

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BARCOMBE PCC HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.45 PM IN THE CONKER ROOM, ST MARY'S CHURCH, BARCOMBE.

PRESENT: Rev'd J Hollingsworth, Mr E Cottingham, Mr A Lamont, Mr N Hill, Mrs G Warren, Mr G Tomsett, Mr A Cannings, Mr P Frost (Chairman), Mr A Cross, Mrs A Fry (Secretary), Mr A Smith, Mr M Lear, (Treasurer), Mr S Pigott, Mr C Williams, Mrs P Bigg (Churchwarden), Mr O Petersen (Churchwarden)

7.45pm Canon James Clarke from Lindfield gave a talk to the PCC about the Sussex Gospel Partnership, and then took questions

8.30pm The Business Meeting took place

1) Opening prayer and Hymn

2) Apologies - H Shephard

3) Peter Frost asked that the PCC have a quick discussion to reflect on the talk about the Sussex Gospel Partnership. After some discussion it was decided that James Hollingsworth (The Rector) would join the Partnership and anyone else who wanted to should let James know

4) Minutes of the last meeting – Peter Frost apologised for not sending them out

5) Matters arising – none as the minutes were not available

6) Building Committee report – A health and safety risk assessment has been received and this will be discussed at the next Warden's meeting. Olaf Petersen gave a vote of thanks to Kate Tiffin for producing such a professional job and the PCC agreed. Olaf told the PCC that there was evidence that there is something wrong with the wiring in the Conker room, after some discussion it was decided that we need to determine exactly what and how much of it is wrong, what is the degree of responsibility and what do we do about that in terms of recompense. The PCC has noted these problems and has asked for a report to be done on it. Peter Frost is going to ask John Simpson to investigate and report to the PCC. The PCC were unanimous with this decision.

7) Finance report - Alasdair Smith took the PCC through his finance report and wanted to highlight the following:

(i) Parish contribution - Alasdair asked the PCC if the Parish contribution should increase to 5% or 3%. The finance committee is recommending 5%. The PCC voted 13 in favour and there were 2 abstainers

(ii) Jubilee celebrations for next year - Gillian Warren suggested there was an appeal to the congregation in order that everyone gets a chance to understand about the costs of running a church and also about the Jubilee event that is taking place so that they might have a chance to contribute. Alasdair Smith proposed that the PCC do a fundraising letter, Alasdair and James are going to draft this and send it out; the PCC approved

8) Mission Committee report – no report

9) Youth Work report – James Hollingsworth took the PCC through this report. Peter Frost felt the Youth Group Committee was working and wanted to commend what they were doing and the action

they had taken. DEEPER is going really well. James said it was going down much more of an evangelistic route so he asked that the PCC pray for them. Peter thanked James for all that he had done.

10) Deanery Synod report – There is a Taize evening service in Ringmer Jan 20th. Rev A Mayes spoke about a style of prayer called 'Julian' which involves corporate silent prayer. Nigel Hill went to Rodmell for a meeting which was all about prayer in schools he had an information pack on this which he gave to James.

11) Jubilee – This is on June 3rd on the recreation ground next year. The sports hall is booked in case of bad weather. Eb Cottingham asked that people take on responsibilities for planning activities and let Eb know. There will be a Hogroast from the Thomas's, one pig would feed 200 people and it would cost £500 or we could get two for £850. It was generally felt that we would need two

12) Items from Members

(i) Mikey Lear asked if the youth committee could have £1300 and a possibility for a one off trip – Alasdair Smith confirmed this was in the budget

(ii) Andy Lamont explained that Mrs Simpson, who does the flower arranging in the church, was often paying out of her own pocket. Andy Lamont proposed that the flower arrangers have a float of £100 a year to help with some of the costs. It was confirmed that Mrs Simpson would be happy to manage the float, Gillian Warren seconded and the PCC were unanimous.

(iii) Alasdair Smith confirmed that British Gas have settled at £2800 from an initial demand of £14500. Olaf Petersen expressed a vote of thanks to the work he has done for bringing this to a conclusion

(iv) James Hollingsworth told that PCC that he had been asked to Church House to sit before a council and give his opinion on what he would like to see from the next Bishop of Lewes. James asked for support on his 4 main requests and the PCC supported those.

13) Correspondence - none