

The Parish of St Nicholas Church, Remenham

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

Held on Thursday 14th July 2016 in the Chantry House at 8.00pm

Present: Father Martyn Griffiths, Chairman
Charlotte Every, Churchwarden
John Laing, Churchwarden
Sue Laing
Glen Palethorpe
Anthony West
Hugh Whitfield

Ruth Palethorpe, Secretary,

1. Prayers

2. Apologies: Kim Murray-Cox, Nigel Gray, Anthea and Leslie Prescott, Hugh Whitfield.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2016

These were proposed by Sue Laing, seconded by Anthony West, and approved unanimously.

4. Matters Arising:

- a) Church organ repair/replacement: Fr Martyn advised that he had been in contact with the diocesan organ adviser unfortunately progress was slow; he would progress.
[ACTION: Father Martyn]
- b) Charlotte Every advised the Queen's 90th birthday celebration picnic had been a great success with over 70 people enjoying the occasion.

5. Finance Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Father Martyn went through the balance sheets. It was noted that that overall the General Fund total had increased but that the expenses had too.

Fr Martyn advised the Parish Hall Fund showed a healthy surplus of approximately £3k on the year to date, but it was noted that this would soon be offset by expenditure on redecoration and renovation to the Hall and garden wall.

6. Parish Hall:

Father Martyn advised there little to report such but the Hall Committee would be meeting on the following week. Fr Martyn commented he was unaware of the results of the water test carried out on the water source.

7 Any other Business:

- a) It was noted that areas of the flint facing on the church tower had begun to fall off. John Laing had instructed a builder to visit the church on 27 July to make a list of interior and exterior building works/maintenance that needed to be done.
- b) Sadly, Anthea and Leslie Prescot had advised that they wished to resign from the PCC. Fr Martyn asked the secretary to write a letter of thanks to them on behalf of the PCC [**ACTION: Ruth**].
- c) It was noted that the Member of Parliament for Maidenhead had been appointed Prime Minister and it **agreed** that a letter of congratulation from the PCC should be sent to her.
- d) Future diary dates:

Harvest Festival	Sunday 2 nd October, Matins at 1115
Harvest Supper	Friday 7 th October at 1930
Remembrance Service	Sunday 13 th November at 1055 (Michael Forsdike)
Patronal Service	Sunday 4 th December, Matins at 1115
Carol Service	Sunday 18 th December at 1600
Christmas Eve Communion	Saturday 24 th December at 2100

NB: As Sunday 1 January 2017 is New Year's Day there will be no service at St Nicholas. There will be service of Holy Communion at St Mary's at 1100 followed by a brunch in the Chantry House.

5 Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 29 September at 8pm in the Chantry House.