**MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held on Tuesday 26 April 2016 at St Joseph’s Church at 7pm**

**Prayer and formation:** A powerful and thought-provoking reading from a book called “Devil”.

**Present:** Peter Hancock, Elizabeth Fisher, Fr Danny McAvoy, Steve Scott, John Cole, Catherine Collery, Mary McNab, David Howes, Bernadette Fisher,

**Apologies:**  Bernard Oneill, Alick Barretto, Shaun Howard

**Matters arising from previous Minutes**:

This meeting was to discuss the proposed building work around the Church. Peter advised that it would be 12 months at the earliest to complete the work planned. A site inspection for the committee to see where the new build would be. It was suggested to ask Alistair, the Architect to do a detailed drawing of the proposed work which can be presented to the parishioners. The new build will have its own boiler system which will include radiators in the existing rooms.

It was suggested that we partition the hall to utilise the use of the hall, this was discussed.

Detailed plans have been received from the Architects, to scale for quotation purposes. A new block to be built with toilet facilities for the enabled, store cupboards. Change of the ladies toilet near the hall into one disabled toilet and wet room.

The flat roofs leaking for many years must be replaced. Refurb of the hall kitchen. Ramp outside the hall doors to enable wheelchairs from church to hall was discussed. Porch area to be modernised, increasing the size of the front doors, wider and higher, especially for the entry of a coffin with pallbearers.

Bracknell regeneration organisers to be approached regarding the paving of the area between the church and shopping centre and request to the Council/Regeneration Team for the paving materials to extend to the church, removing the front garden area to cathedral type steps.

Car park needs repair and resurfacing. We are presently in breach of planning for the ramps and car park spaces/turning area. These issues were discussed.

Alistair at Abracad to be requested to produce a detailed drawing of the work needed which can be presented to the parishioners. Fr Danny suggested hiring a chemical outside disabled toilet, this was discussed and agreed to investigate. It was suggested for Alistair to submit the current plans that we have to the Council for feedback, etc. This was agreed.

Chairman advised we had received an anonymous donation of £5K, which will be allocated to the regeneration of the church. The Committee were advised that the books were signed off for the car park and David to oversee the books.

A summary with Alistair’s proposals to be sent to PPC for feedback. The plan of the new build to be placed in the porch. We have a diocesan surveyor who oversees all the proposals, therefore, proposals to be submitted to him.

**Date of Next Meeting**: last Tuesday of every month – Tuesday 31 May 2016.