

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

**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 13 December 2007
in the Dominic Barberi Room
7.30 pm to 9.20 pm**

Present: John Allinson, Paul Fahey, Colin Forrestal , Peter Hobbs, Fr Anthony Ikhenoba, Charles Kernhaler, Laurie James , Jack Noronha, Anne-Marie Paterson, Norman Preston, Isabelle Thorn, Pat Wells (Chair) Gabrielle Williamson

A1 Opening Prayer

Ann and Pat led our opening prayer and reflection

A3 Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted with one amendment: Paul Fahey had not, in fact, attended the meeting

A4 Matters Arising

(ref A8) Pat has passed the e-mail referring to a youth group to Helena Megson.

(ref A10) Fr Bruce is taking forward the Well Centre matter.

(A14/2 of previous meeting) Norman has been told we are invited to submit proposals

A5 The Hall Floor

We have welcomed John O'Neil to the meeting and we record our thanks to him for the full account he has given us of the numerous problems that had made it necessary to initiate extensive work in the Hall, culminating in the replacement of the Hall floor.

Norman has updated us on the state of play vis-à-vis the recent application to Earley Town council. We are able to appeal against the decision not to award a grant. We must re-emphasise that the Community Centre is for, and is used by, the community in general. We redouble our thanks to John and to Norman for their meticulous work, and we reiterate our complete confidence in them. WE thank Norman for agreeing to be the main liaison contact between PPC and the Premises Committee.

A6 Vision for the Future

We thank Charles for distributing the notes he made at the recent meeting. We agree that the next step is to notify the Parish of the basic pyramid structure for future development, entailing private prayer, house groups and monthly collective prayer meetings in the church. Charles and Kate will look at ways of expanding the summary notes into a paper to be attached to the newsletter. Gabrielle, possibly with the help of Robyn, will investigate ways of displaying in a graphic form the overall pattern of ideas.

Peter will meet with Fr Anthony to agree a suitable evening for a prayer evening in the church.

A7 Life in the Spirit

We record our deep gratitude to Peter for spearheading a programme that has been a great success. We have agreed with Peter's suggestion that there could be another programme between Easter and Pentecost. We also agree that the programme lends itself well to a short and intensive period of commitment. We feel, however, that it is better to restrict the weekday commitment to one evening per week. Peter will approach possible speakers for the programme. More detailed planning will follow later.

A8 Pastoral Area Meeting

We are asked to reply to the invitation to attend the event on 10/1/07 as soon as possible. Ann-Marie has outlined the probable business and organisation of the meeting. We have been asked to consider in advance the possible repercussions of a reduced number of priests in the pastoral area.

A9 Health and Safety

Leo McCarville has agreed to assume these responsibilities.

A10 AOB

Our next meeting is on 17 January. Isabelle and Peter have presented their apologies.