

NEW PRESBYTERY PROJECT -2008 onwards

SUMMARY OF PRESENT POSITION/FUTURE ACTIONS óAT JANUARY 2010.

1. Following various discussions with the Architects and Diocesan Authorities a plan incorporating a new presbytery and two adjoining maisonettes and a new parish office and resited garage/storage facility was agreed in Sept/Oct2009 ósubject to the actual cost of building being no more than the architect's projected costings and the revised funding arrangements being confirmed by the Diocese.

2. The latest plans were submitted to Dacorum C.C. for pre-planning approval in November 2009 and approval -in principle- received in Dec 2009. Certain changes are required by DCC to meet their eco and location sensitivities but these are not regarded as unachievable or overly expensive. Certain technical reports are also required but it has been agreed by DCC that these can be delayed until full planning permission is given.

3. Revised plans incorporating the required changes are in hand with the architects and will be discussed with us and then submitted with a formal planning permission request in early Feb 2010.

4. Anticipated timescales for the successful completion of the submission and obtaining formal tenders and budget approvals before work commences are expected to take up to May/June 2010.

5. Temporary arrangements ô Fr John AND the parish office will be relocated at the Dominican Convent in Green End Rd., Boxmoor from mid January 2010. Following an inventory and eventual disposal of old items all other reusables will be placed into free temporary storage locations which have been offered by parishioners/others.

6. Financial ô modest costs have been incurred to date and money transfer arrangements that have been set up between the diocese and parish funding will take place progressively to enable the parish to settle all amounts becoming due during and at completion of the project. The repayment of the additional loan is not expected to start before full completion of the contract in late 2010 or early 2011.
It is expected that the current loan will be paid off by late 2010.

Further update reports will be circulated to the Parish Council and Finance Committee as the project progresses.

Geoff Doyle, Chair, SMJ Parish Council. January 2010.