

**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

December 2nd 2019 at 8pm

Attendees: Kit Tranmer, Fr. Quentin Jackson, Fr Michael O’Kane, Fr. Isidore Faloona, William Yeung, Matthew Ives, Geraldine Mansbridge, Michelle Spears, Lorna Spears, Paul Turpin

Apologies : Rob Fernandes, Mike Eggleton. Mike O’Sullivan

Minutes were approved for October 7th meeting.

Matters Arising

Volunteers Day January 25th 2020

- Volunteers Social evening on Saturday January 25 from 7pm-9pm – RSVP limit of 200 people. WY and ME will assist

Christmas Tree - Buy/Set up/Take Down

- PT to buy the tree. Tree will be put up on Saturday December 21 at 12 noon by MI and others
- Tree to be taken down on Saturday January 11 at 12 noon

Christmas Crib – Set up/Take Down

- Crib will be set up on same day as the tree - December 21
- Crib to be taken down on February 8 at 12 noon

Defibrillator update

- KT reported that training has taken place, and the Defibrillator has been installed and is ready for use.

Health & Safety / Risk Assessments

- GM reported 4 accidents to date, and potentially one more details to be confirmed*.
- Risk assessment will be looked at in January 2020

Car Park issues

GM reported that there is an increase in rubbish being left in car park area. Cars playing loud music, reports of drugs - this has been reported to the police and they will try and monitor this. Recommendations - a barrier, or cutting down the shrubs, sensor lighting at the back of the car park. To look at this in the New Year.

Parish Partnership – next steps

- WY sent a report. GM met with St Anne Line representative

Small Grants Finalisation

- KT sent report to all. PK is dealing with this

Items to be considered:

New Projector for the Parish - £500 quoted. To be approved next year

PT reported that at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, there were commitments of £67,000 over a five year period. Costing on the roof £90K, Heating 1million – Parish share 500,000. KT to attend Trustees meeting in January.

The next three months December 2019 – February 2020

Ash Wednesday February 26 – what are we doing in Lent?

Suggested to have conversations on more social issues than religious issues, would attract more people to attend.

Suggestion: We invite speakers to :-

- Discuss Mental Health issues
- Climate Change
- Physician/Nurse/Carer
- Counsellor involved in schools

It was agreed to go with Mental Health issues, LS/PT/KT/QJ to discuss.

Charity Appeals and Collections

Second collections – who should decide this.

QJ said this was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. Suggested that a sum be allocated and set aside. Diocese has a list that each Parish has to deal with.

- Obligatory collections
- Emergency situation collections

Have some sort of formal way of doing this and put it to the Finance Committee to discuss at another meeting

Proposed – Should we have a Topic for discussion each meeting?

Agree any communications arising from decisions taken

There is a clash with the Summer Fete and St Anthony's Summer Fete. Suggestion to combine the two as dates cannot be moved. It was agreed to have a meeting with St A to discuss this. QJ and KT to arrange together with Aine and GM

Landings Programme – WY to get publicity material. To apply for a small grant. It was agreed that the three Parishes would do this

AOB

PT – suggested putting a box at back of the Church for collection of food for people that are in need. It was agreed to go ahead.

ME sent report on Cafod Petition on Climate, need to co-ordinate activity.

Questions being received on Facebook need to be answered. To discuss this next year.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on January 6th 2020 at 8pm.

- GM has since confirmed that this was not a reportable accident