

**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 7th March 2016 7.15pm in the Reid Room**

22 members were present at the meeting

**1. Worship**

Psalm 25 was read together. Erik Wilson stated that the psalmist had no trust in himself and regretted the sins of his youth and was asking for forgiveness. He recognised that he may go the wrong way but he trusted God to send him in the right direction. We too should have absolute trust in our God to guide us.

The PCC spent time in sung worship and prayer.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Sheila Barker, Mary Grantham, Val Hill, Janet Hobson, Joyce Skinn and John Ravalde.

**3. Minutes of the meeting 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016**

Amendments are as follows:

Item 6 – should read ‘Erik is unable to announce...’

Item 9 – spelling correction ‘Jonathan’ and ‘ordinands’ in training from Durham’

With these amendments Erik proposed that the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, seconded by Neill Burgess. 15 in favour, 5 abstentions.

**4. Matters arising**

a) Assistant Minister – agenda item 9

**5. Correspondence**

Hugo Pollak circulated to all PCC members details of a ‘Grants and Gifts’ event on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at St Barnabas Church. The speaker will be Eleanor Gill the National Legacy and Funding Officer for the Church of England. Erik suggested that the Finance Committee and Treasurer should attend.

Erik read a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop of York. It was a call to prayer during the week from May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. It stated that fruitful ministry starts with prayer.

Erik will be forming a working party to put together a programme of events for the week such as 24/7 prayer, prayer walks, prayer triplets and encouragement to pray for the church at the regular prayer meetings. Doreen Lynas asked Erik if the letter could be published in Outlook for the whole church to read.

**ACTION Erik Wilson**

Doreen has been investigating hiring buses to take church members to a service at Durham Cathedral on the evening of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**ACTION Doreen Lynas**

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

Erik instructed Allison Ward to inform the PCC of recent safeguarding matters. Allison announced that David Finan is the new safeguarding officer for the diocese. Allison will be presenting the newly formed PCC in April 2016 with the updated safeguarding policy and will invite comments about it to be referred to her. Doreen asked if the uniformed organisations who operate under St Barnabas Church would work by the policy. Erik stated that they work from their own national policies but that as a church we will need to use the Diocese recommendations.

## **7. Facilities Management Group report**

Maurice Palmer presented the report.

## **8. Update on organ grant applications.**

Maurice reported that to date two grant applications had been refused.

An application for a grant from the Church Care Trust in London was being applied for.

## **9. Associate Minister: update and approval of advert.**

Erik informed the PCC that the working group has already met with Sam Rushton the Archdeacon to finalise the process for advertising the position. The Bishop of Whitby would also like to meet and approve the successful candidate to start the job in September 2016.

Erik proposed that the PCC authorises the working party to produce the role description, the parish profile, the person spec and the advert and to work with the diocese to agree the process.

Maurice Palmer seconded the proposal and all were in favour.

Mel Downs asked at what level the pledge was currently. Hugo stated it was £127,153.50. The church will be reminded that the fund is still open.

## **10. Arrangements for APCM including approval of report and accounts(circulated)**

Hugo circulated the report to PCC members and proceeded to explain it in detail.

Hugo proposed that the PCC approved the Review of the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 Report. Alistair Bolton seconded it and all were in favour.

Erik thanked Hugo on the PCC's behalf for the work that he had done throughout the year.

Erik proceeded to thank those PCC members who were due to retire this year, namely Sheila Barker, Phil Edwards, Mary Grantham, Janet Hobson, Doreen Lynas, Chris McGregor, Emmanuel Nwankwo and Hugo Pollak.

He stated that we had valued their contribution to what has been a very significant year in the Church's life, setting up the church for the future with the initiation of the Ministry Leaders and the Associate Minister plans. He asked the members to still pray for the PCC in the coming years.

Erik thanked Matt Strand as this was to be his last PCC meeting. He thanked him for all his help, strategic thinking and his fresh approach.

Finally, Erik thanked Maurice Palmer for serving his six years as church warden.

Neill Burgess informed the PCC that there would be a 1 year vacancy on the Deanery Synod as he has been appointed to serve on the Diocesan Synod for the next 3 years and therefore is automatically on the Deanery Synod and PCC. Barbara Edwards the church administrator will be informed to note this on the APCM document.

**ACTION Mel Downs**

### **11. Proposed dates for PCC meetings 2016/2017**

These have been circulated with today's agenda.

Erik clarified there will be less PCC meetings in the year.

### **12. AOB**

Mel Downs informed the PCC that Janet Hobson will be resigning from operating the church bookstall due to work commitments.

Erik asked the PCC for any suggestions for the future of this service. **ACTION PCC members**

### **13. Prayer**

The meeting concluded with the saying of the Grace at 8.40pm.