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**Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on
Monday 23rd April 2018, 7.15pm in the Reid Room**

16 PCC members were present at the meeting

1. Worship

The PCC read from John 15 together. Alistair Bolton reflected that in a time of uncertainty, we can be reassured that God is with us and both individually and as a church he will lead us forward.

2. Election of PCC Chair and Secretary.

The Archdeacon had advised that the PCC should elect someone other than the churchwardens to chair the PCC during the vacancy. Tony Hutchings was proposed by Doreen Lynas, seconded by Ann Watson and elected unanimously. Barbara Edwards was proposed as secretary by Sheila Barker, seconded by Kate Morris and elected unanimously.

3. Welcome of new members and apologies

Tony welcomed the new members himself, Sue Bell, Simon Honeysett and Sheila Barker. There were no apologies.

4. Minutes of the meeting 5th March 2018

There was one amendment: the inclusion of 'Morris' after 'Kate' in item 9. With this amendment the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 5th March 2018, 13 in favour, 3 abstentions.

5. Matters arising:

a) North Aisle Roof Repairs

Quotes had been received. The architect has not done technical checks on them yet. The work is expected to take 4-6 weeks, with some time needed to allow for the availability of the Welsh slate. This was not in the budget, but there is the money from the sale of Queens Road and it may be possible to get grants. The architect has advised that there should be a project manager. Alistair Bolton proposed that **'The PCC approve the appointment of Bernard Nixon as project manager of the re-roofing scheme'**, seconded by Naomi Smith, all in favour. Alistair proposed that **'The PCC approves in principle proceeding with the re-roofing project, in consultation with the architect'**, seconded by Sue Bell, all in favour.

b) Youth for Christ Worker

Sam Tyndall reported that Natasha Hutzler is willing to stay till December and Val Hill is willing to continue to host her. There was to be a meeting on Thursday 26th April with YFC to discuss ways of using workers as a resource team for the area, rather than just being placed in a single church. Sam agreed to report back at the June PCC. Sam proposed **that Natasha Hutzler should continue at St Barnabas until December 2018**, seconded by Ann Watson, all in favour. Sam proposed that **'St Barnabas should apply for 2 more YFC workers for 2018/2019'**, seconded by Ann Watson, all in favour.

6. Correspondence

The PCC had received a letter from Hannah Jeal asking for support for her internship at St Michael le Belfrey, York next year. This was discussed under AOB.

7. Chair's remarks

Tony reminded the PCC that they are trustees for St Barnabas Church, which is a charity and therefore meetings have legal status. He said he would try to keep to time, but it was important that people get the chance to speak. We value consensus, but it can be helpful for members to speak against a proposal and they should not feel bad about voting against proposals. AOB should be notified in advance to the chair or wardens and it is best not to make decisions in AOB, but to have such matters put on the agenda. Finally, Tony asked that the PCC should pray through the agenda.

8. Election of PCC Officers:

- a) Treasurer: Phil Edwards
- b) Electoral roll officer: Barbara Edwards
- c) Deputy Church wardens proposed by Alistair: 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, Mel Downs.
- d) PCC vice-chairperson: Graeme Malyon
- e) Gift Aid secretary: Val Hill

9. Election of PCC Sub-Committees

- a) Standing Committee - Chair, 2 church wardens, PCC secretary and treasurer
This committee would meet in case of need to act on behalf of the PCC.
- b) Facilities management Group – Graeme Malyon, Alistair Bolton, Nigel Fletcher, Peter Wallace, Bill McGregor, Ewan Steele, Maurice Palmer, Kate Morris, Keith Barker and Sue Bell and AV representative when needed.
- c) Finance Sub-committee – Present members: Phil Edwards, Alistair Bolton, Graeme Malyon, Hugo Pollak, Stuart Gunn, Richard Jones, Peter Rushton. Another PCC member was needed, and the election of the committee was postponed to the next meeting.
- d) Mission Sub-committee- Val Hill, Hugo Pollak, Phil Edwards, Glynis Hill, Sheila Barker, Gill Webster, Naomi Smith, Ann Watson.

