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**Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on
Monday 8th October 2018, 7.15pm in the Reid Room**

14 PCC members were present at the meeting.

1. Worship

The PCC read Psalm 99 together. Graeme spoke about the holiness of God described in the psalm and the command to exalt God for his sovereignty and just rule. We worship a great and mighty God and can trust him completely.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Becky Selmer, Kate Morris and Sheila Barker.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 4th September 2018

There were no amendments and it was proposed by Anya Heywood and seconded by Ann Watson that the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 4th September 2018, all in favour.

4. Matters arising

a) North Aisle Roof Repairs

We have now been informed that we need a faculty for the work. This will be considered by the DAC on 17th October and the work should be able to proceed by the middle of November.

b) Vacancy

Three applications have been received. Shortlisting was due to take place on Thursday 11th October, with interviews on Thursday 25th October.

5. Correspondence

An invitation to the Archdeaconry Day on Saturday 20th October at St Barnabas had been received from Bishop Paul. All were welcome to attend.

6. First Friday

Fiona Fletcher, from the First Friday core team, and Sam Durant and Ste Corner of Big Kids joined the meeting at this point. The PCC had agreed to review First Friday and Big Kids SLA after a year. Sam Tyndall introduced the discussion by saying that we should celebrate what has been achieved in the year. Something exciting has begun and families are being reached in a new way. There is a new community gathering each month in church. The input from Big Kids has been excellent, the core team have done great work, as have all the volunteers who have been involved. The PCC had been deliberately vague about its hopes for First Friday and did not set out a list of criteria to measure what has been achieved. Sam suggested that the PCC continues to allow the core team to shape the vision. It was acknowledged that there is a need to clarify where First Friday fits into the wider vision of St Barnabas' outreach to families, but this is not something that can be done during the vacancy. It will be something for the new vicar to look at.

Ste thanked the PCC for asking Big Kids to be involved in First Friday. Fiona said that positive feedback had been received from families. Ste asked the PCC to consider whether First Friday was a church service, an event or a community. He said he felt that it had been all three at different times during the year. Sam and Ste were concerned that they might encourage First Friday to develop in a direction with which the PCC were not happy. The PCC was reminded that such Fresh Expressions

are being encouraged in the Diocese. The PCC needs to be prepared to allow the Spirit to work and allow First Friday to develop potentially as a free-standing community. It was suggested that First Friday had developed slightly differently than originally envisaged and it is still developing. The goal of First Friday is to share God's love with families. Big Kids and the core team are happy to continue for another 12 months.

Big Kids has some spare capacity within the 60 hours in the SLA, as some of the First Friday work, such as catering, is done by volunteers. They would like the freedom to do other things at St Barnabas, such as the work with 7-11 year olds at St Martin's, and link into other groups in church. There needs to be an addition to the job description in the SLA to reflect this. Sam suggested a couple of other amendments to the SLA. It was agreed that the standing committee would look at these changes and bring back an updated SLA for approval at the next PCC meeting.

Sam Tyndall proposed that **the PCC extend the SLA between St Barnabas PCC and Big Kids for a further 12 months from January 2019, subject to the revised wording being brought back to the next PCC**, seconded by Alistair Bolton, all in favour.

The PCC asks the standing committee to revise the SLA in points of detail to reflect the discussion of this evening's PCC for approval at the next PCC, proposed by Ann Watson, seconded by Allison Ward, all in favour.

The PCC expressed its thanks to the core team, all the volunteers and Big Kids for all that had been achieved during the year.

7. Chair's Remarks

Tony said that, while giving thanks for all that is going on in the church, it should not be forgotten that people are under pressure, particularly in this time of vacancy. He reminded the PCC to pray for the ministry leaders, churchwardens, Sam and the rest of the staff. We need to support and pray for each other. He thanked Simon Honeysett for organizing the prayer meeting for the vacancy and reminded the PCC of the two weekly church prayer meetings. Tony welcomed Neill Burgess back to the PCC.

8. Facilities Management Group

The Facilities Management Group report and revised budget were circulated and are included with the minutes in the PCC file. Alistair Bolton proposed that **the PCC approve the revised budget of the Facilities Management Group**, seconded by Sue Bell, all in favour.

9. Ministry Leaders' Update

The ministry leaders were due to meet on Thursday 11th October. There is a need to pray for new ministry leaders for evangelism and fellowship.

10. Safeguarding

Allison Ward reminded the PCC of the various safeguarding training events coming up and encouraged members to take advantage of the opportunities available. Allison also reminded the PCC of the Deanery Synod meeting taking place on Thursday 18th October. Andrew de Smet is speaking and it is open to everyone.

11. RPA Book Grant (Allison Ward left the meeting for this item)

It was noted that Allison Ward had not yet received a book grant for her RPA course. **It was proposed by Barbara Edwards and seconded by Alistair Bolton that Allison should be given a book grant of £50, all in favour.**

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 5th November. Peter Rushton, Ministry Leader for Discipleship will attend to give an update on youth and children's work.

13. Any other notified business

Barbara Edwards mentioned the new PCC group on Planning Center Online.

Graeme Malyon reminded the PCC that a faculty application had been submitted for the community garden, but it had then been decided that it was not possible to proceed with the project during the vacancy. The DAC has contacted the PCC to ask if it wished to proceed with the faculty for the community garden. Once granted, the faculty will lapse after 9 months. Graeme proposed that **the PCC, having considered the circumstances relating to the community garden, would wish to withdraw the faculty**, seconded by Sue Bell, all in favour.

14. Prayer

The meeting ended with prayer.

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