**Church of St Nicholas Remenham**

 **Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting**

**Wednesday December 2nd 2020 on Zoom**

Present

Father Jeremy Tayler (Chair)

Charlotte Every, Churchwarden

John Laing, Churchwarden

Sue Laing

Hugh Whitfield

Anthony West

Sarah West

Nigel Gray

Paul Sermon

Mandy Sermon, Secretary

**Prayers**

1. **Apologies:** All members present
2. **Minutes of meeting held on 19th March 2020.** The minutes were accepted as a true record of the short e-mail meeting. Father Jeremy will print and sign the minutes.
3. **Matters Arising** None
4. **Trees in the Churchyard** Nigel Gray explained the background to the tree problems. Three trees needed attention. A cherry tree was in a dangerous state and was overhanging the road. Wokingham gave permission to fell this tree and replace with one of the same genus. Work is also required on the yew tree near the church and the deciduous tree that borders the Parish Hall. Resolutions for this work followed:
5. The PCC agrees to the removal of the cherry tree and its replacement with a tree of the same genus. Proposed by John Laing & seconded by Nigel Gray. All agreed.
6. The PCC supports the reduction of the yew tree and the removal of the crown of the Ash Leaved Acer that borders the Parish Hall. Proposed by Sue Laing & seconded by Nigel Gray. All agreed.
7. The PCC agrees to the planting of the trees that have kindly been donated by Jayne Gray, Rosemary Duckett and Pru Burletson. Proposed by John Laing & seconded by Charlotte Every. All agreed.

The PCC expressed its thanks to the donors. The trees will be planted where spaces have been left by previous lost trees.

1. Charlotte Every proposed that Remenham Church becomes a member of the Prayer Book Society. The advantages were discussed and a resolution was passed that the PCC agrees that it becomes a member of the Prayer Book Society. Proposed by Charlotte Every and seconded by Anthony West. All agreed.
2. **Christmas Services**

20th December 3pm Carol Service in the Churchyard

24th December 9pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion

25th December 11.15am Christmas Day Family Service

27th December 11.15am

1. **PCC Meetings 2021**

The next PCC meeting by Zoom will be on January 28th 2021.

Other dates will be decided when more is known about Covid in the New Year.

1. **Any other business** Charlotte Every said that the upper churchyard needed attention particularly the top area. A working party will need to be arranged in the New Year when the weather is conducive.

Charlotte also reported that because the Church was open small donations totalling £63.47 were given and Nigel Gray had taken £11 for holly sprigs.

The meeting concluded with Father Jeremy saying the Grace.