

The Parish of St Nicholas Church, Remenham.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council

held on Tuesday 19th May 2015 in Remenham Parish Hall at 8.00pm

Present: Father Martyn Griffiths, Chairman
Nigel Gray, Treasurer
Ruth Palethorpe, Secretary
Kim Blythe
Sue Laing
Glen Palethorpe
Anthea Prescott
Leslie Prescott
Anthony West

Apologies: Mike Dowsett, Eileen Dowsett, Charlotte Every, Hugh Whitfield

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2015 were proposed by Anthea Prescott, seconded by Sue Laing and approved unanimously, no amendments being made.

1. Matters Arising:

a) Election of Officers: Treasurer – Nigel Gray was proposed by Anthony West and seconded by Anthea Prescott. All in favour.

Secretary – Ruth Palethorpe was proposed by Anthony West and seconded by Leslie Prescott. All in favour.

b) Church Organist:

Gary Seiling has agreed to the terms of the contract drawn up by Charlotte Every which will commence 1st September 2015.

c) Church Organ:

Fr Martyn has been in touch with the original manufacturers of the church organ, Walkers, to request an estimate for the repair.

2. Finance Report:

Nigel Gray shared the receipts and payments balance sheet from 1st January to 30th April with the committee. The Treasurer commented the overall deficit was similar to the same period last year but pointed out church collections were up.

3. Parish Hall

Father Martyn advised the Parish Hall Committee had agreed to the purchase of a defibrillator. The Rector advised the cost of repairing/replacing segments of the Parish Hall wall was discussed by the Committee these could exceed £20,000. The appropriate government conservation department would need to be advised.

4. Any other Business

a) Churchyard Maintenance

Mr Symes advised he wishes to increase his rate from £15.00 to £16.00 per man-hour, this would bring the overall cost of churchyard maintenance to £5000.00, an increase of £300.00.

Nigel Gray mentioned some of members of the congregation had commented/complained regarding untidiness/disarray in the Upper Churchyard. This problem needs to be resolved as soon as possible.

b) Diary dates

Harvest Festival Service	Sunday 4 th October matins at 11.15am
Harvest Supper (Parish Hall)	Friday 9 th October at 7.30pm
Remembrance Service	Sunday 8 th November matins at 10.55am
Patronal Festival	Sunday 6 th December matins at 11.15am
Carol Service	Sunday 20 th December at 4pm
Christmas Eve Communion	Thursday 24 th December at 9pm
Christmas Day Family Service	Friday 25 th December at 11.15am

5) Date of next meeting

Thursday 17th September at 8pm in the Chantry House, Upper Room.