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Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Monday 5th February 2018 at 7.15pm in the Reid Room

17 Members were present at the meeting.

1. Worship

Colossians Chapter 3 v12-17 was read together. Erik led us through the passage instructing us that there is an emphasis of peace. We are not to pretend that everything is fine all of the time but it is important that peace is sought. God is given the glory no matter what we do. We are to do all things in love as love speaks the truth. We are to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and be thankful.

The PCC spent time in prayer.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Jonathan Shippey.

3. Minutes of the meetings of 8th January 2018

There were no amendments. Erik proposed that the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 8th January 2018. This was seconded by Alistair Bolton, 14 were in favour and there was 1 abstention.

4. Matters arising

a) North aisle Roof repairs. Graeme Malyon clarified that the Diocesan Advisory Committee has stated that the roof is to be returned to its original state. Grants would be available to bid for. Becky Selmer stated that she and her husband George have expertise in writing bid applications and would be willing to help.

Erik proposed that the PCC agreed that the architect should obtain quotations on the cost of repairs and to provide advice on sources of non-lottery funded grants. This was seconded by Ewan Steele and all were in favour.

b) Parish profile. Alistair informed the PCC that this was near completion. It is waiting on the final wording and photographs.

c) Safeguarding. Barbara Edwards reminded all PCC members to sign that they have read the current Safeguarding Policy for St Barnabas Church Linthorpe. Allison informed members that there is to be a C2 safeguarding training course in Kirkby in Cleveland on 24th February 2018 from 10am -1pm.

5. Correspondence

A letter from the local Credit Union was received requesting the PCC's permission to return to the church hall for their meetings.

Erik proposed that the PCC agreed to this request subject to approval by the Facilities Management Group and the hall manager Peter Wallace. This was seconded by Richard Jones and all were in favour.

Kate Morris had sent a letter informing the PCC that the Garfield Western Foundation has grants available for church projects. It is possible that a grant could be obtained for the alterations to the church toilets.

ACTION. Facilities Management Group

6. Vicar's remarks

As this was Erik's final PCC meeting he expressed his immense gratitude and thankfulness to the PCC and Church wardens over the 19 years of being Vicar at St Barnabas Church. He stated that it had been a real privilege to work with everyone and he reminisced about various projects that he had overseen. One particular time was when the proposed Nave re-ordering seemed such a huge project and yet after silent prayer in the PCC meeting the 'fog' cleared and the project was launched. The money required was raised within 2 weeks from voluntary giving.

7. Facilities Management Group (FMG) report (circulated)

Alistair presented the report showing how the budget of £40,000 is to be spent in 2018.

Mel Downs asked if the PCC had any obligation to maintain the vicarage once it is vacant and Alistair replied that we are to keep the garden in good condition.

8. Preliminary arrangements for the APCM

Erik reminded the PCC that at last year's APCM it was agreed to rescind Alistair's 6 year limit as church warden and for him to extend it for a further year. This would be subject to review at the next APCM. There were three reasons for this;

- 1) to work out his plan for the 125th church anniversary celebrations
- 2) to help and support Graeme who had only recently become church warden
- 3) to initiate the work on the appointment of the new incumbent

Now that those reasons have been fulfilled the APCM is to review the matter.

After discussion Erik proposed that the PCC should ask the Archdeacon or the Area Dean about the possibility of one of them chairing the APCM meeting in March 2018. This would be finally decided on at the March PCC.

ACTION. Erik

This was seconded by Tessa Stephens and all were in favour.

10. AOB

Graeme detailed the position on the payment of the wages for Barbara and Sharon Bolton.

(Barbara and Alistair Bolton left the meeting). After discussion it was agreed that the church should commit to being a real wage employer.

Graeme proposed that as from January 1st each year the PCC would follow the Living Wage Foundation recommendation. This was seconded by Ann Watson and all were in favour.

Tessa circulated the summary of the bullet points from the church meeting on 31/1/18.

She will compile a piece for the February outlook for the whole church to read. **ACTION. Tessa**

9. Section 11 meeting. (Erik left the meeting)

This has been minuted separately.

11. Prayer and the saying of the Grace.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm