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**Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on
Monday 4th June 2018, 7.15pm in the Reid Room**

14 PCC members were present at the meeting

1. Worship

The PCC read Psalm 4 together. Graeme said that David trusts in the Lord in this psalm and knows that he has been chosen by God to fulfil his purposes. He stands in awe in presence of God. We need to keep our eyes fixed on God and his kingdom will be our focus. The Holy Spirit reminds us of our weaknesses and failures in order to lead us into right relationship with God.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Tony Hutchings and Allison Ward. In Tony's absence, Graeme Malyon took the chair

3. Minutes of the meeting of 23rd April

There were no amendments. It was proposed by Sue Bell and seconded by Anya Heywood that the minutes were accepted as true record of the meeting of 23rd April 2018, all in favour.

4. Matters arising:

a) North Aisle Roof Repairs

Graeme Malyon proposed that **'The PCC approve the appointment of Neil Sweeting as the contractor to repair the north aisle roof, and instruct the churchwardens to submit grant applications to appropriate funding bodies to offset the full cost of repairs. The project, inclusive of professional fees, is to be funded by any successful grant applications, with the remainder from the proceeds of the sale of 64 Queens Road'**, seconded by Sheila Barker, all in favour.

The slate will be delivered in 4-6 weeks from ordering, but it was suggested that it was better for the work to take place in September, after the school holidays.

b) Youth for Christ

Youth for Christ are planning to set up a resource team in Middlesbrough: 3 or 4 people in a team to support several churches, who can't afford their own worker. The Middlesbrough resource team is to be linked to BiG KIDS and the development of their work, particularly in TS3. One of our two workers would be more of a youth worker for St Barnabas, involved in planning and running 1st Fridays, Pathfinders and other events. The other St Barnabas would gift to the resource team, though still based at St Barnabas and probably here on a Sunday. The application for two workers is in. There has been a slight increase in the cost, but the treasurer has approved the increase from the budgeted figure.

c) Feast of Fun

Barbara Edwards reported that plans were underway for Feast of Fun in August: 1st Friday as usual at St Barnabas, 3 Friday mornings at Ayresome School on 10, 17th and 24th, and then a final celebration event at St Barnabas on 31st August, organized by BiG KIDS. We are looking for volunteers, both for our events and those of other churches, who are short of people.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Chair's Remarks

Graeme reminded the PCC that we are now 4 months into the vacancy. The daily life of the church has continued, because various people are doing more. We need to encourage each other and appreciate the gifts God has given so many in the church. He commended the Encounter Day on 23rd June, encouraging the PCC to attend and encourage others to do so. We hope that God will use this day to speak to us as individuals and as a church and we should come expectantly.

7. Vacancy Process

There had been only one suitable applicant, who will be considered with any applicants from the new advert. The Bishop and Archdeacon had received feedback that we needed to sell ourselves and Middlesbrough more, so the wardens had made some changes to the parish profile. The new closing date is 9th July, with interviews on 19th July

8. Safeguarding

PCC members were asked to read the safeguarding and policy and sign to confirm that they had done so.

9. Facilities Management Group report

This was circulated and a copy is attached to the minutes in the PCC file.

10. Finance Sub-committee

It was felt that there should be at least one member of the PCC, in addition to the wardens, on the finance sub-committee. Anya Heywood was asked to be a member and requested time to consider. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

11. Mission Action Plan

Becky Selmer presented the mission action plan, which the ministry leaders had produced. A presentation was circulated and a copy is attached to the minutes. Sue Bell proposed a vote of thanks to the ministry leaders for all the work they had done. Becky proposed that **'the ministry leaders' action plan should be accepted by the PCC as the 2018 programme'**, seconded by Kate Morris, 13 in favour, 1 abstention.

12. Diocesan strategy for reaching 20s – 40s

Kate gave a presentation about the diocesan strategy.

The Diocese of York has set 3 goals:

1. Reaching those we currently don't
2. Move to growth
3. Establish sustainable finances

Strategic Development Funding from the Church Commissioners is no longer given automatically to all dioceses, but will go where it has a chance of being successful for growth. There are two streams of funding: one going to people in poverty and the other reaching those in their 20s – 40s.

The working party on reaching 20s – 40s is chaired by Archdeacon Andy Broom and has been consulting, doing detailed implementation planning and looking at recruitment for new roles. A stage one application has been submitted:

- 13 new posts focused on places with a high number of 20s – 40s, who will grow new worshipping communities;
- a start-up fund to help churches create part-time roles to provide resources to begin new projects, all focussed on reaching and discipling 20s – 40s
- web-based toolbox of resources
- using experience of St Michael le Belfrey to create new worshipping communities
- events to encourage each other

The Diocese has applied for a substantial grant from the Church Commissioners to fund the 13 posts and the start up fund. Kate asked the PCC to pray for the outcome. The Church Commissioners asked the Diocese to include more inner city and deprived areas, areas of relative deprivation as well as potential for growth, so the bid has been made for St Thomas, Brambles Farm and Marton, with the new housing in Coulby Newham.

How does this affect St Barnabas?

There will be stage 2 applications by November 2018 and with our links with the university, the Ayresome area of the parish, the 20s – 40s we already have, we may be a good candidate to have one of the posts. The challenge must be to the whole church to own this vision and be prepared for change. None of this is definite and we are unable to do much about it in the vacancy. We can think and pray about it and begin discussions.

13. Any other notified business

Sam Tyndall outlined the proposed work with children on Sunday mornings in the summer holidays at 11.15. It is important that Sunday School leaders get a rest in the summer, so others will run these activities. There will be some kind of service at 6.30 during August, but probably in a different style from usual.

14. Prayer

The meeting ended with prayer.

Date of next meeting

2nd July 2018

Chairman.....

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