

## ST BRENDAN'S PARISH FORUM MEETING No 2.

28th April 2008

**PRESENT :** Father M Cooke (Chair) [FrMC]  
Tony Proctor (Secretary) [TP]  
Kath Brown [KB]  
Catherine Bridge [CB]  
John Carr [JC]  
Martin Cleary [MC]  
Claire Corser [CC]  
Kath Denton [KD]  
Stan Horrocks [SH]  
Bert Hustwit [BH]  
Lisa Lamoury [LL]  
Rita Livesey [RL]  
Julie McLoughlin [JM]  
Chris Owen [CO]  
Tom Rabbitt [TR]  
Terry Smith [TS]  
Anne Walsh [AW]

Apologies

Irene Sheridan [IS], Peter Carolan [PC], Sue Cleary [SC], Barbara Worthington [BW]

<u>No</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1.	<u>Introduction</u>  FrMC opened the meeting and welcomed those present.	
2.	<u>Minutes of Meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008</u>  The minutes were approved	
3.	<u>Matters Arising</u>  There were no matters arising, other than those dealt with below.	
4.	<u>Action Summary</u>  The Action Summary was reviewed and updated.	

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5.	<u>Property Survey Update</u>	
	FrMC updated the meeting on progress. He had had dialogue with Mgr Bulfin from the Diocesan Board of Administration about the condition survey report of the Church & Presbytery which had been prepared by surveyors. The Board would consider the report at its May meeting.	All to Note
	The meeting discussed the report's key findings and re-stated that given past problems with the heating system this should be examined further and any proposals should include an appropriately sized meeting room. Peter Carolan had asked that security, including CCTV, both internal and external be addressed, including remote monitoring by an approved alarm centre be considered as part of any upgrade works.	FrMC
	The Presbytery, which needed extensive works to make it habitable to modern standards, had been the subject of a market appraisal by estate agents and costed options had been put forward, including refurbishment, sale and disposal and FrMC would hold dialogue with the Diocese. The consensus view was that early decisions needed to be taken in view of the potential deterioration of the house.	All to note
6.	<u>Car Park</u>	
	TP advised that he was in dialogue with local Councillors about re-examining a proposal that had been previously made to extend the Church car park, on a partnership funded basis, including the School, Parish, Bolton Council and Booth's (the quarry operators). Due to sickness of Cllr D. Brierley TP had not yet been able to follow up the action.	TP
7.	<u>Fund Raising</u>	
	FrMC referred to the significant expenditure that was associated with the potential building refurbishments and the need to consider fund raising events. Agreed to consider at next meeting in more detail.	TP to agenda

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8.	<p><u>Social Committee</u></p> <p>A 'Social Committee' comprising CC, AW, SH and RL was established and asked by FrMc to consider better ways of working with St John's who had an established track record, so that social events could be truly representative across the two parishes.</p>	CC/AW
9.	<p><u>Hymn Books</u> – Agreed to purchase a new set of hymn books and to pay for these by asking people to sponsor their purchase. £120 had been raised to date.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Joint Parish Pilgrimage</u></p> <p>TS &amp; SH undertook to develop some options for a parish pilgrimage and report back to a future meeting</p>	TS / SH
11.	<p><u>Children's Liturgy</u></p> <p>RL raised the possibility of developing arrangements for a children's liturgy and also whether there was a part to be played by Cubs, Brownies etc. RL agreed to look into some options and report back. In the meanwhile FrMC would review the arrangements within the parish to ensure compliance with legislation to protect children &amp; vulnerable adults.</p>	RL FrMC
12.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>7pm on Monday 23rd June 2008 at St Brendan's RC Church.</p>	