

St Andrew's Church

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2019, 7.30 p.m. in the Church Vestry

Present: Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths, Patience Wilson, Paul Edwards, Frances Cansfield, Andrea Edwards, Dinos Kousoulou, Rex Bourne, Rob Barwood-Symmons, Adele Barwood-Symmons, Emma Oppong-Addai, Ruth Mackay, Damian Browne, John Tanner, Richard Berndes, Paul David, Tony Leach.

1. Opening Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Apologies for absence received from: Catherine Holton, Claire Reilly, Illy Duce, Claudia De Rienzo, Laura Bruce.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held on 12th March 2019, 13th April 2019 and 14th May 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 12th March, 13th April and 14th May 2019 were approved.

4. Matters Arising and Actions and Decisions.

4.1 The meeting noted that 9 CCTV cameras are to be installed around the Church and that Enfield Council are paying for the installation.

4.2 The Youth Church initiative was being suspended as it was not delivering the intended outcomes.

5. Church Toilets. Rev Steve Griffiths reported that the proposal to install toilets in the vestry had been approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee and permission is now being sought to commence work in September. The Connie Eagles Fund has donated £25,000 towards the costs.

6. Restoration Project. We noted that a business plan is being prepared for the PCC to consider. Various Professionals have been invited to make proposals on specific elements of the work and costs are being explored. It is hoped that a document will be made available for the PCC to consider by the end of the year with a detailed plan produced in 2020. It was confirmed that once the PCC had approved the outline plan a small working group would be set up to manage the project.

Action: Rev Steve Griffiths.

7. Finance Report and Budget. The PCC received an adjusted budget that reflected activity for the first 6 months of the Church's Financial Year. Rev Steve Griffiths stated that the Parish Centre Flat had been let but the Tenant was having difficulty meeting agreed payments. It is hoped that this will be resolved in early August but if not action will be taken to regain possession of the flat. It was noted that an annual significant donation has yet to be made although this was expected. This has led to an under achievement of income. It was also confirmed that the car park is working to capacity at the moment.

Action: Rev Steve Griffiths.

8. Common Fund Contribution 2020. The meeting noted that the PCC is currently paying £60,000.00 towards the Common Fund assessment of over £80,000.00. The PCC agreed last year that as a result of the difficult financial situation of the Church and the known levels

of investment needed in the short to medium term it could not pay the full assessed Common Fund Contribution although it wanted to be in a position to pay the full amount. Following a discussion the PCC concluded that the current financial position had not changed although this might be different in the future.

It was proposed by John Tanner and seconded by Rex Bourne that the PCC would agree to pay £60,000.00 towards the Common Fund in 2020 and move towards paying the full assessment over a period of time.

The proposal was agreed unanimously by the PCC.

9. Deanery Synod Report

Andrea Edwards presented the report from the last Deanery Synod meeting. The meeting noted the report and thanked Andrea and Tony for representing the Church.

10. Training Welcoming Group. It was proposed that a 5 week course should be set up led by Catherine Holton to ensure that we improve the way people are welcomed into the Church. All Sidespeople are to be invited and other members of the congregation who would be encouraged to come forward to assist in this work. The course will commence on 17th September.

11. Bible Study- Alpha Course. Rev Steve Griffiths stated that it was his intention to start an Alpha Course in September that would last for 12 weeks on Wednesday evenings with a Youth alpha Course run on a Thursday Evening.

12. Bible Study – Going Deeper. The meeting noted that it was planned to re launch this program in the Autumn.

13. Safeguarding Policy. The Safeguarding Policy for the Church is published on the website and reflects the policy of the Dioceses. The PCC needs formally adopt the policy on an annual basis.

It was proposed by Patience Wilson and seconded by Ruth Mackay that the PCC formally adopts the Safeguarding Policy.

The PCC agreed the proposal unanimously.

14. Election of a Church Representative to the Old Enfield Charitable Trust.

John Tanner declared an interest in this item as he is currently a Trustee of the Trust representing St Andrew's. John gave a brief history of the Trust and explained the Trust's current activity. St Andrew's has two representatives on the Trust. Sue Woollard's term of office has come to an end and the PCC needs to elect a representative. Sue Woollard would like to continue as a Trustee and Rex Bourne has also indicated a wish to serve as a representative of St Andrew's for the next 3 years. Both have produced submissions for the PCC to consider.

The PCC considered both Submissions and it was agreed to put the matter to a vote.

The result of the vote was as follows:

Rex Bourne 7 votes, Sue Woollard 2 votes, Abstentions 4. Rex Bourne was elected as the St Andrew's representative for the next 3 years.

15. AOB. There were no items of AOB.

Dates of future meetings.

10th September 2019

14th November 2019

16th January 2020

11th March 2020.