

The Parish of St Nicholas Church, Remenham.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council

held on Tuesday 12 March 2013 in the Chantry House at 8pm.

Present: Father Martyn Griffiths, Chairman
Charlotte Every, Churchwarden
Nigel Gray, Treasurer
Anthea Prescott
Leslie Prescott
Sue Laing
Ann Shemilt
Hugh Whitfield
Glen Palethorpe
Ruth Palethorpe, Secretary.

Apologies: Mike Dowsett (Churchwarden), Eileen Dowsett and Anthony West.

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2012 were proposed by Charlotte Every, seconded by Leslie Prescott and approved, unanimously.

1. Matters Arising:

- a) **Choir pews:** The treasurer has posted the deposit so the work will start soon. The same supplier, White Rose Cabinet makers have been asked to modify the legs on the altar the cost of which is to be advised and the work will be done on site.
- b) **Chancel repairs:** Anthony West will advise progress at the next PCC Meeting
- c) **Re-election of PCC members:** Three members of the PCC are due for re-election, namely, Anthony West, Glen Palethorpe and Ruth Palethorpe. Charlotte Every proposed and Nigel Gray seconded them all serving another term of 3 years. This would be put to the APCM on 28 April.

2. Finance Report:

Nigel Gray advised the financial account is a true reflection of last year but income is significantly down on previous years. A draft copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2012 was circulated being proposed by Charlotte Every and seconded by Sue Laing.

The Treasurer advised at the end of February the bank balance was - £22500.00.
The following has since been paid - Parish Share – 1 month - £2725.00
- Refund - £4750.00 (see
note below)
- Other items - £7000.00

Therefore leaving a balance of approx.

- £5000.00

Please note the following:

- 1) The Rector suggested we delay payment of the Parish Share by 1 month though we do intend to catch up later in the year if possible.
- 2) The Treasurer advised a gift aided monthly donation to the church had been overpaid by £4750.00. The chairman moved this had to be repaid, all members unanimously agreed. Nigel Gray will advise the tax office this amount has been included in our gift aided claim, though in good faith.

3. Parish Hall

A meeting had been held and we were advised the Parish Hall Committee are happy to hand over surplus money to the PCC with the provisos that any imminent projects that need funding will have to be met, for example the wall around the Parish Hall grounds.

4. Deanery Synod

A meeting was held on March 4th but unfortunately no one could attend.

5. Any other business

- a) **Preparation of New Electoral Roll:** It was agreed that Julie Griffin would act as Electoral Roll Officer. The new list needs to be completed by the APCM on 28 April.
- b) **Removal of pew at the back of the church:** All agreed to leave as is, ie. stay removed.
- c) **Consultation on proposal to create an Archdeaconry of Dorchester:** disappointment and concern was expressed by all members of the PCC regarding this proposal.
- d) **Maintenance of the churchyard:** Mr. Symes has again quoted £15.00 per hour per man for this coming year (unchanged for the past 2 years) and even though we received a cheaper quote it was felt we should remain with him.
- e) **Payment of organist:** The fee for the Sunday morning service has remained the same since 2007, £35.00. Charlotte Every proposed this should rise to £40.00. It was also proposed an organist was not needed for the following 3 services:

The morning of the Carol Service of 9 lessons and Carols
The morning of the APCM
The first Sunday after Christmas

All these proposals were accepted by the PCC

f) Parish Hall Centenary Celebration in September: Nigel Gray outlined initial plans/suggestions for a proposed village event on 28th September. He explained a minimum of a 100 people needed to confirm their interest to make the event a financially viable proposition and suggested a charge of £25.00 per head would be a fair price to charge, the balance being met by The Village Hall Fund. Charlotte Every suggested approaching village dignitaries/local businesses for sponsorship. Further information will be published in the next Remenham Newsletter.

g) Lord Hunt: 29th May would be the 60th anniversary of the ascent of Everest led by Lord Hunt. Hugh Whitfield moved we recognised this event by including some suitable tribute in the Sunday service of 2nd June. Father Martyn would look into this.

h) Future dates:

Good Friday Matins	- 29 th March
Easter Sunday	- 31st March
APCM	- 28th April, after HC
Next Standing Committee	- Friday 10th May
Next PCC Meeting	- Tuesday 21st May.