

**OUR LADY OF PEACE AND BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 8 November 2007
in the Dominic Barberi Room
7.30 pm to 9.20 pm**

Present: John Allinson, Paul Fahey, Charles Kerthaler, Peter Hobbs, Laurie James , Jack Noronha, Pat Wells (Chair) Gabrielle Williamson

Apologies: Colin Forrestal, Fr Anthony Ikhenoba, Ann-Marie Paterson, Isabelle Thorn, Norman Preston

We welcome Charles as a new member of PPC, and we look forward to Isabelle's debut at our next meeting.

A1 Opening Prayer

John and Pat led our opening prayer and reflection

A3 Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted

A4 Matters Arising

(ref A5) We note that the submission for a grant for Earley Town Council for assistance with work in the community centre has now been made. The relevant meeting is taking place on this same evening.

(ref A11) Gardening matters are still to be addressed.

(A14/2) Norman will find out the procedures for asking for direction signs to the church to be erected.

A5 Life in the Spirit

We are very pleased with the response to this programme.

We will arrange groups so that one-off visitors will be looked after.

Laurie will lead the group that peter has been leading.

Jack has agreed to look after the bookstall.

We thank Peter for his invaluable commitment to this initiative

A6 Vision for the Future – Open meeting feedback

We have reflected on the meeting and the written comments collected at the end of it. These will now be displayed for all to read. We recognise that in some of the comments there are implicit challenges for us to face, and we will invite anyone who wishes to, to have a word with a member of PPC.

We will explore the feasibility of introducing and extending a network of house groups, and we feel it is right that any decisions we make on this and other fronts be implemented as soon as possible in the New Year. This will give time for PPC to consider any thoughts arising at the next Parish Meeting, and for the Liturgy Group to have an input. More written comments will be invited meanwhile. Boxes will be positioned near the display boards for people to leave their notes.

A7 Notice boards and display areas in the Advent Room

Jack will circulate some sketches and ask the Finance Committee if we can afford the proposed items.

A8 Youth Group

Pat will speak with Helen Megson or Cathie Taylor about a proposal we have received for help with setting up a youth group.

A9 Advent Giving Tree

The Justice and Peace group have reported that this year we will be supporting the work of the Reading Single Homeless Project

A10 Well Centre representative

Pat will try to explore in the wider Pastoral Area how this matter could be addressed.

A11 AOB

1 We approve the issue of banquet roll for use of the toddlers' playgroup use.

2 Jack will refer to the Premises Committee two matters we have noted: a) the need for a light in the corner of the car park and b) a mirror at the dangerous corner leading from the car park

3) A letter of thanks from the Bethany Society will be displayed in the Advent Room.

4) Peter has confirmed that there will be a note about the meeting of the 'Life in the Spirit' seminar programme in the next newsletter

A12 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 13th December.

A13 Closing Prayer

Peter led us in our closing prayer.