forward to and discussed by the finance committee. b - The seminar on new lectionary is to be held this Saturday 16th. c - The celebration of St Edward the Confessor's feast day went well – It was a positive outcome that some newer families attended with their children. d - It was decided that the electric car charging point scheme seems to be unsuitable for our church area. e - The Catenian group have been using the community room for meetings. This seem to be working out really well and they ensure that the community room is clean and tidy before they leave.
6.	Update on the community room repair and solar panel developments – A Diocesan Property Manager acting for the Diocese, visited Father Peter and said that St Edward's Church could be a pilot property for deciding whether solar panelling was beneficial for churches. Mapping was taken of the flat roof and it showed that it was very wet and leaking in areas. It was recommended that the whole roof was to be re-laid.
7.	Year of the Jubilee 2025 – The theme for the Year of the Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope. Each parish is hoped to go on a pilgrimage. It was the suggestion that St Edward's parish could travel from Shrewsbury to New Brighton. A shorter Pilgrimage could be to Litchfield, the diocese of Chad. The message behind being a pilgrim in the Jubilee Year is a time for resetting our relationship with God, one another and the whole world. Ideas of Pilgrimages to be suggested at our next Parish council meeting.
8.	Review of timing and structure of parish annual meeting – It was felt that having a review on a Sunday excluded Saturday Mass parishioners and, as it was, only a few Sunday Parishioners who weren't on the PPC came. It was suggested that all parishioners could be given a sealed letter 2 or 3 weeks prior to the event next year, explaining what is to be covered, along with an invitation to discuss. It would also make the 'AGM' more of a social event if it was coupled with St Edwards feast day. Another suggestion made would be to forward plan the parish council's aims and objectives for at least the next year.

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9.	Ways of encouraging parishioners to engage with the parish – Ideas were put forward that may help to increase engagement with the parish in order to help parishioners to become more involved. These were: Once a month have games to attract children to stay after Mass. Talk to ethnic minorities to discuss any ideas / practices from their native countries that could be celebrated at St Edwards.
10	PPC joint letter to MP opposing the assisted suicide bill – It was decided that Steve would email Tim Rocca to ask him where he stands on the issue. He would then send a letter (based on one already written by Elliott) on behalf of the P.P.C.
11	AOB Christmas Cleaning – A date was set for Thursday 19 th December at 2pm Times of Christmas Masses: - Tuesday - Christmas Eve at 7.30pm - Wednesday - Christmas Day at 10.00am Sarina offered to provide minced pies and mulled wine for parishioners after the Christmas Eve mass.
	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16 th Jan. The meeting closed with the parish prayer led by the Chair: