

PPC Meeting held Saturday 13th May 2023 11.00 Bar Area of St. Catherine's.

No previous minutes were read as it had been 3 years since the last meeting due to Covid but thanks were given to all who had helped out in the past.

Present: Shola Akinmurele, Mellisa Brook, Charles Cleary, Kay Cleary, Brian Haran, Anne Haynes, Adriana Jamesova, Boguslaw Kobos, Lachlan MacKay, Ross Rogers, Anita Tackley, Mike Webber (30 names were originally taken); Fr Boniface and Sue Pegrum (Parish Sec)

Fr. Boniface opened with a prayer.

2 apologies had been received (*Adrienne Blondell was delivering an FHC class*).

No agenda was set but will be for future meetings, 3 weeks before and to be announced in newsletter.

Fr.B. wanted to point out that the Parish Priest is a leader not a dictator and that the PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) is an advisory body. The P.P. is not to chair meetings.

Fr. B. gave thanks to all those who are carrying on with their duties to date.

We need to spread the load so that not just one person is carrying out too many duties.

For the next meeting we need a resume of what is going on in each group. (*later clarified as a report by each group – eg sacristy, formation, cleaning, LCT etc “as to where we are with things”*)

More Eucharistic Ministers are required, and these will need training which Fr. B. is prepared to do.

Fr. B. thanked Ross who has started to show parishioners from their seats when to go to communion and it is working very well.

Fr. B. will let the group know how much work has been done in the parish in the last 18 months. He says the fundraising for the heating is “the miracle of Littlehampton” as we raised more than the amount requested in such a short time and for a “poor parish”.

Fr. B. gave everyone the opportunity to ask any questions and then appointments to office were made.

Chairperson	Mike Webber (<i>Readers' & Welcomers' Rota Compiler; Red Box Local Sec Member Sunday Coffee team</i>)
Vice-chairperson	Ross Rogers (<i>Usher; LCT Liaison</i>)
Clerk	Brian Haran (<i>Food Bank Liaison; Choir member, Reader, Welcomer</i>)
Parish Liaison/Church cleaning	Anita Tackley (<i>Welcomer</i>)
Parish Events/Fundraising	Adriana Jamesova (<i>Choir member; cleaner</i>)
Formation and Catechism	Adrienne Blondell (<i>First Holy Communion Prep</i>)
Sacristy	Anne Haynes (<i>Sacristan</i>)
Eucharistic Ministers	Charles Cleary (<i>Welcomer</i>)
Welcoming	Kay Cleary and Mellisa Brook

Littlehampton Churches Together Ross Rogers

Other Members Shola Akinmurele; Boguslaw Kobos; Lachlan MacKay

Ex officio Members Parish Priest, Deacon, Parish Secretary

The term of office for appointments is for a period of Three (3) years.

Mike Webber is at present liaison for LCT. They meet on a weekday during the day. Ross will liaise with MW regarding this role.

Shola Akinmurele said he works in London so is difficult to commit but he will help out at parish events when he is around.

It was noted that Peter Ripley's name is still posted on the website. SP will ask the webmaster to change this to Mike Webber.

Fr. B. will liaise with people regarding training and if anyone has any queries or questions, they can contact him.

The next meeting would be in September. Saturday mornings seem to be the most favourable time. When the date has been set it will be publicised. Frequency of meetings to be agreed at the next meeting.

Fr. B. thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at approx. 12.30pm with a prayer.