

## St Barnabas Church Linthorpe

### Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 7.15pm in the Reid Room

14 Members were present at the meeting.

#### 1.Worship

We read John 15 v1-8 together. Erik stated that John reminds us to keep Christ at the centre of all that we do. Vision and strategy are important but unless this has the heartbeat of God in it, it is futile. As a new PCC our focus should remain in the name of Jesus Christ.

The PCC spent time in prayer.

#### 2.Election of PCC secretary.

As there were no other nominations Mel Downs agreed to continue as secretary for the coming year.

#### 3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Graeme Malyon, Sam Tyndall, Naomi Smith and Barbara Edwards.

#### 4. Minutes of the meeting of 6th March 2017

Amendments were made to item 9 – to omit the country named and item 11 to replace DRB with DBS.

Erik proposed that the minutes with these amendments were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017, seconded by Ewan Steele, 9 in favour and 4 abstentions.

#### 5. Matters arising

**a) Linden Grove.** A tenant from within the church congregation has been identified for occupancy.

Alistair proposed that the PCC accept the tenancy for Linden Grove and the paper work will be arranged as soon as possible as the tenants are ready to move in.

This was seconded by Anya Heywood and 11 were in favour with one abstention.

**b) Community Garden.**

Alistair will be meeting with the council this coming week to discuss the plans.

The new PCC members asked if they could have details of the proposal. **ACTION: Mel and Sam**

#### 6.Correspondence

Marion Wardall has left the church a monetary legacy.

Alistair has received a declaration of compliance of the new pension rules for church employees.

## 7. Vicar's remarks

Erik read out a newspaper cutting which suggested that an army of elderly people are keeping the church in the UK going suggesting that the church as we know it will die out eventually.

He did not agree that the church would die out for the reason the reporter had stated but it was well recognised that there are many elderly people who do a wonderful job in their twilight years.

Erik wanted to formally thank the army of St Barnabas people of all ages who keep our church going and especially the elderly. Welcome Break on Mondays in the church is a particular example.

Erik reminded the PCC of the event on May 6<sup>th</sup> – Encountering God afresh. He hoped that it would be well supported as it would be a time for the whole church to draw close to Jesus.

Members asked that the reply slips could be made more visible to the congregation and Erik agreed to advertise it in the services next week.

**ACTION: Erik**

## 8. Election of PCC officers

**a) Treasurer:** Phil Edwards had been nominated and as the only candidate the PCC accepted him as the new treasurer.

Erik proposed that Hugo Pollak was removed from the list of bank signatories to sign cheques and authorise internet transfers and replaced by Phil Edwards. This was seconded by Allison Ward and all were unanimous.

Those remaining on the list are Erik, Alistair and Graeme.

**b) Electoral roll officer-** Barbara Edwards will remain in office.

**c) Deputy Churchwardens:**

The list of 17 is unchanged from 2016. Tony Hutchings/ Elaine Cowley to share duties. Peter Wallace, Chris McGregor, Keith Barker, Paul Gosnay, Val Hill, David Atkin, Ruth Ritchie, Sue Bell, Bill McGregor, Briony Watkinson, Peter Weeds, Gail Roberts, Stuart Gunn, Allison Ward and Nigel Fletcher.

**d) PCC Vice-chairperson.** Alistair to remain.

**e) Gift Aid secretary:** Val Hill to remain.

## 9. Election of PCC Sub-committees.

**a) Standing Committee:** remains as incumbent, church wardens, treasurer and PCC Secretary.

**b) Facilities Management Group:** Sheila Barker has asked to stand down. Ewan Steele was accepted to stand. Erik and Phil are ex-officio.

The group will consist of Alistair, Graeme, Doreen Lynas, Keith Barker, Nigel Fletcher, Peter Wallace, Bill McGregor, Kate Morris, AV representative and Ewan Steele.

**c) Finance Sub-committee:** Janet Hobson and Neill Burgess are no longer members. Phil will join as treasurer. Tessa Stephens was accepted to join. Erik will ask a proposed member of the congregation and ask Hugo to remain. **ACTION: Erik**

The group consists of – Erik, Alistair, Graeme, Phil, Hugo, Stuart Gunn, Richard Jones and Tessa Stephens.

**d) Mission sub-committee:** Ann Watson was accepted to join. Erik will ask a proposed member of the congregation to join. **ACTION: Erik**

The group consists of- Val Hill, Erik, Hugo, Phil, Glynis Hill, Sheila Barker, Gill Webster, Naomi Smith and Ann Watson.

### **10 . Facilities Management Committee report (circulated)**

Alistair presented the report. Copies were circulated at the meeting and are kept on file.

Discussion was lead about the proposal for a new notice board to be purchased to stand outside the church and one to be repaired.

Erik proposed that the PCC agreed for a faculty to be applied for to replace the exciting noticeboard with one of similar proportion to be used solely to advertise church activities. This was seconded by Alistair and all were in favour.

### **11. Proposed dates for PCC meetings 2017/18**

5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March and APCM 26/3/18. PCC members are asked if possible to keep Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> January free in case of need.

Nigel suggested that the PCC were given an explanation of the process and timing for a new incumbent. It was agreed that this should be a standing item on the agenda.

Erik will ask the Archdeacon Sam Rushton to join the PCC as soon as she is available. **ACTION: Erik**

### **12 AOB.**

Allison reminded PCC members to read the safeguarding policy that had been circulated by email. Any questions should be emailed to her and copied to all members. The PCC will then ratify the policy for the next year. **ACTION: Mel and Barbara**

### **13. Prayer and the saying of the Grace.**

The meeting ended at 9.05pm