

## ST BRENDAN'S PARISH FORUM MEETING No 5.

20<sup>th</sup> October 2008

**PRESENT :** Father M Cooke (Chair) [FrMC]  
Tony Proctor (Secretary) [TP]  
Kath Brown [KB]  
Catherine Bridge [CB]  
John Carr [JC]  
Peter Carolan [PC]  
Martin Cleary [MC]  
Kath Denton [KD]  
Stan Horrocks [SH]  
Bert Hustwit [BH]  
Marie Lamoury [ML]  
Joanne Livesey [JL]  
Rita Livesey [RL]  
Marie Kwiatkowski [MK]  
Julie McLoughlin [JM]  
Margaret O'Brien [MO'B]  
Irene Sheridan [IS],  
Terry Smith [TS]

### Apologies

Clare Corser [CC]  
Keith Hamilton [KH]  
Lisa Lamoury [LL]  
Pat Partington [PT]  
Anne Walsh [AW]

<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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008</u>  The minutes were approved	
3.	<u>Matters Arising</u>  Matters arising are dealt with at Item 4 below and contained in the attached Action Summary.	



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	<p>In order to attempt to bring some clarity and focus, to what was essentially a significant and potentially costly estates upgrade programme of works, which would need to be properly costed and managed, once preferred options had been identified, it was agreed that:-</p>	
	<p>1. Lisa Lamoury and Keith Hamilton be invited to develop outline options for the Car Park; Meeting Room and accommodation to inform the way forward; and, the parish should consider making a financial contribution towards the costs of such.</p>	FrMC / LL/ KH
	<p>2. Subject to the above, the Forum meet to express their preference on the proposed options, taking into consideration their costs, benefits and practicability of adoption.</p>	ALL
	<p>3. The Parish then to present a preferred option report to the Diocesan Board of Administration.</p>	To be determined
6.	<p><u>Faith in the Future:- Five Years On</u></p>	
	<p>FrMC explained that the Bishop had asked for a review of progress and that Bolton Deanery were to meet shortly to discuss. Whilst there was no significant change in respect of co-operative working across parishes, the meeting expressed the consensus view that the most natural cluster, in respect of local parishes, was for St Brendan's; St Columba's and St John's to form a cluster. The meeting agreed that the current arrangement with St Brendan's and St John's was working well.</p>	All to Note
7.	<p><u>Liturgical Practice: Offertory &amp; Collection</u></p>	
	<p>FrMC outlined proposals to improve arrangements in Mass as regards the timing of the collection and offertory procession, to reflect the successful trial at St John's and the Forum supported such.</p>	All to Note
	<p>FrMC also hoped to introduce more Eucharistic Ministers and Communion under both kinds and the Forum fully supported such.</p>	All to Note

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8.	<u>Second Collections &amp; Appeals</u>	
	It was the consensus that appropriate second collections and appeals be supported at the discretion of Father Cooke.	All to Note
9.	<u>Church Grounds</u>	
	The meeting agreed to support a cleanup of the Church grounds on Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November from 1 – 4 PM and that future consideration is given to the use of a contractor in due course.	FrMC to put on Newsletter
10.	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
	There will be an Anniversary Mass for Mgr Mallon on Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November at 11am	All to Note
	FrMC will be attending the licensing of the new vicar of Christ Church, Harwood (Reverend Wendy Oliver) on Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October. There was a general feeling that it would be good to re-establish ecumenical links in the area.	All to Note.
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	7pm on Monday 17th November 2008 at St Brendan's RC Church.	