

**The Parish of St Nicholas Church, Remenham.**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council**

**held on Tuesday 11 March 2014 in the Chantry House at 8.00pm**

**Present:** Father Martyn Griffiths, Chairman  
Charlotte Every, Churchwarden  
Mike Dowsett, Churchwarden  
Peter Sly, Churchwarden emeritus  
Anthea Prescott  
Leslie Prescott  
Hugh Whitfield  
Sue Laing  
Ann Shemilt  
Eileen Dowsett  
Glen Palethorpe  
Ruth Palethorpe, Secretary

**Apologies:** Anthony West  
Nigel Gray

**Minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2013** were proposed by Anthea Prescott, seconded by Mike Dowsett and approved unanimously, no amendments being made.

**1. Matters Arising:**

**Progress on website:** Charlotte Every would liaise with Felicity Rutland and Pat Sly and she would continue to update the PCC on progress. **ACTION:** Charlotte Every.

**2. Finance Report:**

A draft copy of the accounts has been returned from the Auditors, Father Martyn proposed this draft copy be passed as a true and accurate account. This was unanimously agreed and will now be presented at the AGM.

**3. Parish Hall:**

The Parish Hall Committee had approved the alterations made by the PCC to the Parish Hall Constitution. This would now go forward to the AGM and if approved would come into effect in April 2015.

Charlotte Every asked that any proposals for expenditure considered by the Parish Hall Committee should come to the PCC for consideration. It was for the PCC and not the Parish Hall Committee to decide on church expenditure.

#### **4. Deanery Synod:**

##### **Henley Deanery Synod Meeting on 14 November 2013**

The visiting speaker was Mr Steve Johnson on the work of the Tax Justice Campaign. This concerns tax dodging by multi-national companies who are hiding large profits in phantom firms and tax havens. Every year \$260 billion is lost to developing countries and up to £35 billion in the UK. Christian Aid has campaigned on tax since 2008. Those present were encouraged by the Area Dean to buy Fair Trade products to support the tax justice system.

Mrs Jocelyn Haynes spoke of her work as Parish Nurse at Shiplake since 2003. Parish Nursing Ministries UK is a charitable company enabling registered nurses to offer practical and spiritual care as part a holistic gospel message.

The Parish Share was discussed again and it was pointed out that if parishes paid on time they could receive a rebate of 1%, which should motivate parishes to raise money. Bishop Colin has said that Deaneries like Henley might need to lose clergy, but it was pointed out that we were paying enough share to cover our ministry costs. Gillian Ovey has been to Diocesan Church House to speak against the appointment of a fourth Archdeacon.

No one was available to attend the Deanery Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

**This item was courtesy of Anthea Prescott, Deanery Representative for St. Nicholas, Remenham.**

#### **5. Any other business:**

- a) Child Protection Policy:** Father Martyn would bring new updates to the next meeting.  
**ACTION:** Father Martyn.
  
- b) Remembrance Plaque:** Mike Willoughby briefly joined the meeting. He advised of his thorough and detailed work researching for any additional names which might have been excluded from war memorial plaques in the Henley area; there were possibly 3 from Remenham. He has compiled a book, copies of which were available. It was suggested a sub-committee be formed to decide further action. **ACTION:** Charlotte Every.

c) **Churchyard Maintenance:** It was agreed to ask for a working party of volunteers to do some basic maintenance to the church and churchyard on Saturday 26 April.

d) **Midnight Mass:** Charlotte Every provided facts and figures covering the last few years attendance levels. Strong viewpoints were aired regarding the timing of the service but it was eventually agreed an earlier time of 9.00pm would be trialled this year.

e) <b>Diary dates:</b>	Palm Sunday	13 April
	Good Friday	18 April
	Easter Sunday	20 April
	AGM after morning service on	27 April

## 6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13 May at 8.00pm in the Chantry House.