

The Parish of St Nicholas Church, Remenham.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council

held on Tuesday 22 October 2013 in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm

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

Apologies: Anthony West
Hugh Whitfield

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2013 were proposed by Leslie Prescott, seconded by Anthea Prescott and approved unanimously.

1. Matters Arising:

Health and Safety check: Hugh Whitfield had contacted an electrician and would arrange for the appropriate checks to be made on all the small appliances. This check needed to be made annually. **ACTION:** Hugh Whitfield.

2. Finance Report:

The accounts were up to date. As of 8 October 2013 the General Fund stood at £8,500 and the Strange Fund at £6,700.

3. Parish Hall:

Copies of the revised Constitution were circulated and discussed at length. Father Martyn proposed, from the chair, they be accepted. This was unanimously agreed. The document would be returned to the Parish Hall Committee after which it would be presented to AGM in April 2014.

The PCC thanked Nigel Gray for all his hard work in organising the extremely successful Centenary Party held September.

4. Deanery Synod:

There had been no further meetings to report on.

5. Any other business:

- a) **Child Protection Policy:** Father Martyn would bring new updates to the next meeting. A copy of the policy and all other related documents will be posted in the church. **ACTION:** Father Martyn.
- b) **Progress on website:** Charlotte Every had had a meeting with Ann Burley, Pat Sly and Alan Henderson to discuss setting up a Parish website which would include information on the Church, Parish Hall and from the Parish Council. Robyn Vitty, a website consultant had also attended the meeting.
- c) **Parish Share:** So far this year Remenham had paid seven instalments of £2724.90 and the Standing Order was set up to pay 2 further instalments in October and November. There was no Standing Order in place for December therefore leaving one month's payment outstanding.
- d) **Remembrance Plaque:** More details concerning the names and numbers of those to be included on the Memorial Plaque would be published at the beginning of November. Adding names to the existing war memorial would not be feasible. No further action would be taken until names and numbers are known.
- e) **Churchyard maintenance:** Peter Grace had submitted a quotation for churchyard maintenance of £12.50 per hour. At present Symes were paid £15.00 per hour; Nigel Gray would approach Symes to see if they could reduce their hourly rate. **ACTION:** Nigel Gray.
- f) **Midnight Mass:** It was agreed the timing of this service should be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11 March at 8.00pm