**Church of St Nicholas Remenham**

 **Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting**

**Thursday 21st September 2017 at the Chantry House**

Charlotte Every, Church Warden

John Laing, Chairman

Sue Laing

Nigel Gray, Treasurer

Anthony West

Sarah West

Paul Sermon

Mandy Sermon, Secretary

**Apologies:** Hugh Whitfield, Father Martyn Griffiths

1. **Prayers**
2. **Minutes of last meeting held on 13th July 2017**

There were two amendments and then the minutes were approved. They will be signed at the next meeting.

1. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising other than those already on the agenda.

1. **Church**
2. Electrical

The electrical report demonstrates that there are some corrective works necessary in order to satisfy certificate conditions. These will cost £652 + VAT. It was decided that this work should go ahead. It was also agreed to install an outside socket for external lighting at a cost of £697.50.

1. Damp

The Diocesan Architect, Richard Oxley, is to come in to look at the damp situation with John Laing on 19th October. He will then produce a faculty for the necessary work involved.

1. **Parish Hall**
2. Repairs

Two experienced craftsmen are to work on repairs to the wall. The work will be reviewed after 2 weeks before asking them to continue.

The flashing around the chimney needs replacing and this and minor repairs to the roof are to be undertaken.

1. **Finances**

The Treasurer presented the finances up to September. They are in good health. Despite the poor weather the Remenham Fayre made £1,600.

1. **Any other business**
2. Plaque

This item was deferred until Father Martyn was present and able to update.

1. Dates: October 8th Harvest Festival

October 13th Harvest Supper

December 3rd Rector’s Leaving Party

 December 17th Carol Service at St Nicholas

 January 14th Event at St Mary’s

1. Person Specification: This was distributed for any final comments
2. Churchyard: R.J. Symes is the present contractor. Renewal is awaited.

Date of the next meeting: November 16th 2017

**Extra minute**

A present for Father Martyn (cash or John Lewis vouchers) was discussed. A collection will be made. An invitation to lunch and to donate will be made. A willingness to combine with St Mary’s was expressed.