

Minutes of the PPC Meeting

Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at St John's Wallingford

In Attendance

Fr Dominic, Edwin Samu, Camilla King, Cecilia Wheeler, Sue Hunt, Anne-Marie Bromley, Brian Doyle

Apologies

None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters arising

Windows at St Johns

St John's being in a conservation area, though not a listed building, means that the windows can be replaced on a like-for-like basis only.

Likely cost expected to be within £10-15K

Available money from Ride and Stride appeal likely to be minimal

A two stage approach was suggested

- 1) Replace the frame (This should be the primary focus)
- 2) Re-do the entrance (Larger scale, long term project)

Actions

- Seek 3 quotes for the work to be done and present to the Parish Finance Committee
- Investigate if legacies left for such work remain available

Young Readers Day

This was confirmed to be set for Saturday 11th October from 10am to 1pm (approx) and will be compulsory for those who wish to read.

Sign Off of Minutes

Edwin Samu proposed the Minutes of the previous meeting could now be agreed and signed off. Seconded by Camilla King. Agreed by all other PPC members.

Other Business

Ride and Stride

Douglas Henderson has passed on the responsibility for this at EM to Brian Doyle.

This year it will take place on 13th September. Brian to speak to the congregation at both Saturday and Sunday Mass at EM to raise profile and have forms available for those interested, for those wishing to ride/stride, and those who volunteer to register and welcome visitors to EM itself.

“Driving Miss Daisy Didcot” Parking access at EM

“Driving Miss Daisy Didcot” (<https://www.drivingmissdaisydidcot.co.uk/>), a local company providing transport for those with disabilities wishes to arrange a deal to use EM grounds as a base for parking some of their vehicles. This would involve:

- 5 vehicles to be parked on Church grounds.
- Daily access likely to be required at various times.

- The driveway between the Church and the Presbytery would need to become a permanent No Parking zone to guarantee free access to the road for these vehicles

The PPC agreed unanimously to pursue this deal, and request Brian McNamee to discuss the deal with Driving Miss Daisy, using the diocesan pro-forma for such arrangements.

Tables and Chairs at St Johns

As yet nothing has been found to be suitable, but research continues into finding approximately 40 chairs which can be kept clean, stacked when not in use, and foldaway tables.

Professional Skill Questionnaire for Parish

In order to ascertain the “skills bank” which the Parish potentially has access to, to allow us to grow and develop, a questionnaire exercise was proposed to be given to all parishioners, so we can pull this information together.

Actions

Brian Doyle to develop questionnaire, with support from Camilla King.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

4 young people from the Parishes will be travelling to Rome for the 20th July to celebrate the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee event there. On behalf of the PPC and all in the Parish, we wish them a blessed and enlightening trip.

Back to School / Off to College

Nicola has expressed interest in arranging this for the 7th September, a chance to celebrate and send our prayers and best wishes to those starting in the next stage of their education.

Next Meeting

This will take place at 7:30, on 7th October, in English Martyrs