

# PARISH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held  
on Tuesday 3rd July 2013  
at 8 p.m. in Room 2 of the Parish Centre

**Present:** Revd. Michael Edge, Revd. Olive Cope, Mr Richard Berndes, Mr Rex Bourne, Mrs Ruth Collop, Mr David Hastings, Mr Bob Hollingsworth, Dr Kate Holmes, Mr Barrie Lane, Mrs Diana Lane, Miss Stephanie Lane, Miss Gill Owen, Mrs Jacky Parnell, Mrs Claire Reilly, Mr Jeremy Taylor, Mr Mark Thebridge and Mrs Victoria Wiggins. Mr John Tanner (Secretary).

*Sarah Hargreaves*

### 1. Opening Prayer

- 1.1. The Revd. Michael Edge opened the meeting and the Revd. Olive Cope read the story of the Apostle Thomas, remembered by the Church on this day.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

- 2.1. Apologies for absence were received from: ~~Ms Sarah Hargreaves~~, and for lateness from Stephanie Lane and Rex Bourne.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- 3.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2013 were approved.

### 4. Matters Arising

- 4.1. The Revd. Michael Edge reported on a response to his letters to the Old Enfield Charitable Trust on the opening of a Sunday Market. This will be discussed by the Trustees at their next meeting on 30 July and the Trust Administrator will make raise the points made to the Trustees.
- 4.2. It was noted that the previous meeting's report from the Director of Music highlighted the need for more female members of the choir.

### 5. Reports from Organisations

- 5.1. The report from the Sunday Clubs was noted.
- 5.2. The report from the Youth Group was noted. It was noted that there would be no leaders after the summer and children would be held for a further year in the Sunday Club.

### 6. Consideration and Review of the Mission Action Plan

- 6.1. The Mission Action Plan was tabled and subject to a line item review. The revised text is appended to these minutes.



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### 7. Common Fund

- 7.1. The Finance Committee are to consider a recommendation, which is likely to be a 1% increase on the amount paid previously, against a demand for a 4-5% increase. This will then come back to the PCC.

### 8. Organ Restoration Fund

- 8.1. It was noted that a number of people have redeemed standing orders and paid in a lump sum. This will improve cash flow, which will be an issue going forward.
- 8.2. The contract for the restoration has been signed but no date has been agreed, although it is likely to be in the second half of 2014.

### 9. Interregnum

- 9.1. The Revd. Michael Edge noted that the Church wardens had met with the Bishop to go through the process. Mr Jeremy Taylor said that work could now begin on compiling the Parish Profile between July and September.
- 9.2. The Revd. Michael Edge said that there was no question in his mind that he would not be replaced, given the size and nature of the parish. He had reported to the Church Wardens on the steps he had taken to ensure a smooth transition.

### 10. Any Other Business

- 10.1. Mr David Hastings reported on the meeting of the Deanery Synod of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013, preceded by summer drinks. The main event was a presentation on youth ministry by the Revd. Michael Tufnell. Church attendance was growing in London and at a higher than average level amongst the under-16s. A number of methods used successfully to promote the Gospel, through schools and other means of outreach. The Revd. Michael Edge noted the growing number of links with local schools which the Church has.
- 10.2. The Revd. Michael Edge and Mr Barrie Lane reported on an initiative to develop links between the Local Authority and local churches which would be followed up
- 10.3. Mr Barrie Lane asked and the Revd. Michael Edge confirmed that there was no progress on the legacy.
- 10.4. The Revd. Michael Edge raised the fact that the terms of office of two PCC nominated governors at St Andrews Primary School would shortly come to an end. The PCC thanked Mr Rex Bourne and Ms Gill Owen for their efforts. After nomination by Mr Jeremy Taylor and seconding by Mrs Diana Lane they were reappointed.
- 10.5. The Revd. Michael Edge reported that the parish of St. Michael and All Angels as now out of suspension and the new vicar inducted.
- 10.6. The Revd. Olive Cope raised the requirement of the London Borough of Enfield to have independent persons who would support the duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct among councillors and co-opted members.



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- 10.7. The Revd. Michael Edge reported that following the re-introduction of prayers by the new Mayor of Enfield for Council meetings he was delighted to be the first person leading prayers.

### 11. Talk By Mr Bob Hollingsworth

- 11.1. Mr Bob Hollingsworth talked on the recent horsemeat scandal, which had prompted him to think about how the industrial food supply chain operated. He reflected on the way brands might apply standards and regulations. It was characteristic that retailers blamed others in the supply chain.
- 11.2. It was hard to identify the standards and regulations now in place and the potential for retailers and others to exploit loopholes which remained. Reviewing all of those affected by the scandal there was only one major retailer which had not been involved or implicated: McDonalds. He had researched what they did to maintain standards and internal controls. He outlined: the scale of the operation; the levels of training investment; control over franchisees; the nature of the product and the production process; the levels and nature of central monitoring on franchisee practices; engagement with the RSPCA; clarity and control over sourcing and supply chain; sourcing from within the UK only; training of suppliers; investment in farming; support for Ronald McDonald housing, supporting 6,000 families a year; and support for grass-roots football, community litter patrols.
- 11.3. The PCC thanked him for his talk and the Smurfs.

### 12. Date of Next Meeting

- 12.1. The next regular Meeting is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Members are also reminded of the Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013.