

**ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN**  
**Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting**  
**7<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

<b>Present:</b>	
Rosemary Weatherburn	Ursula Wide
Stephen Webster	Penny Reading
Lynda Davies	Charles Wide
Pauline Davidson	Tricia Newton
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Giles Butlin	Bob Brewer
Sonya Moss	Brigitte Hilton
Sid Charlton	

<b>1.</b>	<b>Stephen led opening Prayers.</b> The meeting was chaired by Rosemary.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Parish Share arrangements.</b> Stephen informed the meeting about the new arrangements for calculating Parish Shares. After discussion a Resolution was proposed by Charles, seconded by Rosemary, that Glapthorn St. Leonard's will pay the full amount of the 2014 Parish Share which has increased by 4.12% and that a further 3.88% will be paid into either a deanery fund set up to help parishes which struggle to pay their Parish Share or to a particular parish, making a total increase of 8%. To be discussed further at the next PCC meeting.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of PCC Meetings dated 8 October 2013</b> were signed as approved by the Chair, Rosemary.	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b> Church improvements and funding update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The redecoration is now complete. The decorator has been paid, less his retainer of 5%. His total invoice was £7,553.50, of which The Francis Coales Trust paid £2,000 and WREN £5,175.82. The decorator will return in May or June to sort out any problems.</li> <li>• Main works: It is anticipated that Martyn Taylor Ltd. will start work in April/May. It has been agreed to proceed with the trench arch drainage system. A percolation test has been done. When results are received this will be taken forward by instructing Bruce Deacon, architect, to apply for a faculty.</li> <li>• Furniture and equipment: Two folding tables have been purchased and are stored in the base of the tower. Pauline will be asking a supplier to bring a range of folding or stacking chairs to the church so that a decision can be made on the best option.</li> <li>• Funding update: All external funding has now been banked, or has been pledged. Monies received total £53,170 with a further £2,000 anticipated from The Beatrice Laing Trust.</li> </ul> <p>Faculty update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A faculty has been granted for the permanent repositioning of the chancel screen and minor alterations to the chancel. There were no</li> </ul>	

	<p>objections. The architect, Bruce Deacon, has been asked to provide an estimate of his costs for obtaining quotes and managing the work. Funds already received do not apply to the proposed work on the screen.</p> <p>Duties of churchwardens and PCC members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pauline outlined to Stephen how duties are shared out among PCC members. She also informed him that it is our wish that pastoral support is improved. A welcome pack from the church is already given to new villagers.</li> </ul> <p>Appointment of new Vicar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A meeting for members of the three PCC's in the benefice has been held, chaired by the Archdeacon of Oakham, Gordon Steel. Each parish in the benefice has produced a Parish Profile and they will be formatted by St. Peter's, with a page at the beginning that applies to the whole Benefice.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the interregnum most of Glapthorn's services will be taken by Stephen, Lynda, or Barry Morrison. Occasional services will be taken by Diana Rees-Jones, an ordained priest, and Charles Wide.</li> <li>During an interregnum, visiting clergy costs can be reclaimed from the diocese.</li> <li>Mothering Sunday – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Glapthorn School to be asked to participate. The service will be a Family Service, so there will be two Family Services in March. There will no Family Service on the first Sunday of April, instead there will be a Holy Communion.</li> <li>Ash Wednesday – 5<sup>th</sup> March. 10am. Service to be Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion, with ashes.</li> <li>Good Friday – 18<sup>th</sup> April. Charles will lead a service at 6pm.</li> <li>February Family Service - Glapthorn School are taking part.</li> </ul>	<p>PD</p> <p>CW</p>
6.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> December with the two churchwardens, Malcolm Moss, Bob Brewer and Ian Davidson. It was agreed that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ian will maintain a spreadsheet of income/expenditure for the church improvements.</li> <li>Malcolm will arrange for the auditing of the 2012 church accounts.</li> <li>Bob will oversee reclaiming VAT from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.</li> <li>Bob will compile the Average Service Attendance (ASA) figures for 2013. Pauline to send him information about this.</li> <li>Bob will organise Gift Aid Reclaims and small donations tax rebates (the new initiative to claim tax rebates where no Gift Aid form has been completed).</li> <li>Bob noted that the bank account previously used for the Summer Celebration income has been closed. Income and expenditure for this year's Celebration will go through the normal church accounts.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>PD</p> <p>MM</p> <p>BB</p> <p>BB</p> <p>PD</p> <p>BB</p> <p>MM</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretary informed the meeting of amounts held in the various bank accounts, the information being given to her by the Treasurer who was unable to attend the meeting</li> </ul>	
7.	<b>Deanery Synod:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charles gave a report on the latest meeting.</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Fund Raising Committee Report:</b> Events planned for 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Coffee Morning at Crown House 10.30 – 12.00</li> <li>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Bluebell Teas in Village Hall 2.00 – 5.00</li> <li>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Three Churches Barn Dance at Provost Lodge in aid of Glaphorn St. Leonard’s, Tansor Church and Cotterstock Church.</li> <li>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August: Flowers for a Country Wedding and Teas in the Village Hall 2.00 – 4.30</li> <li>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August: Glaphorn Summer Celebration. A meeting to begin arrangements will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 11am.</li> <li>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Bazaar in church 10.00 – 12.30</li> </ul>	
9.	<b>Any Other Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Donation from Royal Oak Club. Every village organisation has received a donation of £200. Pauline proposed that this money be used to cover expenses producing the quarterly newsletter. All agreed.</li> <li>Rosemary asked for an update on the Mary Sapsed bequest. The proposed cross on the porch had to be postponed due to the urgency of the repointing. Ursula will now proceed.</li> <li>The roof alarm will be serviced on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm. Pauline will arrange for someone to be present to open the tower door.</li> <li>St. Leonard’s proposed website. Charles recommended Church Edit be used to set this up. The cost is £149 but there is a reduction of £50 if ordered in January. After discussion, Rosemary proposed, seconded by Penny, that Charles be asked to take this forward. All agreed. Charles would like the website to be available in time for the AVM in April.</li> <li>Penny will host a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 2.30pm to discuss ways of engaging new people in the running of the church. Pauline, Tricia and Rosemary will attend.</li> </ul>	PD  UW PD  CW  PR

**Date and place of next meeting: The Annual Vestry Meeting on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014, 7pm in church. Stephen will chair the meeting.**

Stephen ended the meeting with prayer.