

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity

Including the Parishes of

St Augustine's Seaton, St Mary's Axminster and St Michael's and St George's Lyme Regis

Notes of a meeting held at Seaton at 9.30am Sat 20th Nov 2021

1. **Present:** Father Anthony Cockram, Kate Baker, Monica Watts-Hunt, Jane Godfrey, Jenny Gale, David O'Brien, Mick Shephard, David Gale, Joe Harrison, Jim Griffith, Liz Tompkins, Julie Gray (ex officio), Richard Godfrey and Peter Porteous (ex officio).
Apologies: Sue Rowe
2. **Opening prayer and reflection** – Father Anthony
3. **Membership of Council** (Paper)
 - a. **Members** asked by Fr Anthony to fill roles. Temporary measure not exceeding 18 months. Returning to Constitutional arrangements as soon as possible.
 - b. **Election of Chairperson:** Fr Anthony is Chairperson in the interim.
4. **Draft Document of Constitution:** Amendments made to item 13, 14, 15, 30. Action: To be submitted to the bishops office for approval.
5. a. **Vacant offices: Buildings:** (some new appointments) - **Axminster:** Joe. **Seaton:** Monica. **Lyme:** Richard Salt (to continue to March). Jim offered to take over at Lyme
H & S: Axminster: Joe (could be replaced by Angela Griffith, tbc.) **Seaton:** Monica. **Lyme** (to be confirmed, Julie & Tom Dunnon)
Safeguarding: Axminster: Julie. **Seaton:** Kate Baker and Kathy Thurgood. **Lyme:** Sue Rowe (intends to leave). Liz volunteered. Training will be arranged.
 - b. **Constitution of Finance Committee:** Need a committee which is small and effective. Fr Anthony (not chair) Jane, Monica, Joe, Liz, David O'Brien and Julie Gray. Should meet 4 times pa and 2 weeks before a council meeting.
Social Committee: Linked with Finance (fund raising) Jane, Monica, Sue C, Sue R and David Gale
6. **Reports from building representatives:**
Seaton (car park) Monica stated that planning had been approved. Fr Anthony stated that the church had funding and wanted work to proceed asap.
Axminster: Problems with damp in the presbytery is still an issue, which is being addressed.
Lyme: Still a major concern with damp and flooding in the school room and the boiler in the Bishop's apartment. A large amount of money will ultimately be required to be spent at Lyme, so a Lyme Regis support group is crucial. It was suggested that due to the expense most work should be put on hold, with the exception of the Bishop's apartment (boiler). A support group to consist of Jane, Liz and Jim was discussed and needs confirmation. It is crucial that this is not divisive. However, money left (e.g. will) to a particular fund can be ring fenced.
General maintenance: It was suggested that one company could be contracted to maintain all three churches annually.
7. **St Mary's Community Garden Project:** Jane (supported by Liz) explained that a portion of land (approx. half acre) behind the school is available for an exciting environmental project. The head teacher is very keen and an application for a grant has been submitted. Churches together are also interested. The

project would supply its own energy from solar. Produce planted and grown would be distributed to local people. It is hoped to include a wild flower area together with fruit trees and vegetables.

8. Diocesan Synodal Journey: Joe explained this initiative from the Diocese and a long discussion followed. It was felt that there is only a little time to arrange meetings in person and on 'zoom' but we will do our best. Various suggestions were made including a note in the bulletin and on the Parish website.

9. Christmas Services: Fr Anthony stated that he will preside at three services and Bishop Christopher will do an extra one at Lyme at 11am on Christmas Day. The other Masses are: Christmas Eve:
Seaton – Vigil Mass at 5.30pm with Carols from 5.15pm
Lyme – Vigil Mass at 8pm with Carols at 7.45pm
Christmas Day
Axminster – Mass at 10am with Carols at 9:30am

10. Dates of future meetings (starting at 10:30am): tba

The meeting finished with the Angelus at 12.22pm