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**Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on
Monday 2nd July 2018, 7.15pm in the Reid Room**

12 PCC members were present at the meeting

1. Worship

The PCC read Psalm 98 together. Graeme described the psalmist exhorting us and all creation to praise God and expecting our praise to be lively and wholehearted. We should praise him because he has done marvellous things, because of the wonder of creation and, above all, because of God's righteousness revealed by Jesus on the cross.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Sam Tyndall, Anya Heywood, Sheila Barker and Allison Ward.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 4th June 2018

With the addition of the word 'read' in item 1, it was proposed by Graeme Malyon and seconded by Ann Watson that the minutes were accepted as true record of the meeting of 4th June 2018, 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

4. Matters arising

a) North Aisle Roof Repairs

Graeme apologised to the PCC that, due to a misunderstanding with the architect, he had proposed a project manager for the north aisle repair project at a previous meeting. In fact, Ferrey and Mennim, who have managed the project so far, are happy to continue, but this needs the approval of the PCC. Graeme proposed that **the PCC appoints Andrew Boyce of Ferrey and Mennim as project manager instead of Bernard Nixon of Andrew Ellis**, seconded by Naomi Smith, all in favour. Graeme will liaise with Andrew Boyce to proceed to a contract with Sweetings, prior to work commencing in September.

b) Youth for Christ

St Barnabas has been offered two YFC workers starting in September. Hosts are being sought.

c) Feast of Fun

Barbara Edwards reported that plans were progressing for Feast of Fun in August. It would be good to have some more volunteers.

d) Safeguarding

Barbara Edwards reminded PCC members that they need to read the Safeguarding policy, so that it can be approved for another year.

e) Vacancy

There have been a number of enquires and it was hoped that there would be some applications received by the closing date.

f) Finance Sub-Committee

This was held over to the next meeting.

5. Correspondence

An email had been received from the 15th Middlesbrough Scout Group, thanking the church for its continued support, particularly in the use of the hall.

6. Chair's Remarks

Tony mentioned the recent death of Adrian Bull, who along with his wife, Judi, served the church for many years in music, in hospitality and by helping people to find their place in the church. Tony commended this spirit of open hospitality. He also mentioned the role of PCC members in reminding the congregation of various needs, for example for volunteers, and also the need for prayer and the church prayer meetings.

7. Facilities Management Group

Alistair Bolton said that there had been no meeting in June, so there was no written report. There had been a number of extra costs that were not in the budget, so the FMC did not want to proceed with work until an update from the treasurer had been received. The FMC was due to meet on the Monday following the PCC and would then decide on which items should be progressed.

8. Deanery Synod

Barbara Edwards reported on the recent meeting of the Deanery Synod, which had included an inspirational presentation from Revd Matt Woodcock, the Diocese of York's mission enabler. He spoke about the way churches could develop the ideas of Leading Your Church into Growth. The Deanery is also looking at how it can support parishes in their ministry to care homes.

9. Financial Update

Phil Edwards, the treasurer, joined the meeting for this item.

Phil reminded the PCC that there was a policy to reduce the reserves. This had not been achieved in 2017 due to a legacy and , so the budget for 2018 had again aimed to reduce the reserves to £44,000, ten weeks of turnover. Regular expenditure, without any buildings expenditure, was budgeted to roughly balance. The £40,000 allocated to buildings will reduce the reserves, as will putting the money from the Associate Minister Fund and money not given to Tessa towards future staffing needs. The budget included a 2% increase in giving, but so far this year giving is down and there has been unexpected expenditure on water boilers and recruitment, which has been more than budget.

In response to a question, Phil said that giving to the end of May was about £6,500 down compared to previous years. This was due to losing more givers than gaining new ones. It was also the case that most regular givers had not changed their giving in the last 3 years.

Phil said that the FMC could progress their planned projects. There is a generous legacy on the horizon. It was pointed out that there needs to be a move to buildings being funded from income over the next few years.

There is a need to address the issue of giving with the congregation and it is planned to include this in the September programme, looking at the practical elements of how to give as well as the spiritual aspect. There was some discussion about publicity about legacies and the use of appeals, but it was suggested that general giving needs to be addressed.

10. Freewill Offering

The PCC was reminded that it needs to decide the figure it wants to give to the Diocese next year at the September PCC. This year we gave £116,000. Alistair Bolton agreed to put together some information and circulate it in advance of the next PCC.

11. Toilets

The lack of adequate toilets in the church has long been a concern. At present, there are no funds for such a project. Alistair Bolton suggested that the process could be started by getting a design drawn up, getting costings, seeking planning permission and listed building consents and looking for grant funding. Alistair estimated that this would cost about £3000. There was a lengthy discussion about the priority of this project and whether this was the right time, in view of the vacancy and the north aisle roof project. As it was 9.30, it was decided to return to this discussion at a subsequent meeting.

12. Any other notified business

There was none.

13. Prayer

The meeting ended with prayer.

Date of next meeting

4th September 2018

Chairman.....

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