

The Parish of St Nicholas Church, Remenham.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council

held on Tuesday 20th November 2012 in the Parish Hall

Present: Father Martyn Griffiths, Chairman
Charlotte Every, Churchwarden
Mike Dowsett, Churchwarden
Nigel Gray, Treasurer
Anthea Prescott
Leslie Prescott
Anthony West
Eileen Dowsett
Ann Shemilt
Glen Palethorpe
Ruth Palethorpe, Secretary.

Apologies: Sue Laing and Hugh Whitfield.

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2012 were proposed by Leslie Prescott, seconded by Glen Palethorpe and approved, unanimously.

1. Matters Arising:

- a) **Electrics:** These are now complete
- b) **Web Site:** Charlotte Every will progress this
- c) **Choir pews:** Father Martyn has received a quotation from White Rose Cabinet makers, it was unanimously agreed to accept this and proceed with the work.

2. Finance Report:

The Treasurer circulated interim accounts to 19 November 2012. These showed total current assets of £115,627.17 and total liabilities of £988.00 so giving total reserves of £114,639.17. Fuller details are available on file.

3. Parish Hall

No meeting had yet taken place on the constitution. Father Martyn will progress.

4. Deanery Synod

The Share Allocation Working Group made its final report:-

Income to be taken into account includes:

Unrestricted - Donations, Legacies and attendances at October services

Restricted - Donations for named projects and Legacies for major capital expenditure, will not be included as annual income.

Therefore intending donors should be encouraged to be specific as to expenditure. It would no longer be practical to leave a sum "To the Church" because it would be Unrestricted but "To the Church for named major projects" counts as Restricted and the income is safe.

The Parish Share for 2013 will amount to 137% of Ministry Costs. The diocese is to be encouraged to curtail its expenditure.

The above item is courtesy of Anthea Prescott

5. Any other business

- a) **New fees List:** These will come into effect as of 1st January 2013, with the fee for marriage certificate possibly being increased from 1st April 2013.
- b) **Carol service:** Nigel Wallington and Felicity Rutland to confer on carols.
- c) **Church safe:** Now installed
- d) **Church silver:** The baptismal shell, oil stock, oil reservation and paten are all received and paid for. The chalice and ciborium are yet to come.
- e) **Chancel repairs:** Father Martyn has had no time to action this. Nigel Gray advised he will arrange to see Mr Ballard regarding chancel repair liability.
- f) **Removal of pew at the back of church:** This item is on going and will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.
- g) **Preparation of new electoral roll:** Father Martyn advised a completely new realistic electoral roll is needed which lists only relevant names. This will be implemented from 1st January 2013 and should be completed by the AGM on 28th April 2013.
- h) **Future dates:**
 - Patronal Festival - Sunday 9th December
 - Carol Service - Sunday 16th December
 - Midnight Mass - Monday 24th December
 - Next Standing Committee - 1st March 2013
 - Next PCC Meeting - 12th March 2013