



Present	
1. Diane Backhouse (PSO)	8. Chris Vass (Warden & SC)
2. Derek Evans	9. Margaret Vaughan (Deanery & Diocesan Synod)
3. Lucy Falcus (Deanery Synod)	10. Richard Wakefield (SC)
4. Simon Honeywell	11. Paul Wheeldon
5. Martin Howard (PCC Secretary)	12. Guy Wingate (Treasurer & SC)
6. Matt Levinsohn (Chair & SC)	
7. Pamela Rushton	

#	Agenda Items
1.	<p>Opening Reflection – Guy Wingate</p> <p>Guy started by reflecting on Mothering Sunday, which also happened to be Guy and Saraha’s wedding anniversary. The Daffodils are out and world has its majesty.</p> <p>We see the effects of the wind and yet we cannot see the wind itself. In John 3v8 the analogy of the wind is used when describing the Spirit.</p> <p>As the wind sometimes appears to move in different directions which are not clear, sometimes our route through life is not always clear (1 Thessolonians 3)</p> <p>Our Faith sustains us throughout our journey through life. God is close to us but He ia also sovereign over us.</p> <p>The reflection ended with reading the words of the well known hymn “Thine be the Glory” particularly focussing on the chorus and its link to Easter.</p>
2.	<p>Youth Update – Kathryn Belmont</p> <p>Kathryn started the session by asking us to think back to when we were a youth and to share with our neighbour one of the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe yourself in 5 words. • What was your most treasured item of clothing. <p>Kathryn shared the headline “ Growing and new opportunities” and then focussed on three areas or Past / Present / Future.</p> <p><u>Past</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening process with church, non-church and team • Not wanting to settle where we are was felt to be very important. • Lots of ideas came out of this exercise. • The team have been praying through these and this has led to the Youth Development Plan which was shared with the PCC ahead of the meeting. • Getting back into youthwork and building the team.

