

**These minutes are published on the basis that such matters (if there be any) which the PCC has resolved shall remain confidential have not been included**

**Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 7.15pm in the Reid Room**

22 Members were present at the meeting.

**1. Worship**

Psalm 29 was read together. Erik Wilson explained that the psalmist describes how we should be in awe of the Lord God's glory, splendour and holiness. He then describes how at God's voice events happen as though in a storm. His massive power can even break the Cedars of Lebanon. What follows is a peace. We can be assured that we have security in Him and we are blessed.

The PCC spent time in sung worship and prayer.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Carol Harrison and Anya Heywood gave their apologies.

**3. Minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

There were the following amendments.

Item 4. A comma to be added: 'Erik informed us that there had not been any applications for the position and after Naomi questioned why, Erik gave the reply.'

Item 9. 'Richard asked *when* the money was expected from the donor...'

Erik requested that in his Ministry Leader for Worship report that the following people needed to be mentioned for recognition of the valuable work that they do as part of the Worship team.

Sheila Barker, Richard Jones and Cameron Smith.

Erik proposed that with these amendments the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016, seconded by Nigel Fletcher, 18 in favour, 2 abstentions.

**4. Matters arising**

**a) Associate Minister (see agenda item)**

**b) Transformation and Strategy Roadshow 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Kate Morris, Allison Ward, Neill Burgess, Erik, Tessa Stephens, Sam Tyndall, Graeme Malyon and Alistair Bolton will be attending.

Erik asked PCC members who would like to attend and Pauline Barwick volunteered.

It was agreed that it would be useful for Nina Jeal as Ministry leader for evangelism and Ray Durant as Children's ministry worker to attend.

**Action: Erik will ask Nina and Ray**

### **c) Going deeper.**

Erik informed the PCC that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month there will be a service in the narthex from 7.30pm – 9pm.

### **5. Correspondence**

There was correspondence from the Deanery which Kate will action.

There were also two invitations in October. 12<sup>th</sup> October – Bishop James Jones on 'Faith and the future of the church' and 13<sup>th</sup> October – David Butterfield on 'Church finances'.

### **6. Vicar's remarks**

Erik, Sheila Durant, Pam Patterson and David Atkin met to discuss the future of Barney's Shop.

The shop has been running since 1988, but of late they have been short of volunteers and it is losing money each week. The shop requires significant refurbishment, which would cost a considerable amount of money. Such outlay would commit the church to running the shop for the foreseeable future to make it a worthwhile investment, particularly as the shop building does not belong to the church. It was felt reluctantly and sadly that we could not sustain the shop beyond the end of this year. It was therefore decided that it should close for business some time in December 2016.

Alistair, David, Erik and Sheila met with the volunteers this afternoon to inform them of this.

The PCC would like to record their thanks to Sheila and the team of volunteers for their hard work over the years and to recognise the contribution that it has made to the church and community. They have presented a warm welcome to the local community and raised much money for charities including the Jachie Eye Clinic.

### **7. Safeguarding**

Allison reminded the PCC that the new policy is to be read by every member and as trustees of the church we are to ratify it. It is a lengthy document but it is very important as we are all responsible for safeguarding. She thanked Naomi and Ray for their help on the working party.

Allison opened the floor for discussion and it was agreed that the wording will be changed in one of the sections.

**Section 10: Hours of communication** *When using email/internet for communication with young people (within the guidelines above), it is advised that it should take place between the hours of 9am - 9pm where practical.*

Allison will also update the leaders' names in the directory.

Erik extended his thanks to Allison on behalf of the PCC for the work that she has done on this matter.

Allison proposed that once she has made the amendments she could send it off to the diocese.  
Alistair seconded, all in favour.

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

Alistair Bolton presented the report and a copy is enclosed for the minutes.

A letter had been received from Nicola Silcock asking when there would be provision of more adequate toilets in church, including toilets for those with disabilities and requested that it could be part of the long-term plan for the church. This was noted. It was also stated that it was already a long term hope of the FMC.

#### **9. Associate Minister for Evangelism**

The dead line for applications is 23/9/16 and interviews will begin the week beginning 3/10/16.

Erik proposed that the interview panel will be Erik, Sam Rushton (Archdeacon), Nina Jeal, Graeme Malyon, Kate Morris and any other children's worker at his discretion. This was seconded by Allison Ward and was unanimous.

Alistair kindly said he would make himself available to drive the candidates around the parish on the day.

#### **10. Report on Deanery and Diocesan Synods**

Kate presented her report from the Deanery Synod. There is a conference on 3/11/16 which was referred to in the minutes of the PCC in July 2016. Pauline, Alistair, Sheila and Keith Barker, Sam Tyndall, and Neill will be attending. Nina Jeal will also be invited as Ministry Leader for Evangelism.

Neill presented his report from the Diocesan Synod.

#### **11. Kingdom Mission Giving (circulated)**

Val Hill presented the recommendations for 2016 and explained that some charities were given one off payments and therefore do not appear in this year's budget.

(John Ravalde left the meeting at this point as his wife is a paid employee of Open Door)

Neill proposed that the recommendations were accepted. This was seconded by Alistair, all in favour.

#### **12. Policy on raffles and tombolas for those who hire the church or hall**

There was much discussion around this subject and no consensus of opinion.

Erik invited the PCC to pray about the matter and it will be on the next PCC agenda.

### **13. Pension scheme for employees**

Graeme informed the PCC that from 1/1/17 any employee of the church should be offered a pension scheme. Two pension schemes were discussed including the Church of England scheme - Pension Builder.

Graeme proposed that he and one or two members of the finance committee and the treasurer should look at the options and report back to the November PCC meeting. This was seconded by Sheila Barker, all were in favour.

### **14. Associate Minister interview panel (already covered in item 9)**

### **15. 125 year celebrations - update**

Alistair informed the PCC that the dates for the events would be confirmed by the November meeting.

A renewal weekend from 5-7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 led by Matthew Porter and a team from St Michael-le-Belfrey in York will be included.

### **16. Ministry Leader report - deferred to the next meeting**

### **17. AOB**

There was none.

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

The meeting ended at 9.30pm