

The Parish of St Nicholas Church, Remenham.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council

held on Tuesday 13th May 2014 in the Chantry House at 8.00pm

Present: Father Martyn Griffiths, Chairman
Charlotte Every, Churchwarden
Mike Dowsett, Churchwarden
Anthea Prescott
Leslie Prescott
Sue Laing
Kim Cox
Glen Palethorpe
Ruth Palethorpe, Secretary

Apologies: Anthony West
Nigel Gray, Treasurer
Hugh Whitfield

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2014 were proposed by Leslie Prescott, seconded by Glen Palethorpe and approved unanimously, no amendments being made.

1. Matters Arising:

Election of officers:

Treasurer – Nigel Gray was proposed by Anthea Prescott and seconded by Charlotte Every.
All in favour

Secretary – Ruth Palethorpe was proposed by Charlotte Every and seconded by Sue Laing.
All in favour

Leslie Prescott proposed a vote of thanks to Father Martyn – agreed unanimously.

Father Martyn thanked Ann Shemilt for her support and commitment during her time spent on the PCC and welcomed Kim Cox to the PCC.

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

2. Finance Report:

In his absence Nigel Gray had sent copies of the financial status for the first quarter of 2014. The Parish Share is fully paid up to 31st March 2014 but £5,000 had been transferred from the Parish Hall Fund to the St Nicholas Church Remenham account.

3. Parish Hall

The Parish Hall Committee had approved the alterations made by the PCC to the Parish Hall Constitution, these would now come into effect after the AGM in April 2015.

Charlotte Every raised concerns regarding a gas canister and ladder which were still being stored outside the Parish Hall. She had asked for them to be moved at the request of the insurers the previous May.

4. Any other business:

a) **Child Protection Policy:** Father Martyn would bring new updates to the next meeting.
ACTION: Father Martyn.

b) **Repair of Church Organ:**

Various parts of the organ needed repair: bellows, keys and various switches, the cost of which could cost up to £10,000 and the estimated cost of a thorough overall was between £15,000 and £20,000. The instrument could be maintained for the time being but it was old and the eventual cost of repair would be very expensive. Sue Laing suggested a full fund raising effort be made to cover the cost of refurbishment of the organ with a time frame of 1 to 2 years. Charlotte Every suggested quotations for the repair quotations were sought so the PCC was aware of the actual costs involved.

c) Diary dates:	Harvest Festival	Sunday 28 th September
	Harvest Supper	Friday 3 rd October
	Remembrance Sunday	9 th November
	Carol Service	Sunday 21 st December (4.00pm)
	Christmas Eve Communion	Wednesday 24 th December (9.00pm)
	Christmas Day Service	Thursday 25 th December (11.15am)

5. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16th September at 8.00pm in Remenham Parish Hall.