**Minutes of St Felix Pastoral Advisory Council Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2014**

**Present:** Fr. D Hennessy, D. Richardson, T. Whitley, J. Birchall, D. Birchall, F. Badcock, J. Timmins S. Lappin, E. Utting, Sr. Mavis, A. Poole, B. Lamberton, A. Lamberton, V. Watts, T. Doran, J. Cox, Sr. Mary.

**1. Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Fr. David welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting with a prayer.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

W. Ablard

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes agreed

**4. Matters Arising**

No matters arising

**5. Treasurer's Report**

As of 1st July we had £24,445.08 in bank, this less cheques, 2nd collections and Cafod brings the cash balance total to £20,579.90. Levies were paid in June from the diocesan account with the balance in this account standing at £83,758.53

**6. St Cecilia's**

Decision has been made that the sale of St Cecilia's will go ahead. A few technicalities to sort out then Dave Richardson will handle the sale for the parish. An architect will be employed to draw up outline planning permission and once this has been approved by the council the church will either be sold or go to auction.. Cost of outline planning permission will be approx £4000. The Church was not consecrated so deconsecration is not required. The ashes of Peter and Maureen Newman and Edith Martin are in the garden of the Church side by side. The Newman family has agreed that Maureen's and Peter's memorial stone will be lifted and placed in the garden of St Mary's Church Trimley and the executor's have agreed that Edith Martin's stone will be placed in the memorial garden at St Felix. Doug asked about outline planning permission. Fr David answered that this would not be detailed just obtaining permission that the site is for residential use and houses can be built on it.

**7. Group Reports**

Fabric Alan said that there have been noise problems with the organ, he is currently looking into this to see if there are problems with the electricity voltage and has installed an uninterruptable power supply. Quotes for carpeting the church have been received. Carpet will be placed on all walking areas of the church and will be dark red in colour with fitting hopefully end of July, beginning of August. Doug asked about falling candle wax on the carpet, Fr. answered that this would hopefully be easily removed and carpeting would help with acoustics, Quotes for installing an earth leakage breakage in the church and hall have been received Church sign in garden will now wait for arrival of new priest. The paved surfaces in the memorial garden are to be replaced with a resin stone surface and quotes for this have been received. Cleaning the Stations of the Cross is planned but currently trying to acquire a long ladder. Simon Lappin suggested hiring a scaffolding tower. Lights will also be installed at each station during the cleaning process.

Liturgy nothing to report

Social since the last meeting we served tea and cakes after the Holy Hour, coffee and cakes after the One Mass held on 8th June and served refreshments after First Holy Communion. Up to June the lunch club has raised £580. As in past years, half is for the parish and the other half will be divided between two charities to be chosen at the end of the year. We have a busy time ahead. On 26th July we are holding a Tastes of the Commonwealth Evening. The Summer Lunch is on Sunday 17th August. Last year we decided to support the Macmillan Coffee Morning and our event will take place on 20th September, we realise this is a week early but we had to fit it in with other things. We are holding a social evening on 11th October. In this very special year we are supporting the British Legion by holding a hunger lunch on 7th November. In December we are having the usual party plus grand raffle, not forgetting the monthly lunch clubs.

CWL instead of our usual meeting in June, 16 of us went Ten Pin Bowling at Martlesham, we had a great time and Barbara Lamberton came out on top. Future events: Quiet Day at Wymondham on 12th July and a fundraising event. Strawberries in Di Thomas' garden with a suffragette theme on 14th July.

CAFOD no report

KSC Meg Deveney and Barbara King were made most welcome at the recent provincial meeting. New Grand Knight is Brendan McArdle from Woodbridge. A lunch is planned for August.

Association of Family of Jesus and Mary Our monthly meetings are now held on 4th Monday of each month and attendance has increased slightly. The weather was kind enough to allow us to begin the May meeting outside in the garden and members had an opportunity to choose words/prayers and music on Marian themes, interspersed with decades of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Our annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham took place on Tuesday 10th June and 11 members had a very enjoyable day there. We were welcomed at the Shrine Mass and after lunch some paid a visit to the Anglican shrine. We all met at the parish church of the Annunciation to say the Rosary and then had a magnificent tea with Fr. Michael Simison before coming home. At our June meeting Margaret Bale gave us a very interesting and informative talk about the Felixstowe Listening Service and its work in the community. On Saturday 12th July the Strawberry Tea will take place at the Convent and any profits will go to help the missions of FJM, especially in Maloula in Syria. AFJM meetings will resume on Monday 22nd September.

**8. P.P.'s**  **Notes**

Fr. David said that this will be his last PAC meeting. He thanked everyone sincerely and said how immensely grateful he is for all their support. The Bishop has agreed that Fr. will leave the Parish at the end of August and the new priest will start the 1st weekend of September. He said how sorry he was that Nigel Gorham, Marie Richardson, Alan Deveney and John King, all huge members of the parish had died recently, it is now a period of transition as their era comes to an end but to keep doing what we are doing now so their is continuity and to continue to welcome people with open arms and invitations. Fr has received an Appeal from the diocese: Each year, Fr. Michael Johnston, a retired priest visits the Jamaica Missionaries of the Poor and would like younger people to be involved to add vibrancy to the Mission. Fr. David approached Carl Martin from our parish and he has agreed that next January he will accompany Fr. Michael and nine other people from the diocese. If successful other young people from the parish will visit subsequent years. Flights costing £700 have been booked and in September we will have an appeal in the parish to help recover these costs.

**9. AOB**

No other business

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 1st October at 7.30 pm

Fr. David thanked everyone for coming and ended the meeting with a prayer.