

**MINUTES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST NICHOLAS REMENHAM
HELD IN THE CHANTRY HOUSE ON THURSDAY 12 MAY 2016**

Present: The Rev Canon Martyn Griffiths, Chair
Charlotte Every, Churchwarden
Nigel Grey, Treasurer
Sue Laing
Glen Palethorpe
Anthony West
Hugh Whitfield

Ruth Palethorpe, Secretary

1. Prayers

2. Apologies:

Mike Dowsett, John Laing, Kim Murray-Cox, Anthea and Leslie Prescott.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March were **agreed** unanimously, proposed by Sue Laing and seconded by Anthony West.

4. Matters arising

- a) Election of officers for the forthcoming year: **Nigel Grey** was proposed as Treasurer by Sue Laing, seconded by Anthony West; **Ruth Palethorpe** was proposed as Secretary by Anthony West, seconded by Hugh Whitfield; and both were duly declared elected by the Rector.
- b) The Strange grave: the grave had been repaired, properly refilled, and the stone levelled and put on an empire base.
- c) Repair/replacement of the organ: Father Martyn had written to the diocese and put the case for a new electronic organ as discussed by the PCC. The diocesan organ officer had no objection. Tarquin Wiggins was aware of two potential purchasers who might buy the existing organ; the PCC **agreed** to this proposal.

5. Finance Report

The total reserves were down from £110k in 2015 to £103k as at the end of March 2016. Gift Aid donations remained stable. Accountancy fees had increased. The Strange Fund showed a slight increase due to interest paid in the first quarter.

6. Parish Hall

The financial situation remained stable.

The Hall is to be redecorated externally with some minor repair work to be carried out and would also be painted internally. Three quotations had been received and Henley Decorators, whose quote was the best value, would be carrying out the work.

The PCC discussed the composition of the Parish Hall Committee: a mistake had been made the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the membership of the committee was not in accordance with the constitution. This would be rectified the following year.

7. Quinquennial Report

The Report advised the structure and condition of the church had remained relatively stable in the five years since the last report. Some of the minor problems highlighted had been addressed by the working group in April, but some of the drainage issues still needed attention and there remained a bad problem with damp. Anthony West raised concerns regarding the state of the electrics and some of the facing flint work is coming away from the external walls. It was **agreed** that Hugh Whitfield would ask his builder to look at the various problems including the soak away.

Action:
Hugh

8. Any other business

The PCC discussed the picnic to be held in the village to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday on Saturday 11 June. Planning was underway, the invitation had been posted on the [Remenham website](#) and the Chairman of the Parish Council had been asked to circulate it to his parish-wide circulation list.

9. Date of next meeting

Standing Committee: Friday 24 June at 1600 in the Rectory Office
PCC: Thursday 14 July at 2000 in the Chantry House