

Notes taken at Meeting with Parish Group Representatives on Monday 15th January 2007

The meeting was opened by Father Xavier with a prayer and a welcome to all those present. 8 Parishioners attended the meeting with no representation from the Parochial Centre.

There were no apologies received.

Father Xavier started the meeting by reviewing the notes taken at the meeting in September 2006.

Father reported that 10 tables had been purchased from the monies raised at the Parish Fun Day and a further 4 were ordered at a later date so that the Parochial Centre could have 4 permanently available to them. These were of a slightly different specification to the first 10 as that design was no longer available. They also cost slightly more but this had been met from a £100 donation and from Parish funds.

Father mentioned that he had expected the Parochial Centre to be represented at the meeting as they had expressed a wish to change the date of next years Fun Day, but others were happy for the fun day to be in September.

Members of the fund raising and senior citizens then expressed concerns over the sighting of the new water heater mentioned in the previous meeting notes. (This had been provided out of parish funds at a cost of £780) The heater is very awkward to use because it has been fitted so high on the wall and takes an exceptionally long time to reheat as it has to refill before it begins the reheating cycle. At the larger events the helpers are using kettles as it is quicker.

Father agreed to refer the matter back to the centre committee as it had been purchased and fitted by them at the parish's expense and any faults should be referred back to them to get rectified.

The previous meeting notes mentioned a problem with youths gathering outside the centre in the area of 'Jennifer's Gardens' and a question was asked as to what we are going to do about it. Cliff Hughes mentioned that the fence was in a poor state of repair and should be removed as it served no purpose having been erected many years ago to fence of the old boiler house. Father Xavier agreed that it should be removed and that he would refer the matter to the maintenance committee.

Cliff also reported that the Grotto had now been cleared of undergrowth and could now be inspected by the structural engineer. The engineer had asked for it to be removed so that he could check for damage.

The fund raising group then mentioned that they had been asked to clear any rubbish from the Choir Loft in the church and had agreed with John Seabrook that all the hard

back books could go and any others recycled via local charity shops so that we could have a 'clean' start for this years event.

Cliff Hughes then mentioned that notices in relation to Parking had been placed in the church grounds to try and prevent long term parking by shoppers or those working in the village. Father Xavier said that there had been an improvement but the measure had been taken so that a precedent could be set for the future should the council place further restrictions on Lourdes Avenue or other roads locally.

The meeting was then drawn to a close and it was agreed and placed in the centre diary that a special meeting would be held on 5th February to discuss the Fun Day and that the next full meeting with representatives would be on 23rd April 2007.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.