10. Facilities Management Group report.

The proposed work in the car park, a ramp to the back door to the hall was out to tender. A new water boiler was being fitted in the hall kitchen. At the vicarage work was proceeding on the kitchen and drainage in the back garden. The churchwardens have to visit twice a week. The buildings budget is on target. It was commented that the church garden was looking lovely and thanks were expressed to the gardening team.

11. Vicar's Discretionary Fund

It was proposed by Naomi Smith that **'In the vacancy the churchwardens and curate will administer the vicar's discretionary fund'**, seconded by Sue Bell, 15 in favour, 1 abstention.

12. PCC Co-option

It had been suggested at the last meeting that for continuity the three retiring members of the PCC should be co-opted for the next year. Two had declined, but one was willing to stay on the PCC. At the APCM the suggestion had been made that those who stood for election but not elected should be co-opted and the Archdeacon had suggested that the PCC should consider this. There was a general agreement in the PCC that the consensus from the wider congregation was that it was not appropriate to set a precedent by doing this. It was mentioned that the decision had been taken to reduce the numbers on the PCC and there seemed no need for more people. It was proposed by Tony Hutchings that **'At this point in time the PCC does not feel it is appropriate to co-opt any more members to the PCC'**, seconded by Allison Ward, all in favour.

13. Privacy Policy

A draft privacy policy notice was circulated. There was some discussion about the details of this. Tony Hutchings proposed that **'The PCC accepts the proposed privacy policy, but will review it at the September PCC'**, seconded by Ann Watson, all in favour.

14. Mission Action Plan

A draft action plan from the ministry leaders was circulated. After some discussion, the PCC asked that ministry leaders to redraft the action plan to make it clearer and bring it back to the next meeting.

15. Safeguarding

Allison Ward reminded the PCC that it has a responsibility for the safeguarding policy. All PCC members need to sign to say they have read the safeguarding policy before it is ratified for the next year. Basic safeguarding training can now be done online and other training is available in the diocese. Allison encouraged all those working with children, young people and vulnerable adults to undertake training, even if they had already done training in their work context. Allison also reminded the church leadership team that she needed to talk about safeguarding when new church activities started.

16. Proposed Dates for PCC Meetings 2018/19

These dates were approved, but meetings will be cancelled if there is not enough business. 4th June, 2nd July, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November, 3rd December, 4th February 2019, 4th March 2019.

17. Any other notified business

Hannah Jeal had asked the PCC for support for her internship year at St Michael le Belfrey. There was some discussion about the wider issues of supporting young people in this situation. It was agreed to look at this further at a later meeting. It was agreed **that the PCC should give Hannah £250 from Kingdom Mission Giving**, proposed by Alistair Bolton, seconded by Naomi Smith.

Sam informed the PCC about various forthcoming events:

Thy Kingdom Come, 10th-20th May – Tuesday 15th May: 7 am prayer breakfast, Wednesday 16th May: 12 noon contemplative prayer, Thursday 17th May: 7.30 pm evening of prayer and worship.

Sam and the churchwardens have invited Matthew Porter and a team from St Michael le Belfrey to lead another encounter day on 23rd June, focussing on preparing for a new incumbent and getting ready for change.

Sam, Allison and Kate had been to a meeting on the new diocesan strategy to reach 20s - 40s. through money available for 12 new posts. St Barnabas fits the criteria, could not be part of a bid while in a vacancy. However, the PCC can begin discussions and there will be a presentation at the next PCC.

Feast of Fun: Plans are under way. This year Feast of Fun is being organized in geographical clusters and St Barnabas is in the north/central Middlesbrough cluster. The plan is to do Feast of Fun on the 5 Fridays in August: 3rd August - First Friday, 10th, 17th and 24th August - Friday mornings at Ayresome School, 31st August - End of summer celebration at St Barnabas. Hopefully we will be able to share some of our volunteers with Feast of Fun in other places.

18. Prayer

The meeting ended with prayer.

Date of next meeting

4th June 2018