

Minutes of the P.C.C. Meeting: Monday 7th July 2025

Present: Mark Allan, Alastair Bolton, Immy Burgess-Hale, James Cordell, Andrew Devereux, John Downes, Oli George, David Goodhew (Chairman), Stuart Gunn, Tony Hutchings, Malcolm McGregor, Richard Peacock, Gayle Roberts, Dave Roberts, Caleb Serebour, Debs Smith and Ali Ward

1. Worship

Tony Hutchings led the PCC in prayer.

2. Election of Secretary

David Goodhew reported that he expects that a permanent secretary will be appointed before the next meeting.

In the meantime Paul Bury has agreed to take the minutes of this meeting.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Andrew Devereux and Lindsey Goodhew.

4. Minutes of meeting of 2nd June 2025

The minutes of the meeting were approved as amended.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

7. Vicar's report

The PCC were invited for tea at the Vicarage on 16th August between 4pm and 6pm.

It was reported that the number of baptisms continues to grow with 10 people due to be baptised between now and September.

8. Community Grocery Report

Phil Hale delivered a comprehensive report detailing:

the work of the Community Grocery, its Mission and Values;

how the operation of the Community Grocery is Kingdom-focussed, it being noted that three members have joined Alpha;

its links with other Church ventures including the Cafe and Baby Bank;

its links with other organisations including Environment City, MFC Foundation and Blue Cross; and

why membership of the Community Grocery is not means tested and open all in order to safeguard the dignity of all of its members.

9. Being on PCC

This matter was not discussed due to the pressure on time and the matters still to be debated.

10. Safeguarding

Following a detailed discussion regarding the draft risk assessment form for lay pastoral visits and the model risk assessment checklist for home visiting both of which had previously been circulated, it was agreed that Stuart Gunn would prepared a revised draft of the draft risk assessment form for further discussion and, subject thereto, approval.

THERE WAS A PAUSE TO PRAY

11. Evangelism Task Group Report on Church Planting

There was a detailed discussion regarding the draft proposal for a Church Plant in North End of the Parish, it being noted that in 1991 the PCC had proposed a Church Plant.

It was noted that this is an area of considerable spiritual and economic need with parts of the area having the worst child poverty in the country and that there is to be a significant increase in the area's population as a result of 400 new dwellings being built.

It was also noted that St Barnabas is in a unique position to meet the spiritual needs of the community as:

a significant number of members of the Community Grocery and an increasing number of the congregation live in this area;

we are strengthening and developing our links with both Ayresome School and the University; and

the Diocese of York is devising a Church Planting strategy for areas such as this which will be financially resourced.

It was suggested that now is the most spiritually opportune time to plant a church in the North End of the Parish. The PCC were asked to ponder and pray with a view to discussing this in more detail at the meeting in September.

12. Finance

It was noted that the appointment of Andrew Devereux, as treasurer in place of Phil Edwards, was on the basis that Phil would retain responsibility for finalising the statement of financial activities of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024 and that Andrew would be responsible for current and subsequent years.

The annual report and statement of financial activities of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which had previously been circulated, was approved.

A copy of the Andrew Devereux's financial report had previously been circulated. It was noted that in the first five months of the year we have a running deficit of £16,485 (annual equivalent circa £39,500).

David indicated that he intended to make a further stewardship push on the autumn.

Tony Hutchinson pointed out that although income was broadly in line with budget, expenditure to date was 5% higher than budget.

It was noted that in September we would have to notify the Diocese of the amount of our freewill offering, it also being noted that the Diocese itself has a significant financial shortfall.

It was reported that the Benefact Trust had agreed to make a grant of £5,500 for the benefit of the Community Grocery but as the application had been made in the name of St. Barnabas, it appeared that St. Barnabas would not be able to make any further applications to the Benefact Trust for two years from the date of the grant.

13. Facilities Management Group report

A copy of the facilities management report had previously been circulated.

It was noted that quotations had been received in order to address the issue of the fire alarm panel requiring replacement and the wiring in the hall not being to standard that were not covered in the budget.

After discussion, it was proposed by Tony Hutchings and seconded by John Downes that the proposed expenditure be authorised; all members were in favour.

14. Buildings Task Group feedback

It was reported that there was to be a survey over the summer, the results of which will be available for consideration at the meeting in September.

15. Deanery Feedback

It was reported that there were five vacancies which the Deanery is looking to fill.

16. Any other notified business

There was a brief discussion regarding the children's contact form and the Church's CCTV policy. Members were asked to get back to James with comments on the CCTV policy, which had been circulated before the meeting, with a view to it being discussed in more detail in September.

15. Prayer

The meeting closed in prayer

Proposed PCC Meetings

1st September

6th October

3rd November

1st December