

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BARCOMBE PCC HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th September 2010 AT 7.45PM IN
THE CONKER ROOM, ST MARY'S CHURCH**

PRESENT: Dr P Frost (Vice chair), Rev'd J Hollingsworth, Mrs H Shephard, Mr A Lamont, Mr G Tomsett, Mr N Hill, Mr I Pounce, Mr E Cottingham, Mr A Cannings, Mr O Petersen

1. **Opening Prayers:** Hymn – 1187 Before the throne of God above, Rev 5.6-10.
2. **Apologies:** Mrs G Warren, , Mr A Smith (Treasurer), R Anscombe, Mrs C Culme-Seymour, Mrs A Fry (Secretary), Mrs C Mitchell, Mr M Richards,
3. **Minutes:** Minutes were signed as correct of record with one or two amends. It was questioned whether Rev Robin Moore has voting rights on the PCC. The Church Representation Rules 14.1.a “the PCC shall consist of ... all clerks in Holy Orders ... licensed to the parish”.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - (i) **Printing** – not all PCC members could print their minutes off – could they be sent in PDF next time?
 - (ii) **Pole Screens** – Mr A Lamont reported that Mr A Cross was working on this in progress.
 - (iii) **Final Cost of Internal Changes-** The total was £73,267. This includes extras such as the Bell Tower changes (£16k) and the container, leaving a total spent of £53,000 which was PCCs budget.
 - (iv) **Container Safety** – this issue will be discussed at the Buildings Cttee meeting 23rd September 7.30pm in St Francis. There have been no accidents and signs have been put on the container.
 - (v) **Projection Technology** – It's working much better, tweaking continues. Mr Nigel Shephard questions whether *Songpro* is the best software to use. He is to discuss with Robin & James how to move forward in this. James & Nigel to talk to the others on the Projector Rota.
 - (vi) **Foundation Governor for Barcombe School** – Mr A Cannings proposed that Mr Basil Bigg become a foundation governor and commend Mikey Lear to the School Governing Body to be an Associate Governor. Seconded by: Mr A Lamont. Motion passed unanimous.
5. **Other Items of Business**
 - (i) **Cupbearers** – Mrs H Shephard proposed that Mr A Lamont and Mrs Pippa Clark become Chalice assistants. Olaf seconded. Unanimous.

- (ii) **Treework in the Churchyard.** Mrs Shephard explained how some trees need to be trimmed. Dead, dying or dangerous branches are allowed to be removed. Vote of thanks to A Lamont and E Cottingham for the work that they do in the Churchyard. The Buildings Committee will follow this up.
- (iii) **Christmas Fair** – Mr A Lamont asked if we wanted to have a Fair? 2009 Fair made £1400 which was £400 less than last time. The Rector is to ask the Congregation if someone would like to organise it.
- (iv) **The Field.** Mr E Cottingham has written to DEFRA. They have written to Mr D Hole, the tenant. Mr Cottingham is to write back to DEFRA.
- (v) **Theft** in other Churches has risen dramatically. We mark objects with *smartwater*. People who walk dogs and open and lock doors could be asked to keep their eyes open. Thieves often wear high visibility jackets and look authorised but should be challenged. Mr Petersen will put something in the bulletin and the Barcombe News.
- (vi) **Electricity for St Francis** – No bill has been received for over six years. Mr Petersen has made contact with British Gas and after many many calls has set the ball rolling. This may well result in a substantial bill. Mr Petersen will keep us informed.
- (vii) **Mothers and Toddlers** – have asked if they could change and pay for the Toilet Seat in St Francis. Mr Cottingham has asked them to tell us what they want to do.
- (viii) **St Bartz** – Mikey Lear has agreed to be a Trustee of St Bartz. There remains a vacancy. Pat Fungon at Diocesan House will endeavour to find someone.

6. Correspondence:

- (i) The Diocese have sent Mrs H Shephard and the Rector a certificate for completing “Keeping Children Safe in Church” evening.
- (ii) Tearfund have written to thank the PCC for £583.75 which has gone to help people in the flood disaster of Pakistan.

7. **Treasurer’s report:** Mr A Lamont read out Mr A Smith’s helpful report. Currently we’re running a small deficit of £1,000. Receipts are £4k above budget and expenditure is £7k above budget. The Finance Committee will meet to discuss next year’s Parish Contribution. Mr Lamont thanked Mr E Cottingham for his work in hiring out the Conker Room and St Francis. The PCC thanked Mr Lamont and Mr Smith.

8. **Deanery Synod:** Neither Charlotte Mitchell nor Michael Richards were able to go to the last meeting but the Rector did! (1) The main theme was on the importance of our Cathedral. Its not a burden on the diocese. It costs £2m pa, 350,000 visitors per year put in an av 50p each. On the hour everyone stops for a prayer. (2) As a PCC we will be asked to vote on how we feel about Women Bishops and also on the provision offered for those who are against Women Bishops.

(Details to come). (3) 2011 will be 400th anniversary of KJV. “Not to know the KJ bible is to be in some small way barbarian” R. Dawkins! Barcombe hosts Deanery Synod on 17th November.

9. Youth Work: Mikey Lear is running FYG very well. The Rector hopes to restart an older group “Confyg” in October. Mr A Cannings proposed that the PCC encourage Mikey to carry on in his youth work and that we help and pay for his training with a view to discussing an Honorarium at a future meeting. Seconded G Tomsett. Unanimous.

10. Feedback on “Sharing the Load”. Mr P Frost summarised and the Rector padded this out:

- (i) **Create effective subcommittee** – Buildings has started. New committees such as Worship needs more thought.
- (ii) **Core Functions** –
- (iii) **Delegating Services** –
- (iv) **Appoint service co-ordinator** – we need to think through what this would cover. Who would do this? The role would be to check that the right people are in place.
- (v) **Drawing up a list of needs** - a considered thoughtful process
- (vi) **Chair of PCC** – Peter Frost is to do this, for a while!
- (vii) **Pastoral Care** – perhaps the role of House Groups and their leaders might take up a more pastoral role.
- (viii) **PCC Away Day** – 13th November 2010. 10-3pm Venue tba. Perhaps we might go to Slaugham Church. The main aim of this day could be to look into some of these ideas. Outreach. Future Direction of the Church. PCC members should suggest venue and these ideas to Peter Frost. The idea is not to bring other halves. [the Rector has since found out that he isn’t available on 13th, would 27th November be possible instead?]

11. Closing prayer – The Rector closed in prayer.