

The Parish of St Nicholas Church, Remenham.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council

Held on Tuesday 15th May, 2012 in the Parish Hall.

Present: Father Martyn Griffiths, Chair, Charlotte Every, Mike Dowsett, Churchwardens, Rosemary Duckett, Secretary, Hugh Whitfield, Peter Sly, Sue Laing, Anthea & Leslie Prescot, Anthony West, Eileen Dowsett & Ann Shemilt.

Apologies: Nigel Gray, Treasurer, Ruth & Glen Palethorpe.

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2012 were unanimously approved and proposed by Anthony West & seconded by Sue Laing.

Matters Arising: Electrics: the faculty has now been received and Charlotte Every will be in touch with Sparkes to see whether they need to revise their quotation and a notice will be put up.

Web site: Charlotte Every is to seek advice on this.

APCM minutes: There were no amendments.

Finance Report: There was nothing new to report since the APCM. Father Martyn said that they were in a reasonable state.

Deanery Synod: There had been no further meeting. The next meeting is on 20th June. The Episcopal visitation is on 28th May in St Marys for the church wardens to be sworn in at 7.30.

Jubilee Celebrations: There is to be a flower festival in the Church. On the Sunday evening there will be a concert in the Church. On the Monday there will be a tea party in the afternoon, and a hog roast in the evening. John Ratings will take the Sunday service. Charlotte Every had downloaded the jubilee service form St Pauls and it will be amended.

Parish Hall: The sub committee had met and Anthony West had produced a paper setting out a way forward. (This is appended to the minutes). After much discussion it was approved by the PCC. Father Martyn will attend the Parish Hall Committee meeting on Friday and discuss both the constitution, which was drawn up in 1980 and the new paper. Depending on the outcome a special extra meeting may be needed of the PCC before the next meeting in September.

A.O.B:

1. Sue Laing said that she is happy to run a crèche in the parish hall if needed during baptisms.
2. Father Martyn expressed concern that the chancel is very narrow which makes it very difficult to turn a coffin and suggested that the front part of the choir stalls could be made removable. He suggested that a competent carpenter could see if it is possible and would obtain quotes. This was agreed unanimously.
3. Charlotte Every requested that as we do not have a choir perhaps better known hymns could be sung.
4. Anthony West pointed out that the Treasurer and Secretary should be elected at this meeting. The Treasurer, Nigel Gray was nominated and proposed by Anthea Prescott and seconded by Anthony West. Rosemary Duckett wishes to stand down as secretary and Ruth Palethorpe was nominated. She was proposed by Charlotte Every and seconded by Leslie Prescott. Anthony West thanked Rosemary Duckett for all the work she has done both on the PCC and as Secretary.

The meeting closed with prayers at 9.20 pm.

The next meeting is to be on Tuesday 11th September in the Parish Hall at 8pm.