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	<p><u>Present</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathryn passed around statements from the young people about their desires for the future which were read out. • The Youth Hub bid has been successful – developing new and creative ways for young people to experience faith. • Youth club has 60 young people every week with 95 on the register and most weeks there are new people coming. • Satellites has 28 young people and 4 leaders attending this year (along with a further 10 from Stockton Baptist Church) • Kintsugi Hope has been run in Eggescliffe this term (12 people last half term and currently 10) and is going well. • “Big Questions” Lunch Club every Wednesday is going well and the young people have asked if it can be called a Christian Union. The change of name has been confirmed with the Headteacher. The young people are looking at outreach events to encourage more people to come. <p><u>Future</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate and connect with the young people in our community. • Equip our young people to share their faith. • Partner with other churches. As part of the Hub we are partnering with Holy Trinity in Hartburn and St Aidans in Billingham. • Investing in the team. Planning to run a Youthscape Essentials Course for the team and anyone else interested in youthwork. <p>Kathryn ended by sharing the following verses Matt 5v14 and Isaiah 5v42. We want everyone to leave our meetings feeling hopeful.</p> <p>Key actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer needs to be central in all that we do. • Pray for the Team to develop
3.	<p>Apologies for absence Apologies had been received from: Ben Scott, Karen Killick and Karen Snowden</p> <p>It was confirmed that the register of interests remained accurate.</p>
4.	<p>Approval of minutes of 16th February PCC Meeting The minutes from 16th February were approved.</p> <p>Proposed by The Chair, all those present at the meeting (10) were in favour; 2 Abstentions</p>
5.	<p>Matters arising and Chairs update – Matt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was the final PCC meeting before the APCM and Matt asked any members not planning to stand again for PCC to let him know. • Andrew Eley has offered to stand as the new churchwarden and Chriss Vass was thanked for all his work as Churchwarden over the last 4 years. • We now have a phone number that allows people to send prayer requests by text which can be shared by email with the pastoral team. This facility costs £1.80 per month.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpha has now ended and Matt is meeting with those who attended to follow this up. • Youth & Childrens Ministry sign to go up on Yarm road replacing the previous noticeboard next to the path into church. • Holiday Club has over 70 signed up and most of those are not church families. <p>Matt explained that we are at a time of growth for the church and reflected on the issues. We looked at the opportunities and the challenges of the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting a new service • Planting a new church • Adjusting the format of the 9am service • Partner with another church and send people out • Build physically to create more space. <p>Brief discussions took place but it was agreed that we would revisit this at a future meeting once we had had time to think and pray about the options.</p> <p>It was agreed to progress with plans to develop the current library into a more useable space.</p>
6.	<p>Financial update – Guy Wingate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditor feedback <p>No issues with the accounts but the layout of the last few pages has changed slightly. The auditors have confirmed that they are happy to continue next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of accounts <p>It was proposed by Guy Wingate and seconded by Paul Wheeldon that the 2025 accounts be formally approved by the PCC. All were in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Giving <p>The mission giving team had proposed the following list for the first tranche of mission giving for the year. It was pointed out that as some of our mission partners roles have changed, we will be looking at transitioning to some new partners on a gradual basis.</p> <p>UFM Worldwide. Mark and Gill Newham £1500 OMF International Carolyn Kemp £1500 African Pastors Fellowship Dave Steadman £1500 Mark and Anna Burgess £1500 Tees Valley Youth for Christ £750 Compassion £500 Ragworth Grocery Message Trust £250 Safe Families £500 A Way Out £500 Frontiers £250</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Totalling £9000</p> <p>The above mission giving was proposed by Guy Wingate and seconded by Pam Rushton. All were in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly accounts <p>Income and expenditure are generally in line with budget. Giving is slowly increasing.</p>
7.	<p>Safeguarding Update – Diane Backhouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Safeguarding dashboard has been updated and is currently at 97%. • DBS checks ongoing for those who are not on the update service. • New childrens ministry, youth and connect helpers are being recruited using the safer recruitment process. • A new safer recruitment policy comes into force on 1st June. • Diane was not able to attend the most recent PSO get together. • The next step for the dashboard to to complete Role Descriptions for each area. • No safeguarding concerns have been raised this month.
8.	<p>Wardens Report –Chris Vass</p> <p>1. Update on windows. 2 quotes received for UPVC white double-glazed windows. One quote of £15,400 (subject to survey) for all windows including library. No openings on windows. With openings £17,950. 2nd quote of £8,500 but not able to do chapel as window surround is in stone, also subject to survey. Includes window openings on office windows only.</p> <p>Some discussion took place regarding the need to have some opening windows to allow ventilation into the Nave. The type of glass was discussed with the general preference of clear glass, however Matt to discuss with neighbour as frosted glass may be more appropriate for the northside of the building.</p> <p>The Chair proposed that we proceed with the lower quote subject to the above points and that we apply for a faculty to replace the windows. All were in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Community Payback team have sanded railings on Dunnottar avenue and have started to paint the fence. 3. Pool tables in garage that are not required and are being given away with permission from Kathryn and Cat. 4. We are still awaiting our roofer to repair some fallen tiles 5. We are still awaiting to hear from our Electrician P Glasby regarding some outstanding electrical repairs.



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9.	<p>Policy Update – Martin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drivers Bank Policy• Drivers Bank Declaration Form <p>The policy and form had been circulated with the agenda. The PCC did not feel that any changes were required. Proposed by Martin Howard, seconded by Richard Wakefield, all were in favour</p>
10.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barn dance has been booked for Saturday 23rd January 2027.• Interviews for the Assistant Youth Pastor are planned for 1st April and a number of people have expressed an interest.• Secretary to send out forms for PCC, Deanary Synod and Wardens.
-	<p>Close - The meeting finished with prayer at 9.16 pm</p>
-	<p>Date of next PCC meeting – After APCM on Sunday 26th April</p> <p>Then Monday 18th May when opening reflection to be led by Diane Backhouse.</p>