

Barcombe PCC

Minutes of the meeting held on September 22nd 2011

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

PRESENT: Eb Cottingham, Andy Lamont, Pip Bigg, Peter Frost (chair), James Hollingsworth (Rector) Stephen Pigott, Clive Williams, Alasdair Smith (Treasurer), Graham Tomsett , Mikey Lear , Anthony Cross.

APOLOGIES: Nigel Hill, Alan Cannings, Heather Shephard, Alice Fry (secretary), Olaf Petersen, Jeff Goddard ,

1. OPENING PRAYERS: 321 Lead us heavenly Father, 2 Cor 9.6-9
2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th July: These were signed as correct of record with one amend: - item 5 "Alasdair's report".
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:
 - a. Coffee Shop is not operating at the moment.
 - b. Re item 6 Perhaps future mission speakers can be asked not to come during August when lots of people are on holiday.
4. BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT – No report
5. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Alasdair took the PCC through his finance report (attached). The PCC thanked him.
6. MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT – Chloe Tiffin has returned from Guatemala (ToyBox) and spoken to the Church. Release International speaker on 9th Oct , MAF Jack Hemmings 23rd Oct. Compassion are keen for us to focus our support on a particular church community – a visiting speaker will come at the beginning of December.
7. YOUTH REPORT –
 - a. The Youth Cttee has met.
 - b. James has started to put together a clearer idea of what's expected of Mikey
 - c. FYG seems to be going well, only met once so far this term.
 - d. DEEPER is a new youth group starting in October on a Sunday evening for Secondary school kids.
 - e. [Holiday Club – in August, in St Mary's, Mission Rescue (Exodus), went really well with 30+ kids most days. An increasing number of teenage helpers came. I know I didn't talk about this at PCC but should have done, sorry]
8. DEANERY SYNOD REPORT – No report
9. The QUEENS JUBILEE

- a. The Church has booked the Village Rec on Sunday June 3rd 2012. We'd like to make Church fun – look how good we can do things.
- b. We need a group of people to develop that day.
- c. **Clive Williams** to ask Ted Hill about the availability of booking the School Sports Hall.
- d. Big Lunch Day: website biglunch.com
- e. A service of commemoration – it's easier to invite people to celebrate the Queen's jubilation. If you've got an organisation and it says Can we be involved ...?
- f. Team: Eb, Andy, Ian, (perhaps ask David Lloyd, David Dyer, ...) needs more people. **Eb Cottingham** to get the group together.

10. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Were all picked up in the next bit of the meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE – None

The Vice Chair thanked those who had submitted in advance reports (hint, wink).

8.26pm the business meeting was concluded

Part 2 of the meeting.

Consideration of the proposed actions as part of the vision for the next five years

Priorities for the Next Five Years

Over the last few months the PCC and the church have agreed the four main themes identified in seeking to understand God's purpose in our lives as a church and as individuals.

- (i) Sharing our Faith
- (ii) Faith for Younger People
- (iii) Faith in Action
- (iv) Increasing our Faith

At its meeting on July 14th 2011 the PCC agreed the following actions and responsibilities to seek to further these aims within the overall goal of focusing on the Great Commission and releasing the spiritual and natural gifts of members throughout our church life:

This doc has been sent out before, I've used the framework and adjusted it. The new bits are in blue.

I. Sharing our Faith

| | Proposal (see minutes of 14 th July 2011 for details of proposers etc) | Lead Responsibility |
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| I | <i>It was agreed to establish a leadership team with appropriate membership to consider how best to share our faith at peak services.</i> SLT has met once, Looking at services over 3 monthly blocks. (James, Peter, Graham, Basil, Neil, Eb, Robin, Pam.) | James |

