

## **Saint Nicholas Remenham**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on Thursday, 23 September 2010 in the Chantry House**

**Present** Fr Martyn Griffiths (Rector), Michael Dowsett, Charlotte Every (Churchwardens),

Anthea Prescott (Deanery Synod Rep), Leslie Prescott, Anthony West, Eileen Dowsett, Ruth Palethorpe, Glen Palethorpe.

**Prayers** led by the Rector

**Apologies** Rosemary Duckett (Secretary), Nigel Gray (Treasurer), Peter Sly (Warden Emeritus), Ann Shemilt, Tony Askew.

#### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

These were passed unanimously. Proposed, Leslie Prescott and seconded by Michael Dowsett.

#### **Matters Arising**

The Faculty for the work on the windows had been applied for. The Rector advised that we were already at the upper limit of PCC members when compared to the Electoral Roll and attendance numbers, and so it would be unwise to co-opt any other members.

#### **Finance**

There was no report from the Treasurer. Anthony West said that we would soon be in receipt of approximately £5000.00 from a Gift Aid tax reclaim. Charlotte Every asked if the congregation could be reminded that the white envelopes needed to be filled in if we were to be able to claim the tax back.

#### **Building Update**

Work on the windows was progressing – those which needed remaking had been removed. On their return in 6-8 weeks' time, they and the rest of the windows would be fitted with wire mesh guards. Charlotte Every reported that she had spoken with the contractor, and it had been decided not to start the work on the floor in the Tower until the New Year. However, other works – fixing the light in the Flower Room, replacement of a broken rain downpipe and the remodelling of the land levels around the apse – should start in about 2 weeks. A key box had been fitted in the Flower Room with a number combination. The Rector was able to report the completion of the upgrading of the lightning protection system, and the issue of a "Pass" certificate by the contractor.

#### **Child Protection**

The Diocesan Parish Child Protection Policy Statement was accepted unanimously. It was noted that this was to be reviewed annually. Similarly the Parish Agreement with the Diocese for the provision of CRB checks was accepted unanimously. In addition the Council voted unanimously to accept individual CRB disclosures issued for other legitimate bodies if less than three years old. The Rector would be Child Protection Officer.

#### **Dates**

The dates of various forthcoming events were noted.

**Any Other Business**

Anthea Prescott reported on the recent Deanery Synod meeting – report filed. A question was raised about the use of artificial flowers on graves and it was resolved that a new notice be displayed conspicuously in both churchyards noting the Diocesan Regulations for churchyards. An email had been received from Tony Attew resigning from the Council. The Rector had sent a message of appreciation and thanks to Tony for his work for the Church over the years.

**Dates of Future Meetings**

The following dates were proposed for meetings of the Council:

<u>Standing Committee</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2010 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	<u>Council</u>	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Annual Parochial Church Meeting</u>			3 <sup>rd</sup> April after Said Matins
<u>Standing Committee</u>	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<u>Council</u>	19 <sup>th</sup> May 15 <sup>th</sup> September

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