

St Andrew's Church
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2022 via Zoom

Present: Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths, Paul Edwards, Adele Barward-Symmons, Barry Snelgrove, Dinos Kousoulou, Claire Reilly, Rob Barwood-Symmons, Emma Oppong-Addai, John Tanner, Paul David, Tony Leach, Laura Bruce, Lowri Banfield, Tracey Jenkins, Alison Paing, Sue Saull and Louise Sear

1. Opening Prayer

1.1. The Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths opened the meeting with prayers.

2. Apologies for absence received from: Illy Duce, Ruth Mackay, Richard Berndes and Lekish Atkinson.

3. Declarations of Interests. John Tanner declared his employment connection to the Lottery.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on December 9th 2021

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by those members who were in attendance and will be signed at an appropriate time.

5. Matters Arising and Actions and Decisions.

There were no matters arising.

6. Safeguarding Issues. Tracy reported that no issues had been reported to her. A meeting has been arranged on March 9th to progress DBS checks.

Action: Steve, Tracy and Dinos

7. Finance Matters.

7.1. 2022 Budgets. Laura Bruce presented the draft 2022 budget. It was confirmed that there were sufficient sums in the MABS account to cover the running costs for TFG for approximately 2 years. After this period the PCC will need to determine how to fund TFG activity.

It was agreed that the Salaries budget should be increased to ensure funds would be available if any additional support is needed by Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths. Laura Bruce confirmed the increase in the fuel budget was to account for the increased costs that will commence in April.

The PCC voted unanimously to adopt the 2022 Budget.

7.2 Accounts for 2022. The accounts to date were presented and it was noted that these were for the first quarter ending 31st March. There were no issues of concern that needed to be noted.

Laura Bruce was thanked for all her work in preparing the budget for 2022.

8. Living in Love and Faith. Barry updated the PCC on the progress being made by the Steering Group. The Steering Group has almost completed its work and it was anticipated that one further meeting would enable the training package to be completed

and a response to be drafted to the Diocese. A full report and recommendation would be presented to a future PCC meeting.

Action: Barry.

9. Pastoral Care. This item was deferred to the next meeting as Ruth_Mackay was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health.

10. Restoration Steering Group.

Dinos Kousoulou presented the 2 reports prepared by Rev Dr. Steve Griffiths.

- 10.1 Update. The work undertaken by the Steering Group was noted, particularly the work with the Architects, Fund Raiser, National Lottery Heritage Fund and the work on Community Engagement. The research on the monuments in the Church is continuing.

- 10.2 NLHF Expression of Interest. The draft submission was presented to the PCC who recognised the difficulty in framing the intended work in 800 words. Barry Snelgrove expressed the view that the proposed engagement with schools through the project should be emphasised. This was supported by various other PCC members and it was agreed to adjust the submission to highlight this.

It was agreed that subject to this change, the Expression of Interest should be submitted to the NLHF.

11. Vicar's Report

Steve presented his report and highlighted the achievements in progressing the Mission Action Plan. The challenges that all church communities are facing was acknowledged. The need to rebuild the pool of volunteers is a key priority for the immediate future, particularly in relation to PCC membership and the appointment of Wardens. The issue of sharing the Chalice was discussed and the unsatisfactory position in which this has left Rev Dr. Steve Griffiths, was noted by the PCC. A shared Chalice will be included in services from Easter.

12. OLD Enfield Charitable Trust (OECT) PCC nomination. John Tanner and Paul Edwards left the meeting for this item.

Rev Dr. Steve Griffiths updated the PCC on the process for nominating 2 representatives to the OECT. He had informed The Trust that going forward the selection of the 2 Trustees will rest with the PCC and would be for a term of 4 years. It was noted that John Tanner's term of office had come to an end and that Rex Bourne's term would also end in July. This gave the PCC an opportunity to elect both John Tanner and Paul Edwards as the 2 people who had expressed an interest to serve as Trustees.

The paper prepared By Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths was discussed and it was agreed that subject to adding "that anyone who expresses an interest in standing as a trustee for the OECT should submit a paper outlining their skills, experience and other qualifications for the position.

It was proposed by Barry Snelgrove and seconded by Lowri Banfield that the framework for the appointment of Trustees as amended be approved by the PCC.

This was agreed unanimously.

The closing prayer was led by Rev Steve Griffiths.

Date of next meeting. 4th April 2022 at 7.45

Dinos Kousoulou. PCC Secretary.