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| 2. | SLT has freed up James from Evening services. Overseers are to be: (1 st Sun of month) Basil, (2) Roger Homan, (3, 5) Graham, (4) Neil Milmine. | Leadership Team |
| 3. | Christianity Explored course be offered by all House Groups in the New Year. In November volunteers from each HG will gather so that they know how to run it. | EB, House group Leaders |
| 4. | It was agreed that Basil Biggs investigates the possibilities of running a course on sharing our faith in the second half of 2012 | Basil |
| 5. | It was agreed that Peter Frost and Ian Pounce develop a proposal to expand the work of the Mission Committee to seek to increase church involvement in mission at home and abroad. One idea is that a HG might adopt a charity within their group. | Peter/Ian |
| 6. | Pip Bigg had a leaflet on Sussex Gospel Partnership SGP give support, eg Youth work training. Stephen P has been on some of their training days. Pip to think about what's the next step. | Pip |

2. Faith for Younger People

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| 1. | <p>(i) It was agreed that James be freed from responsibility for organizing Sunday evening services for a six month trial period in order to focus on developing a Sunday Night Activity for teenagers in the Church.</p> <p>(ii) It was agreed that the leadership team takes responsibility for organizing Sunday Nights services.</p> | James Leadership Team |
| | Details of evening service delegation see above. DEEPER – see mins above under Youth Report. Please Pray! | |
| 2. | <p>(i) It was agreed that the PCC invite Mikey Lear to be a voluntary youth leader in training</p> <p>(ii) It was agreed that James and Alistair develop a programme to train and support Mikey Lear as a Youth Leader and brings a proposal on funding to the PCC.</p> | James |
| | Youth leader training is in the post. James and Mikey are working on a clearer role description. | |

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| 3 | <i>It was agreed that James, Sarah and Mikey be asked to establish a youth leaders group to guide and co-ordinate developments for children and teenagers</i> | Sarah/Mikey/James |
| | <i>This group has met once, next meeting 21st October.</i> | |
| 4 | <i>It was agreed that the youth leaders group and leadership group work together encouraging young people to be more involved in church services</i> | Leadership Group/Youth Leaders Group |
| | <i>This issue has gone to both Service Leadership Team and also to the Youth Leadership Team.</i> | |

3. Faith in Action

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| 1. | <i>It was agreed to consider the future use of St Francis at the next PCC meeting. It was also agreed that the building committee be asked to consider the financial implications of retaining and developing the building or finding an alternative use.</i> | Peter/Olaf |
| | <p>i) We do need to do something. We need to find out the legal position (if we can sell it , change its use eg Social housing (no access etc)) Perhaps Nigel Hill / Adam Rice could be asked to research into the legalities.</p> <p>ii) at the same time we need to explore what the community's needs of the venue are.</p> <p>iii) some on PCC thought selling it might be a good idea, others investing in it. It's in a good place. Some elderly don't like going to NVH. It could be made attractive.</p> <p>iv) It lacks identity, purpose, focus – Youth Centre, Elderly Centre. We should try and keep it.</p> <p>v) PCC needs to know what the Annual Loss is.</p> <p>vi) What uses are made of it at the mo (photocopying, FYG, Lunch Group, Coffee Shop, Evensongs, 7.30pm services, What or who is reliant on StF?</p> <p>vii) Ask congregation for ideas.</p> | <p>(i) Nigel Hill / Adam Rice to be asked to do some research. (By whom?)</p> <p>(v) Alasdair to calculate annual loss.</p> <p>(vi) Eb to come up with a list of its use and users.</p> <p>(vii) ask Congreg for ideas. (By whom?)</p> |
| 2 | <i>It was agreed that the Leadership Team will book the recreation ground on June 3rd 2012 and plan and develop a service of celebration for the Queens 60th anniversary</i> | Leadership Team |
| | <i>See business minutes above.</i> | |

4. Increasing our Faith

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| 1 | <i>It was agreed to develop the role of house groups for teaching, prayer and pastoral care and actively encourage people to join a group through a programme of events in September 2011</i> | House Group Leaders/James |
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| | Three of four meetings have been happening overviewing what HGs are about, encouraging new people to join and inviting others to move group should they wish. (34, 31, 36) | |
| 2. | <i>It was agreed that James and Peter explore ways of developing the role and training for house group leaders</i> | <i>Peter</i> |
| | HG facilitators are needed. The idea is that everyone does a bit of everything but this still needs someone to co-ordinate. | |

Peter Frost 15th July 2011, [readjusted 23rd September 2011](#).