**Church of St Nicholas Remenham**

 **Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting**

**Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present

Father Jeremy Tayler (Chair)

Charlotte Every, Churchwarden

John Laing, Churchwarden

Anthony West

Nigel Gray

Sue Laing

Mandy Sermon, Secretary

**Prayers**

1. **Apologies:** Paul Sermon
2. **Minutes of meeting held on March 3rd 2022** Charlotte Every proposed that the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. John Laing seconded. All agreed. Father Jeremy signed the minutes.
3. **Matters Arising**

1. The Rector reminded the PCC that a present was needed to recognise the service of retired churchwarden Mike Dowsett. A book about Henley was suggested.

2. The Parish Inspection was passed successfully.

1. **Financial Matters** The Treasurer reported that most funds are healthy and are increased compared to last year. Extra donations from film companies had been received. The Parish Share will be paid in full.

 The Quinquennial Report had found a few weak areas in the Church tower and a quotation for the work is awaited. A small amount of pointing is necessary but not immediately required.

Sue Laing suggested that the gardening budget for the Churchyard should be increased. This was discussed and it was decided that the task should be put out to tender with a precise specification for the work. Charlotte Every will consider exactly what is required.

The Rector thanked Nigel Gray for his work in producing the financial report. All agreed.

1. **Fund Raising** 1.No specific fundraising has taken place this year as all the events such as the Jubilee, the Remenham Fayre and the Harvest Supper increased funds.

2. The Rector is to ask the local wedding couples if they would like to donate towards the refreshments for the Carol Service.

1. **Churchyard** The budget for this had been discussed earlier. Thanks were expressed to Nick Austen who works tirelessly in the upper Churchyard.
2. **Parish Hall** A recentParish Hall meeting had raised some questions about the running of the hall and its events. The Constitution of the Parish Hall has been consulted. This Constitution states how the hall is to be run and a copy of this will be sent to all the members. It makes various points clear and all members of the Parish Hall Committee need to be co-opted at the APCM. The Treasurer must be the same for the PCC and for the Parish Hall. All funds must be managed carefully by the PCC and financial points raised by the Constitution were discussed.
3. **Any other business** A charity giving policy was discussed. The Henley Church Debt Centre had been in touch with the Rector. He had been asked to encourage other Churches to be involved with Christians against Poverty and make either a one off or a monthly donation to the cause. Nigel Gray proposed that the PCC donate £100 monthly. Sue Laing seconded the proposal. All agreed.
4. **Future dates**

**December 4th** Patronal Festival (nibbles & drinks) **Food Bank Collection**

 **December 18th 11.15am** Carol Service

 **January 1st** **11.15am**Matins

 **January** **5th** Church Volunteers

The meeting concluded with Father Jeremy saying the Grace.