# PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS REMENHAM

**Sunday 15th April 2018**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Present:**

John Laing and Charlotte Every (Churchwardens)

Mandy Sermon (Secretary)

Mike Dowsett, Sue Laing, Nigel Gray, Jayne Gray, Anthony West, Sarah West, Paul Sermon, Ann Shemilt, Glen Palethorpe, Ruth Palethorpe, Anthony Duckett, Rosemary Duckett.

**Meeting of Parishioners**

**1. Apologies:** None

**2. Any other business:** There was none.

**3. Election of Church Wardens:**

Charlotte Every and John Laing were both duly re-elected as Churchwardens for the year.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. **Minutes of the APCM on 30th April 2017** These were circulated and were accepted as a true record of last year’s meeting. Adoption proposed by Sue Laing and seconded by Nigel Gray. All agreed.
2. **Election of representatives to the Deanery Synod and to the Parochial Church Council**  No new nominations were forthcoming for the Deanery Synod. Charlotte Every agreed to continue as PCC representative of the Deanery Synod. There were no changes to the members of the PCC.
3. **Election of sidesmen:**  There were no changes to the existing sidesmen: John Laing, Charlotte Every, Hugh Whitmore, Anthony & Rosemary Duckett, Glen & Ruth Palethorpe and Peter Forrester were re-elected.
4. **Electoral Roll:**  Julie Griffin, Parish Secretary, had reported that the number of persons on the Electoral Roll was 74. The meeting was assured that the list contained names only with no addresses. These are not divulged to anyone.
5. **Presentation of Annual Report and Accounts:** The Treasurer, Nigel Gray, presented the accounts which had been approved by the Standing Committee. He reported:

The total funds under management at year end were £103,850 a decrease of ~5% compared to prior year. The yearend values of the individual funds were:-

General Fund £7,387 – (Prior year: £2,639)

Hall Fund £51,937 – (Prior year: £61,675)

Fabric Fund £36,638 – no change

Strange Fund £ 7,103 - (Prior year: £6,957)

Jubilee Fund £875 - no change

A transfer of £5000 was made from the Hall Fund to the General Fund to ensure that it remained in credit. The costs of running St Nicholas Church marginally exceeds income. Expenses have increased: the Rector’s Plaque, higher Churchyard expenditure and essential electrical work. However, the final draw down from Park Place and an amount in excess of £3000 from an unknown donor has boosted income. Expenditure on the hall of £32,000 was due to repairs to parts of the wall, roof repairs and painting works. However, funds here were increased by about £9,500 by private donations, and from the Thespians and some filming.

Since a number of expenses are anticipated in the near future, the PCC have agreed that a special Community Fund Raising Appeal should be launched as soon as possible.

1. **Report on Church Fabric and Churchyards:** John Laing reported that the necessary permission had been obtained and that M D Jones will undertake the work on the guttering and plasterwork and will start in May. Nothing extra is necessary in the Churchyard at present.
2. **Deanery Synod Report** No report this year.
3. **Churchwarden’s Report** Charlotte Every reported that the Section 11 meeting took place on March 20th when the Parish Profile and personal profile were agreed by both PC’s. The Section 12 meeting is to take place on 16th April with the Bishop of Dorchester to agree the Profiles. On Friday 27th April the advertisement will be placed. After discussion the final choice will be made on 10th July.

Charlotte expressed thanks to all the people who work so hard with the community of the Church: servers, sidesmen, flower ladies, cleaners and organist. She also thanked Mike Forsdyke and John Croton for taking the services in the absence of a Rector.

1. **Appointment of the Independent Examiner:** It was agreed to continue to use Villiers Hayward as the independent examiner. This was proposed by Nigel Gray and seconded by Sue Laing. All agreed.
2. **Any other business:** Nigel Gray proposed thanks to the Churchwardens for their hard work, In turn Antony West proposed thanks to the Treasurer. All agreed.

**The meeting closed at 12.05pm.**