**Church of St Nicholas Remenham**

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

**Thursday 28th January 2021 7.30pm**

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 2nd December 2020.** Paul Sermon proposed that the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Sue Laing seconded. All agreed. Father Jeremy will print and sign the minutes.
3. **Matters Arising** (Dec 2nd 4.2) Wokingham Borough Council has approved the tree work necessary in the Churchyard. The work will be undertaken on 22nd March.
4. **Financial Matters**

4a Finance Report Nigel Gray explained that the value of the Church assets and the cash assets had been reduced by 25% and 30% respectively over 2020. The running costs of the Church are greater than the income. Transfer of funds will be necessary before the end of the financial year. There are greater expenses due in the first 3 months of the year so Nigel suggested that initially only 50% of the Parish Share was paid and then made up to full payment later in the year. He suggested a local appeal could be made.

4b Community Asset Discussion took place over the asset of the Parish Hall in this context. The PCC resolved that there should be no change to the ownership or management of the Parish Hall. Hugh proposed acceptance and Charlotte seconded the resolution. All agreed.

4c Fundraising This was discussed as there had been no appeals to residents since 2011. Hugh suggested that this appeal could be linked to some first aid training. Father Jeremy suggested that he write a letter that could be delivered around Remenham.

4d The Parish Share Nigel’s suggestion regarding the Parish Share was discussed. Indications are that the second half of the year will be better. The PPC resolved that payment of a minimum of 50% of the Parish Share for the first 6 months would be made with a view to paying the whole amount by the end of the year. This was proposed by John Laing and seconded by Sarah West. All agreed. Nigel will write an explanatory letter to the diocese with the first cheque.

1. **Dates of PCC Meetings 2021**

The next PCC meeting by Zoom will be on Thursday 18th March 2021.

Other dates will be decided later.

1. **Date of APCM** Sunday April 25th 2021
2. **Letter from RPC re land outside the Parish Hall.** This was discussed and the PCC is happy for the drainage to be sorted by Wokingham and new paving to be purchased by Remenham Parish Council. It was felt that a bench outside the Parish Hall was not a good idea as most people would rather sit on the seats near the river.

**Charlotte suggested that thanks were expressed to Nigel Gray for all the work that he has put into the Churchyard recently. This was unanimously agreed.**

The meeting concluded with Father Jeremy saying the Grace.

[**Father Jeremy actions**: Two letters: (i) to John Halsall (ii) a fundraising letter to residents.]