**Minutes of St Felix Pastoral Advisory Council Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2014**

**Present:** Fr. D Hennessy, W. Ablard, D. Richardson, T. Whitley, J. Birchall, D. Birchall, F. Badcock, J. Timmins S. Lappin, E. Utting, D. McGeachie, Sr. Mavis

**1. Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Wilf welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Fr. David opened the meeting with a prayer.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

T. Doran, A. Poole, A. Lamberton

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes agreed and accepted

**4. Matters Arising**

No matters arising

**5. Treasurer's Report**

As of last Wednesday's Finance Meeting the bank balance stood at £20,060, no uncashed cheques but with second collections owing and after last Sunday's collections the amount in the bank will be £22,300

**6. St Cecilia's**

At the Council of Priests Meeting on 21st May it will formally be agreed to dispose of St Cecilia's and it will probably go on the open market. A number of items that may be useful to the parish have been removed but an organ and a number of benches are available. Fr to discuss the disposal of these with the Bishop and to ascertain whether another church requires them and Wilf will ask Jane to contact the Felixstowe Academy to see if they are interested in the organ. Fr. David will arrange for the ashes of the Newman family and Edith Martin to be translated elsewhere.

**7. Group Reports**

Fabric

No report but David Richardson said that the paving in the Memorial Garden will be removed and resin bonded pea-shingle laid which will be all one level. David will get quote for this and for the removal of the old tree trunk and roots.

Liturgy

Holy Hour this Sunday between 3pm-4pm followed by refreshments. One Mass Sunday will be on 8th June at 10am followed by tea and coffee.

Social

Since the last meeting we have had a fairly quiet time. We held an afternoon tea in April and although only 30 people attended, we raised £100 for parish funds and everybody enjoyed the afternoon. We are busy planning for the various events that are coming up and details will appear in the newsletter at the appropriate time.

CWL

At our April meeting Sr. Judith Mary gave us a very interesting talk on the present situation in Lebanon and Syria and the work of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary in Lebanon. April 24th we had our Rota Mass at the Convent and at the end of April several members attended the Branch AGM at Norwich. May meeting we had our Annual WUCWO service followed by a talk by Elizabeth Utting on her recent holiday in Australia.

CAFOD

No report

KSC

No report

Association of Family of Jesus and Mary A Day of Recollection – “Be Still”, led by Magdalen Houlihan (Clare Priory) was held at the Convent on 29 March. The day was very well attended and positive feedback received. The decision to hold future monthly meetings on 4th Monday of each month was confirmed and our Easter Party, with Beetle Drive, was held on Monday, 28 April with lots of limb-less beetles and frantic dice throwing involved. The May meeting will give an opportunity to reflect on Marian themes, with words/prayers and music chosen by members. Our annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Tuesday, 10 June and we have a speaker from the Listening Service, Margaret Bale, for our June meeting on Monday, 23 June. Saturday, 12 July: Strawberry Tea (Convent) will take place between 2.30 and 4.00 pm. AFJM meetings will resume on Monday, 22 September, following the Summer break.

St Felix Marshall Arts Group Dennis McGeachie reported that this new group which meets in the hall is proving very successful. The group recently travelled to Essex, age range from 6 years old to 64 years old and all past and achieved awards. Would like more people to join group so will write a piece for the newsletter and planning to go in to a few schools and beavers' groups to advertise themselves. Currently have enough members to cover rent and costs.

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

Bishop is trying to set up a group to go to Lisieux next April. There was discussion about how to integrate more with the Kerelan families, efforts have been made but still little interaction.

**9. AOB**

Wilf asked about progress with updating the notice-board in the front garden. Fr. David said that Rachel Bischoff is looking into this. David spoke about the noise in the church before the start of Mass from people talking in the entrance and also about the problem of people getting out from Mass at the end. The possibility of having Mass and hymn books at the end of pews for the beginning of Mass and then left at the end of pews at the end of Mass was discussed.

Jenny enquired what was happening with the books in the choir loft. Wilf said that he would bring down a few each Sunday and put on the shelves in the hall. Doug to arrange to get a choir loft key for Wilf.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 2nd July at 7.30 pm**

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