**Church of St Nicholas Remenham**

 **Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting by Zoom**

**Thursday 15th July 2021 7.30pm**

Present

Father Jeremy Tayler (Chair)

Charlotte Every, Churchwarden

John Laing, Churchwarden

Sue Laing

Anthony West

Sarah West

Nigel Gray

Paul Sermon

Mandy Sermon, Secretary

**Prayers**

1. **Apologies:** Hugh Whitfield
2. **Minutes of meeting held on 18th March 2021** Nigel Gray proposed that the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Charlotte Every seconded. All agreed. Father Jeremy will print and sign the minutes.
3. **Matters Arising** Father Jeremy had had a meeting with John Halsall, Chairman of the Parish Council to discuss the future of the Church. It was suggested that it might be helpful to have a meeting with the Churchwardens and the Treasurer. This was thought to be a useful idea.

1. **Finance Report** Nigel Gray stated that the financial situation was improved and there was £20,000 in the General Fund at the end of June (£7,000 last year). A tax rebate of £6000 had been received, there had been a number of random donations and Just Giving as a result of the Churchwardens’ group Jurassic Walk had meant that 76% of the parish share had already been paid. Fundraising had raised an additional £1550 so far. The Hall Fund (£37,000) is slightly reduced compared to £44,000 last year. There is no change in the other funds.
2. **Fundraising** A few fundraising envelopes are still to be delivered. Sue Laing offered to draft a letter to Park Place.
3. **Churchyard Clean Up** Despite the recent work by Church Volunteers the grass in the upper Churchyard has grown and more work is needed, Nigel will contact Symes who have worked in the Churchyard for a number of years. If he is unable to take on the responsibility then an alternative contractor will be sought. Another clearing session will be arranged in the autumn. Saturday 9th October was suggested as a possible date.
4. **Parish Hall** Barry Rosieris moving awayso maintenance may be an issue.A meeting on 30th September at 7.30pm was suggested.
5. **Any other business** John Laing mentioned that the Quinquennial Inspector had raised a number of points regarding out-of-date fire extinguishers and electricity testing was overdue. There was some repair necessary in the tower. He also reported that work on the gate and fence in the upper churchyard had been completed.
6. **Future Dates (**These may be face to face)

Thursday 7th October 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd December 7.30pm

Charlotte Every also mentioned that the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee is to take place next June 2022. A street party might be an option.

The meeting concluded with Father Jeremy saying the Grace.