



Our Lady of Loreto
& St Winefride
Catholic Church

Parish Advisory Group (PAG)

Meeting 7

26 November 2023

Summary of notes of discussion, covering major issues.

1. There had been a good response to the two **appeals for volunteers** made in recent newsletters. As a result, the church cleaning team has been strengthened and an IT working party has been formed to advise Julia and Canon John on improving the parish IT infrastructure.
2. Canon John reported that the Bishop's Conference had designated Holywell as a national shrine. Since it featured St Winefride, he proposed that that a **parish pilgrimage** be organised. This was agreed. Canon John would take this forward, and investigate arrangements including overnight accommodation.
3. **The re-introduction of basket collections** during Mass for those who donate cash was discussed. One of the problems with the current system was an increased risk of opportunistic theft by someone wandering into the church. The proposal was agreed.
4. **Several property issues** were discussed at length. One of the main themes was greater accessibility for people with mobility problems. First, the new scheme for the church frontage to replace the present temporary structure: the comments from parishioners were heard, and additional observations made by PAG members. These (fifteen in all) were referred to the property group for consideration. There were no objections from parishioners, and the general reaction was positive. PAG therefore gave its approval for further preparatory work to be undertaken, including applying for planning permission.
5. Again, on the subject of access, there was a discussion about a proposal to install an **accessible WC**. The property group had recommended that the most economical and user-friendly location was in the space now used by the repository. This approach was agreed, and preparatory work authorised.
6. Other issues covered by PAG members included **altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, bible study sessions, music, Christmas Mass arrangements, charitable giving and a possible Lent project**.