

# Council Minutes

14<sup>th</sup> July 2006

Present: D. Abbot, D. Francis, D. Vincent, D. RC-F46 and D. Thomas

1. D. Abbot consulted the Council regarding the application of Dom Philip Austen to be dispensed from monastic vows and to be incardinated into the diocese of Plymouth. The Council gave its approval.
2. D. Abbot reported on the position of RC-F41 and David. Although RC-F41 position remained extremely serious he was in good spirits and good progress was being made in building his defence, his legal team seemed as confident as possible under the circumstances. D. David's position was less clear. The Abbot had received comment from a parishioner which indicated that there might well be disquiet at his returning to the monastery so soon. If he were to remain it could only be under stringent conditions and the Council felt that, sadly, it might be necessary for him to live away for a longer period. The Abbot was to discuss this with him
3. The proposal for development of the Annexe site in the Senior School was considered. The plan itself was thought desirable, but questions remained about its affordability and impact on any necessary developments in the monastery e.g. an infirmary (it was pointed out that no. 3 Montpelier might well make a suitable location for this). The Community would benefit from the impartial advice of Amanda Francis on this matter.

2. Dates of future Council meetings:

July 28<sup>th</sup>  
September 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 13<sup>th</sup>  
November 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 15<sup>th</sup>  
January 15<sup>th</sup> 2007  
February 16<sup>th</sup> 2007

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