

St. Aidan's Joint Parish Council and Finance Committee
Meeting 22nd March 2023 at 7pm
St. Aidan's Church Hall
DRAFT Minutes

Present: Bernie L; Fr Sean; Julia F; Joanne T; Alison R; Pat A; Pat S; Sheila C; Charmaine F; Frank G

1.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> Received from Gosia C</p> <p><u>Personnel</u> Lucy M has spoken to Bernie and announced her decision to step down from the Parish Council. Lucy was thanked for her help and support. Unfortunately, there were no new parish members in attendance. Minutes to be sent to those individuals who have expressed an interest in joining.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>JT</p>
2.	<p><u>Opening Prayer</u> Led by Fr Sean</p>	
3.	<p><u>Parish Finance Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joanne T circulated a breakdown of Special Collections for 2022/23 Thanks given to the Parish for their support and generosity. Dates for Special Collections 2023/24 printed for sacristy. Collection Envelopes ready to be collected by noticeboard. Thank you to Gosia for organising. 	
4.	<p><u>Items identified by Fr. Sean not on the agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE</u> The bishops of England & Wales announced that the distribution of Communion from the chalice during Mass will resume starting Holy Thursday. After discussion, the Council felt it was too soon and it was agreed to wait and consider reintroducing again at some time in the future. <u>ST AIDAN'S TABERNACLE</u> Unfortunately, the lock is broken, however, there is a spare Tabernacle at St Mary's which would need to be professionally moved given weight and size. Fr Sean expressed a desire to place on the carved plinth which would be moved centrally behind the altar. Council agreed. Altar statutes to be moved back to original positions. Removal firm to be sourced and booked. 	<p>JT</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ELECTRICS</u> 5-year review of all electrics is due – may be sensible to look at replacing lighting with energy saving bulbs. Council agreed this would be beneficial for both the environment and for parish finances. Outside light also needs to be fixed / replaced. Quote to be obtained. 	JT
5.	<p><u>Minutes of Meeting held on 18th January 2022</u> Minutes agreed. Minutes to be added to www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com</p> <p><u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Alison R</u> Going very well. Thank you all who have attended.</p> <p><u>NATIVITY CRIB</u> Thank you to all who helped wrap and pack in January – it was lovely to have so many volunteers and was a super team effort. Thank you also to Charmaine F who tidied cupboard in advance!</p> <p><u>PARISH CENSUS FORMS</u> To date 56 completed forms have been returned, registering 123 parishioners. Those requesting information re collection envelopes and gift aid to be passed onto Gosia C. Additional volunteers to be contacted by Fr Sean NB – Eucharistic Ministers who visit parishioners in their homes must have current DBS Form. RCDHN have booked church hall for Reader Training later in the year – would be useful to have those from St Aidan's interested and those already on the Readers' rota to be made aware and booked on the course. Music is a miss during Mass – Council to look into some options for next meeting.</p>	<p>JT</p> <p>JT</p> <p>JT</p> <p>SH / JT</p> <p>JT /AR</p> <p>ALL</p>
6.	<p><u>Easter 2023</u> Holy Week Mass Times:- Wed 5th April, 7pm at St Mary's - Penitential Service Thurs 6th April, 7pm at St Aidan's - Mass of the Lord's Supper Good Friday, 3pm at St Mary's - Liturgy of the Passion Sat 8th April, 530pm at St Mary's - Easter Vigil Sun 9th April, 9.15am at St Aidan's - Easter Sunday Sun 9th April, 11am at St Mary's - Easter Sunday</p> <p><i>** Addendum 26th March 2023</i> Good Friday, 10am at St Aidan's – Stations of the Cross led by Alison R</p>	

7.	<u>Update on Presbytery</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A family is speaking to the agents with a view to renting the property for 12 months at a rent of £1,600 p/m It is intensioned they will move in May / June time. Arrangements to be made to have grit box moved from presbytery side of fence. 	BL
8.	<u>Book of Remembrance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forms have been available throughout Lent for parishioners to add details of love ones to be remembered during mass. These will be added to Book of Remembrance after Easter. There was a request that St. Peter & St. Paul's Remembrance Book is given a little attention so it can also be displayed. Charmaine volunteered to find out where students have PhD projects bound and request price. 	JF CF
9.	<u>Easter Eggs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 Easter Eggs required for children attending Easter Sunday Mass 	BL
10.	<u>Parish Social Events</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council keen to explore options for organising some Parish Social Events, suggested speaking to groups who hire hall and other parishioners to gauge interest in creating a Social Committee. 	ALL
11.	<u>Jesmond St Mary Partnership</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update at this time. 	
12.	<u>Any Other Business</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison R suggested it would be helpful to have a Council WhatsApp group to aid communications especially on a weekend. Council agreed. Alison volunteered to set up. 	AR
13.	<u>Next Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 7th June at 7pm Note in bulletin. 	JT

The meeting closed at 8pm with quiet prayer.