**Church of St Nicholas Remenham**

 **Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting**

**Thursday 19th July 2018 in Remenham Parish Hall**

Present

Charlotte Every, Church Warden

Sue Laing

Nigel Gray, Treasurer

Anthony West

Hugh Whitfield

Sarah West

Paul Sermon

Mandy Sermon, Secretary

1. **Apologies** John Laing
2. **Minutes of last meeting held on 24th May 2018.** The date of the Harvest Supper was corrected and the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Acceptance proposed by Nigel Gray and seconded by Paul Sermon.
3. **Matters Arising**

Fundraising: Remenham Church and Sue Ryder are the charity partners for the Rewind Festival.

Repairs The paperwork is in order and work on the church is to commence within the next two weeks. Scaffolding will be necessary.

1. **Appointment of new incumbent** The new Rector, Reverend Jeremy Tayler, has been appointed. Father Jeremy’s institution is on Monday 24th September and his first services will take place on Sunday 30th September. Charlotte was thanked for her work towards the appointment of the new Rector.
2. **Finance Report** The Treasurer presented the finances up to July. This half of the year shows that expenses are raised and income is down compared to the same period last year. Expenditure was greater for a number of reasons some due to the necessity of securing advice from the Diocesan Architect, Rupert Oxley. £7,500 was transferred from the Hall Fund to the General Fund. The Fabric Fund remains the same. Anthony West asked whether the Fabric Fund could be invested to raise more interest. The Treasurer explained that with the on-going repairs all monies will need to be available. Nigel Gray was thanked for his hard work with Church Finance.
3. **Parish Hall** There were two items to be noted:
4. The water pump had failed and been replaced and the water had been tested. However the measurement for coliforms is higher. A filter will be fitted in the next few weeks and the water will be retested.
5. Refreshments on the 18th August to be served from Pat Sly’s garden requires a licence. This will be obtained.

Fundraising was briefly discussed and Sue Laing suggested that it could be kick-started at one of the events.

1. **Any other business**

Dates: Remenham Fayre Sunday 2nd September

 PCC meeting Thursday 27th September

Harvest Supper Friday 19th October

Harvest festival Sunday 21st October

Beetle Drive Friday 10th November

Carol Service Sunday 16th December 4pm

Thanks were expressed to John Croton and Michael Forsdike for their hard work and commitment during the Interregnum.