**Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 27th March 6.00pm – St Mary’s Church Parish Rooms**

 **Present Apologies**

Peter Robinson (Chair) Paul Hurst

Jim Youdale (Vice Chair)

Father Paul Johnstone (President)

Father John Mark

Sean Close

Jim Savage

Gillian Finlinson (Secretary)

**1)** Meeting was opened with prayer.

**2)** Apologies noted above.

**3) Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes were approved with one change that the lunch referred to that took place on the 4th March should be referred to as a joint church meeting.

**4) Matters arising:**

No specific matters arising.

**5) Chairman’s report:**

**a) Youth Ministry:**

Things are moving forward and further discussions have taken place. There has been some positive action and are now looking to source some funding. A pilot scheme may be trailed in the Whitehaven part of the Deanery (which includes us). This is being organised by Daniel Harris and the Head Teacher of St Joseph’s School. Father Paul will update everyone on further developments.

Father Paul confirmed that the Confirmation Programme will be starting after Easter. In addition to this Mary Taylor expressed that she no longer thinks that she can carry on in this role. Parish Council thanked Mary Taylor for all her hard work and dedication and look at future plans for the children’s liturgy.

**b) Membership:**

Vacancies on the parish pastoral council require us to consider finding new members with suitable skills.

**6) Action Plan 2019:**

Action plan was presented to the meeting, lots have already been achieved. There was a general discussion around the action plan and how we should present it to the Parish. After Easter the Action Plan will be presented at the end of Mass at both St Mary’s and Frizington and then looking to launch it in the middle of May.

**7) Finance Committee:**

A sub-committee has taken place and looking at carrying these meetings forward. Future reports from these meetings will be brought to the Parish Council meeting.

**8) Joint Churches Meeting:**

These meetings are aimed at bringing churches together and what we can do together, “God for All” and “Mission Community”. Subjects that were discussed at the first meeting were: residents of residential homes being able to receive communion, organising a community carol service, the Local Bishop visiting churches and community to encourage discussions and food banks; what can we do to not need foodbanks.

All agreed that we could offer St Mary’s Parish rooms as a space for any future meetings. Also as a Catholic Church there will be some things that we would not be able to take part in and we should however stress to the other within the group that we could be considered as a ‘companion’.

**9) Constitution:**

The Constitution was duly reviewed and found to be satisfactory.

At this point it was confirmed that work as started on a parish magazine. An example was given to the meeting. Ideas on what to include were put forward and work will continue on this and any developments will be brought to the next meeting

Meeting wasclosed with prayer.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 24th April 2019, 6.00pm, St Mary’s Church Parish Rooms.

**“Christ is life, we exist to bring His life to our part of God’s creation”**