

St Mary's Leyland
Parish Council

Minutes of meeting 9 September 2009

PRESENT; Lesley Raven, Edward Almond, Alex Anthony, Walter Courtney, , Liz McGrath, Tim Sullivan, Fr Jonathan, Fr Ambrose, Father Paul, Fr Stephen, Tony Hart, Sr. Veronica, Sue Mills, Anne Ward, Simon Brown.

APOLOGIES; Judy Gammons, Peter Barron, Gaye Beirne

PRAYER; Led by Anne Ward in Gaye's absence.

CHAIRPERSON; Edward Almond

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING;

First Aid training date to be confirmed. Alex and Lesley to Action

Singo family: The judicial review failed. Ethel is to claim asylum in her own right. It is important that they still have hope and support from the parish.

The Wizard of Oz successfully went ahead, with £1000 raised going to the fund in support of the Singo family.

£800 has gone in court fees; £400 to the Barrister, the a/c is £250 in the red. It has currently cost the parish £6000.

Opportunity for deepening faith.

KIT is ongoing.

The Wednesday Word is now up and running. Cath Sullivan and Anne Marie are setting up a group at St Mary's Primary school. It would be worth someone giving feedback.

Home is a Holy Place; nothing has been started yet so review next month.

All Parish Council nominees have been re-elected for the next two years.

There has been a reconstitution of the finance committee.

4. CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT; Edward Almond

Read and accepted

5. AGM; preliminary arrangements; date Friday 20 Nov beginning with Mass at 7.00pm followed by the AGM in the Parish Centre. There will be a Jacob's Join. All accounts will be ready for that particular date.

6. FAMILY LIFE;

a. The Catechists have not yet undertaken their review of last year's programme but should have done so by the time of the next PPC meeting.

b. Garden Party; we now have Sponsor's for the programme. Raffle tickets are selling. There is £600 in the kitty. Aileen is helping out in the Priory House with the donations in Barry's absence, Sr. Veronica has the Tombola organised. In the event of wet weather we will have the Priory Club and the church as venues. After Mass, and prior to the start of the Garden Party, there will be games organised for the children. Bacon butties etc by the Scouts will available or picnic in the garden whilst the stalls are being set up. The GP is due to start at 12.30pm and the mayor will attend. There was some concern re the timing and that people may go home and not come back later.

IDEAS; Slides of various events and activities could be shown on the big screen in church. Mass should be a family affair like the Easter Celebration. Children could light a candle or another activity could have them involved to link to the family theme. We could have people write down their hopes and dreams for their family and publish in a booklet. A free quiz about the church with a prize - Edward Almond to organise. Any more ideas?

Could the parish Centre bar be opened early whilst setting up?

There could be a problem with car-parking as we will be unable to use the piazza.

Lesley to ask South Ribble if we could use the West Paddock car park.

7. SAFEGUARDING; Steve McBride and Dominic Cullen.

Change of name to Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service [CSAS] and The Safeguarding Team at LSM. The procedure was explained which takes effect from 12 October. Groups will have a nominated contact person to act as liaison, gathering names of volunteers/prospective members and attending informal interviews.

A formal job description has been approved by the Archdiocese and the contact persons are to be invited to a meeting which has been arranged for Monday 28th September.

AOB;

Fr Paul raised the question of transport for our less mobile parishioners. th Bulletin item needed/
Fr Jonathan/ Lesley

Edward Almond; a parishioner was unable to access the hymn numbers at mass possibly because there were obscured. To be looked into.

Fr Jonathan; Relic of St Therese of Lisieux will be in the diocese in the next two weeks; in particular with the Carmelite nuns from 11.00am to 3.00pm on Mon 28 September. Vigils within the diocese. The Archbishop will be involved. Thurs 24 September; a 2 hour vigil at LSM. KSC will help in Lancaster with ushering.

Joe Kealey wants to do something for the Year of the Priest theme bringing in the religious to share their experiences and witness of their life

DATE OF NEXT MEETING/CHAIR/PRAYERS;

Date of next meeting; Wednesday 7 October 2009 @ 7.30pm upstairs in the Priory House

Chair; Alex Anthony shadowed by Anne Ward.

Prayers; Sr Veronica