

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

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

**held on Tuesday 16 September 2014 in Remenham Parish Hall at 8.00pm**

**Present:** Father Martyn Griffiths, Chairman  
Mike Dowsett, Churchwarden  
Eileen Dowsett  
Anthea Prescott  
Leslie Prescott  
Anthony West  
Sue Laing  
Kim Blythe  
Glen Palethorpe  
Ruth Palethorpe, Secretary

**Apologies:** Charlotte Every, Churchwarden  
Nigel Gray, Treasurer  
Hugh Whitfield

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2014** were proposed by Leslie Prescott, seconded by Sue Laing and approved unanimously, no amendments being made.

**1. Matters Arising:**

**Progress on website:** Charlotte Every, Sue Laing, Pat Sly and Felicity Rutland had met to discuss this topic. Sue Laing advised the website would be up and running by the end of this year. The domain name is [www.Remenhamparish.org.uk](http://www.Remenhamparish.org.uk). It is intended to be explicitly a village/community website with tabs to include the Church, PCC, Parish Hall and Parish Council. Charlotte Every will update as necessary. **ACTION:** Charlotte Every.

**2. Finance Report:**

In his absence Nigel Gray advised through the chairman, he had transferred monies from the Parish Hall account to enable payment of the Parish quota.

**3. Parish Hall**

Father Martyn advised the Parish Hall is completely compliant with all safety regulations. However the Parish Hall garden wall is perilous in places and in need of urgent attention making this a priority item on the Parish Hall agenda.

**4. Deanery Synod**

**Henley Deanery Synod Meeting on 4 June 2014**

After confirmation of the co-option of the Secretary, Treasurer and Quinquennial Inspection Officer, notice was given of a Churchwardens' supper on June 6 in the

Chantry House. The Visitation Court for the swearing-in of Wardens by Bishop Colin had taken place in May at St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring.

The speaker was Inspector Mark Harling, who gave a presentation on the work of the Thames Valley Police which covered having to contend with a cut of 20%; the Thames Valley link up for video conferences between Henley, Didcot, Thame and Abingdon; and a band of volunteers attend weekly to carry out administrative work, which frees police to do their main work. There has not been a rise in crime rates in the last year. Inspector Harling suggested that Synod members might form an Adopt-a-cop scheme to pray for local constabulary.

The Revd Paul Boughton was introduced. He has taken on the parishes of Goring, Streatley and South Stoke.

The next Synod meeting is a Bring and Share Supper to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> November in Henley, the exact location to be decided later.

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

## **5. Any other Business**

**a) Parish Safeguarding Policy:** Father Martyn brought the new updated document to the meeting, which was signed by Father Martyn and Mike Dowsett. Charlotte Every is the Parish Safeguarding Policy Officer.

**b) Repair of Church Organ:**

Father Martyn advised he is trying to obtain quotations from various Electronic Computing Organ suppliers. He suggested this item is discussed in more depth at the next PCC meeting.

## **6. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 25 November at 8.00pm in Remenham Parish Hall.