



St Joseph's Bishop Thornton
DIOCESE OF LEEDS
Finance Committee – Summary Minutes

Attendees

Ian Burrell (Chair)
Mark Ashworth
Patrick Henry
Martin Holden
Helen Jordan

Kevin Anderson (KA) and Anna Larkin (AL) from the Diocese and Curia were also in attendance.

Apologies were given by Mark Grafton (MG)

A meeting of the Bishop Thornton Finance Committee took place on 10 April 2018.

A set of accounts for the Parish has been produced for the year ending 31 March 2018. A summarised copy is included below. The opportunity has been taken to clear the accounts of any historical accounting items. After these adjustments, some of which were exceptional items relating to the closure of the school, the various planning applications and associated legal costs, the Parish is reporting a net deficit of *£1,980 for the financial year 2017/18*.

Receipts & Payments Summary

10047 - Bishop Thornton - St Joseph Year ending 31 March 2018

Total Assessable income (Total Offertories, Donations and Social and Rental income)	21,180
Total Non Assessable Income (votives, second collections)	4,848
Total Receipts	26,028
Total Expenditure Liturgical	4,809
Total Expenditure Management and Administration	23,199
Total Payments	28,008
Net Deficit	(1,980)
Net Assets (Cash in bank)	15,836



At the Meeting, Kevin Anderson the Diocesan Property Administrator, gave an update on various land property issues:

Kevin reported that statutory Health and Safety testing has been undertaken. Some minor works are needed and will be completed shortly. It was suggested that the annual "Lenten Spring Clean" be reinstated which would help ensure the upkeep of the Parish grounds.

Colber Lane

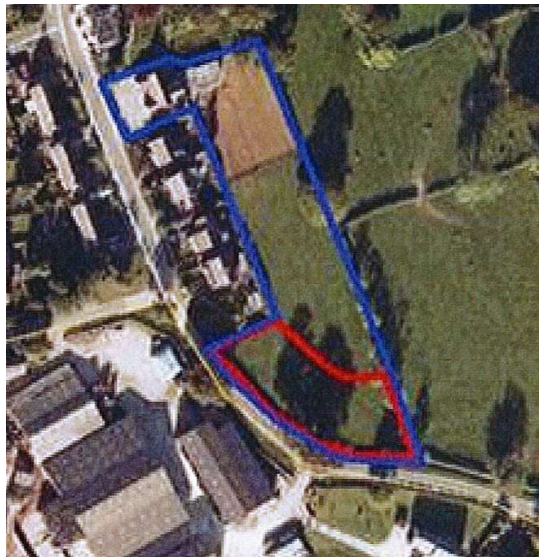
Planning permission has been granted for the piece of Parish land on Colber Lane. The sale of this piece of land has now been agreed and solicitors have been instructed.

Presbytery Land

The sale of a small piece of land in the grounds of the presbytery has been agreed. The revised boundary runs parallel to the gable wall of a neighbouring property. There is an obligation to put a fence at the boundary and a restrictive covenant is placed on the land.

Planning Pre Application

The outcome of a planning pre-application suggests there may be support for a linear development following the line of the road, on land owned by the Parish. This land will be put to the market and offers invited. This is indicated on map below. The land owned by the Parish is shown in blue and the area of the prospective linear development is shown in red.



Former St Joseph's School

Discussions over the last 18 months have confirmed that the Parish cannot afford to keep the former Bishop Thornton School as a Parish facility. It has been agreed to market the school for lease, most likely on a 10 -15 year basis. This approach would relieve the burden of cost to the Parish.

Presbytery

Discussions on the future use of the presbytery continue.