

St Peter's and Our Lady's Collaborative Pastoral Council Minutes 10th September 2024

Present: Fr Stephen Day (Fr S), Martin Foley (MF), Anne Elson (AE), Paul Milton (PM), Gill Ayershunt (GA), Ira Winter (IW), Simon Tibke (ST).

Apologies: None

1 Opening prayer – led by Fr S

2 Welcome and introductions

Welcome to ST (OL parishioner to join St P & OL Collaborative Pastoral Council)

3 Minutes of last meeting

In the absence of formal minutes from July's meeting, PM provided a verbal summary.

4 Matters arising

Fr S noted the recent fire inspection at OL. Further detail on remedial works awaited. Also, roof repair needed at OL, but cost and next steps have yet to be determined. Agreed that AE should be Secretary.

5 Consideration of draft constitution

Constitution agreed after much discussion. See attached final draft.

6 Appointment of officers

MF to be Chair, ST to be Vice Chair, AE to continue as Secretary.

7 Membership

Nominations for two further members of the Council, reflecting the rich diversity of the parishes, to be given to Fr S for consideration to increase membership to 9.

8 Update on buildings and finance

Fr S said he was waiting for 2 more quotes for the roof work at OL and was getting a quote to bring the hall at OL up to fire regulations standard.

Fr S reported on the financial loss that St P's Hall was incurring. No decision has been made regarding the hall's future, but the current model is not viable in the long term.

9 General update from Fr S

In response to Fr S's invitation, MF and IW volunteered to be reps on the Deanery Council, and also on the Cluster council.

10 Ongoing formation

It was agreed that the Council should attend a day of prayer and reflection together during Advent. Details to be confirmed.

11 Communication to parish communities

Recognising our accountability to the parishes and the need for transparency, it was agreed that the names of Council members should go into the Bulletin, and Fr S will photograph members at the next meeting so that members' pictures can go on the parish notice boards. The Constitution will be made available to both parishes. Minutes of Council meetings will be published on the Catholic Leamington website once they are approved by the Council.

12 AOB

MF suggested the QR code for giving could be displayed in both porches and in both Halls.

13 Date of next meeting

12th November 7.00pm