**Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 11th September 6.00pm – St Mary’s Church Parish Rooms**

 **Present Apologies**

Peter Robinson (Chair) Paul Hurst Father John Mark

Father Paul Johnstone (President) Sean Close Mary Carroll

Jim Savage Helen McCrory Jamie Riley

Barry Close

Gillian Finlinson (Secretary)

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

**2)** Apologies noted above.

**3) Minutes of Previous Meeting:** minutes were approved.

**4) Matters arising:**

St Joseph’s driveway works are completed. Children’s Liturgy will start again following a training day on Saturday 14th September. We are awaiting more details on biblical yoga.

**5) Chairman’s Report:**

Our mid-week masses need to be promoted. Confirmation classes will recommence this week and the Confirmation Mass will be held on October 17th. Appointment of a new Vice Chair will need to be considered and discussed further.

We had good turnout for our annual pilgrimage, thanks were given to all involved in preparing for the pilgrimage and helping out on the day. We have had confirmation that we can go ahead and sell the Bowthorn site. A donation of a wooden cross has been made to church. Jim Youdale is working on the Finance Report and signage in around both churches will be re-visited.

**6) One Parish Priest:**

Discussions were held around what this might mean for the parish and the possibility of losing one of the weekend masses. It was agreed to inform parishioners through the church bulletin. It was felt important to reassure parishioners of both churches and await any comments.

**7) Parish Magazine:**

Confirmed that we will be producing another parish magazine and that William King has agreed to fund the next publication.

**8) Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 9th October – 6.00pm.

**8) Closing Prayer:**

Meeting wasclosed with prayer.

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