**Minutes of Parish Advisory Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 19th May 2015**

**Present:** Fr. J Barnes, W. Ablard, (Chairman) D. Richardson, (Treasurer) T. Whitley, (Minutes) T. Doran, J. Birchall, D. Birchall, M. Macdonald, B. Macdonald, E. Utting, K. Waring, J. Cox, S. McCallum, B. Lamberton, A. Lamberton, A. Dance, P. Dance, D. Thomas, M.Thomas B. Thomson, F. Badcock, A. Ashby

**Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Wilf welcomed everyone and Fr. John opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Apologies for Absence**

A.Poole, C. Richardson, S.Cox, K. Pinto, B. Pinto, R. Bischoff,

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes were agreed

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**1. Update on the works proposed for the Sanctuary and the Memorial Garden**

Sanctuary - Phase 1 is the making of the stone plinth for the tabernacle to stand on, the paving of the altar step beneath it and the taking apart of the old stone pulpit in the garden with the four evangelists on to be used for a new stone lectern. Architect drawings have been received and specifications sent to three stonemasons for quotes.

Memorial Garden - Work has commenced. Fr. John showed the plan to those present and said that that it had also been on the notice board in the porch for the past three weeks with only positive comments received. Work should be complete by the end of the month.

**2. Plans for the Forty Hour Devotion in October**

Between September 2014 and October 2015 a crucifix will be making its way around each church in the diocese and each church upon its arrival will have a 40 hour devotion. A card with the programme of where the 40 hours of devotion is taking place has been printed but St Felix has been omitted by mistake. The Bishop has offered to reprint all the cards but Fr. John said no. The crucifix will arrive in St Felix on Saturday 3rd October, it will be welcomed at each of the Sunday Masses on 4th October and then the 40 hours of prayer for the new evangelisation will run from the Monday to the Friday. Each parish can decide how to break down the 40 hours into sections. Fr. John proposed five eight hour shifts from Monday through to Friday. After discussion it was decided that on Thursday the crucifix would be at the Convent chapel, that on Monday and Wednesday devotion would commence after morning Mass and therefore run from 1030am to 6.30pm and on Tuesday and Friday it would run until 9.00pm to allow for working people to participate. Devotion will finish with Benediction at the end of each day. Fr. John said a list will be posted on the notice board prior to the 40 hour Devotion for people to select time slots, this will ensure we have someone present for the full period each day.

**3. Our keeping of Corpus Christi: should there be a procession?**

It was decided that with the 40 hour devotion taking place in October that an all night vigil before Corpus Christi was not appropriate also with it being First Holy Communion Sunday. There was discussion about having a procession around the block or processing from St Felix to the Convent but it was decided to leave it for this year and consider it for Corpus Christi next year.

**4. Should there be a Parish Outing to Oxburgh Hall in the Summer, with Mass in the Chapel and a picnic? If so, when?**

Lady Bedingfeld has invited the Parish to Oxburgh Hall and it was agreed to take up on the offer. To allow working people to attend it was agreed it should be on a Saturday. The 8th and 22nd August were discussed, Fr. John said he would check how these two dates fitted in with Lady Bedingfield.

**5. The New Evangelisation: what further initiatives should be taken in teaching the Faith in the Parish?**

David Richardson suggested that the parish should arrange something where parishioners who can not get to church themselves are collected and brought to church by those with transport. It was agreed to have a notice in the newsletter. Monica said she would look through the senior parishioners Christmas dinner list to see those who requested lifts to that and Fiona said that the notice for the bulletin should ask parishioners if they know of anyone who does not attend because they can't get there.

Brian said that there are a number of evangelisation strategies on the internet, www.todaysparish.com has lots of practical ideas and information about how to get evangelisation going. Angela said that the CWL run 'Our Ladies Catechists' a catholicism made simple course which is very good and has tutors to support you through it. Angela will write a paragraph for the newsletter. There is a link to the course on the CWL website.

Mike Thomas suggested putting a notice up at the monthly lunch club with information on what is going on in the parish. Jenny said about 15 of the regular attendees are not members of the parish. It was agreed that copies of the newsletter would be available at the lunches.

**6. Any other Business** Angela Ashby raised the issue of the website being out of date. Wilf said that the domain name is now out of date so he may be able to access it to freeze the website. In the longer term Fr. John agreed to find out if there is a communications officer in the diocese and find out how other parishes manage their websites.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21st July at 7.30 pm

Any suggestions for agenda items can be put through the Presbytery letter box. Progress on the Parish Website will be an agenda item.

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