**Minutes of Parish Advisory Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 21st July 2015**

**Present:** Fr. J Barnes, W. Ablard, (Chairman) D. Richardson, (Treasurer) T. Whitley, (Minutes) J Birchall, D. Birchall, C. Richardson, S. McCallum, A. poole, T. Doran,  H. Dossor, A. Dance, P. Dance, M. Macdonald, B. Macdonald,  D. McGeachie,  M.Thomas, B. Lamberton, A. Lamberton, E. Utting, R. Bischoff, T. Brazier

**Opening Prayer and Welcome**

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

**Apologies for Absence**

M. Butler, Sr. Mavis

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes were agreed

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

No Matters arising

**Sanctuary Update**

Fr. John showed a sketch he had drawn of what is proposed for the sanctuary. The tabernacle is to be moved to the centre of the east wall with a stone plinth made for the tabernacle to stand on. The President's chair will have to be moved from its current position. It is also desirable that the altar should be moved back 3 or 4 feet to give more space on the chancel and as a consequence of this the existing legs of the altar which are constructed of concrete and gravel should be replaced with stone to match the plinth which the tabernacle will stand on. It is proposed that the chancel tiles should be replaced with unglazed red tiles, fitting for when the church was built. The lectern too will be replaced to give it the same dignity as the altar and will be erected using the remains of the stone pulpit in the memorial garden. Three stonemason companies have been contacted and quotes received. Hoggs of Colne Weston, a highly respected stonemasons have replied with a quote of £13000 to undertake all the work. Approval will need to be granted from the diocesan financial committee and liturgical committee who next meet on 5th November.

Doug asked about the wall behind the tabernacle. Fr. John said that he would like something splendid such as a wall hanging or a piece of stencilling to be the background, but no definite plans at the moment.

**Plans for the next few months** August 2nd - Teddy's Bears Picnic for young families in the garden ,invitations sent out to those baptised in last four years. August 8th - Oxburgh Hall parish outing 33 seat coach is fully booked. August 23rd - Barbecue for Confirmation candidates and teenagers in the presbytery garden. 2nd, 3rd October - end of 1st year of new evangelisation and beginning of 2nd year. In Norwich there will be a torchlight procession on Friday and all night vigil with a diocesan Mass at 11am on Saturday at the cathedral. Fr. John will advertise it in the newsletter but there will not be a coach going from the parish. Catherine and David Richardson have 2 spaces available in their car if anyone would like to go. 4th October - 40 hour devotion starts at St Felix.

**Holy Year**  Year of Mercy from 8th December 2015 through to Christ the King 2016. The Pope has published a short book titled 'Face of Mercy' writing about the Christian year of mercy. Fr. John proposed that in November some house groups are formed to study and discuss the publication. More information will be given in the newsletter and at Mass. A longer book has been published titled 'Laudato Si'. Fr will ask Diana Thomas to order some copies for the repository.

**Website** Wilf has been working on this but further work required. Update at next meeting.

**New Evangelisation** Wilf spoke about a New Evangelisation Day he attended in Norwich at the end of June. He spoke about how teaching can be made a part of every day parish events such as 'breaking the silence' where at coffee after church we could try and bring up points about the Sunday's reading or at Baptisms there could be some form of teaching about the church in order to demystify the Catholic faith. Wilf has left a book titled 'Forming Intentional Disciples' by Sherry Weddell on the bookshelf in the hall to be borrowed by anyone interested.

**Any Other Business** Tom Brazier said that there will be a Knights of St Columba Quiz on 3rd October at St Mary's Church, Ipswich.

Dennis McGeachie spoke about the Marshall Arts Club and their recent success.

Ann Dance asked about St Cecilias. David Richardson replied that the council are still insisting that it initially be marketed for community use. It is currently with Fenn Wright estate agents who are dealing with the council. If it is initially sold for community use but then later sold for housing we would receive the difference in value.

World Youth Day, Krakov Poland 2016 - Fr. John will speak to the youth at the Barbecue on 23rd August

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

After a show of hands it was decided to move to quarterly meetings with the next meeing taking place onTuesday 20th October at 7.30 pm

Please get in touch with Fr. John with suggestions for agenda items.

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