

**ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN**  
**Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting**  
**following the AVM 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014**

<b>Present:</b>	Penny Reading
Rosemary Weatherburn	Bob Brewer
Pauline Davidson	Sonya Moss
Ursula Wide	Patricia Newton
Brigitte Hilton	Charles Wide
Sid Charlton	Stephen Webster
Giles Butlin	Lynda Davies
Lynn Buckley	Ian Davidson (ex officio)

<b>Apologies:</b> None	
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Stephen chaired the meeting and welcomed new PCC member Lynn Buckley and recently co-opted PCC member Ian Davidson.</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>The Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014, previously approved, were signed by Stephen.</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen's appointment as new Vicar. Pauline summarized the short discussion by PCC members prior to the AVM, itemising PCC aims and wishes once Stephen is officially our Vicar:</li> <li>• Stephen and his family will be invited to Glapthorn's Friday Royal Oak pub nights. This will help Stephen and Jane to become known in Glapthorn. Lynda and her husband Martin will also be invited.</li> <li>• It was felt that more could be done liaising with Glapthorn School, to encourage more children into the Sunday Club. This to be discussed further at the next PCC meeting.</li> <li>• Glapthorn School Foundation Governor. Stephen will look into how this will work as he is also a Governor of Oundle Primary School.</li> <li>• It is expected that coffee and biscuits will be served after every service, once the improvements have been finished. The majority of the PCC would prefer an informal friendly chat with others after the service, rather than have the formal "Peace" during the service.</li> <li>• An Associate Vicar is expected to be appointed in due course. The PCC would wish Glapthorn to be more benefice orientated and would hope that the proposed Associate Vicar would also have responsibility for the whole of the benefice, rather than just Oundle as has been the case in the past.</li> <li>• Parish Share: Previously the amount of the Share has been calculated on ASA figures (Average Sunday Attendance) but the diocese now sees this as a tax on growth. There is now a change in the calculations, each benefice paying for its own clergy. This will</li> </ul>	<p>PD</p> <p>PD/UW</p>

	<p>give an incentive to grow, and the diocese is confident it will work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church Improvements update: Ian Davidson will oversee the work on a daily basis. We are still waiting for the faculty for the drainage system. The asbestos cement on the tower door will be removed by a specialist. Three pews have been removed from the rear and will be used to make a community table. A faculty has been obtained to remove two front pews. Stacking chairs will be purchased but no decision on what type has been made. A faculty will be needed for the chairs. Information has been sent to the DAC and their feedback is awaited. The improvement work is scheduled to take eight weeks, so should be finished by mid June. The old pew from the rear of the church is very rotten with active woodworm and needs to be removed from the building. Pauline will inform the DAC. A faculty has now been obtained to reposition the chancel screen. The cost will be £4,763. A Resolution was proposed by Charles, seconded by Ian Davidson, to use the Glaphorn Chancel Fund held by the diocese, to reposition the chancel screen and associated works. Ursula will ask permission of the diocese.</li> <li>• New sound system – Charles is in the process of receiving quotes. It is hoped to improve the lighting in church at some time in the future.</li> <li>• Website: Charles asked for comments. This is a work in progress and eventually it is expected that items such as the rotas, floodlight dedications and fees will be included as well as PCC minutes and service details.</li> <li>• Stone cross on porch: There is no money for this at the moment.</li> <li>• A meeting with Pauline, Penny and Tricia was held in January to discuss how to increase villagers’ involvement in church life.</li> </ul>	<p>PD</p> <p>PD</p> <p>UW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen’s induction will be at St. Peter’s, Oundle, on 7<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm.</li> <li>• There will be a Celebration of Ministry on 7<sup>th</sup> June at the Cathedral at 11am.</li> <li>• Lynda’s ordination will be on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm, in the Cathedral.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in August – This is 4<sup>th</sup> August, the anniversary of the start of the First World War. Discussion took place on how we could commemorate this date. To be discussed further.</li> <li>• Choral Evensong – Philip Hilton is hoping to organise this service for later in the year.</li> <li>• Gill Johnston is organising the Glaphorn Flower Festival, Fete and Open Gardens to be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August. There was a suggestion that the Sunday service could be an outdoor one in Ursula’s garden. To be discussed further.</li> </ul>	<p>UW</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Deanery Synod:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles asked the meeting to consider clear objectives required and what has been achieved elsewhere.</li> </ul>	

6.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretary has received a Form 1 notice from the diocese, notifying us of their intention to purchase 10 Clifton Drive, Oundle as the new parsonage house. The notice will be displayed on the gate notice board.</li> </ul>	PN
7.	<p><b>Social/fund raising Committee Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sonya wishes to re-organise the committee and find new members. She will produce a flyer to be distributed around the village.</li> </ul>	SM
8.	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion took place on the position of Foundation Governor of Glaphorn School. Two are required. One, living in Southwick, is already in place. Stephen will speak to the Chair of the Governors, Jane Dalley.</li> <li>The main green church notice board in the churchyard will need amending.</li> <li>Maureen Gent has donated a painting of the church. The Secretary will write to thank her.</li> <li>Sonya announced that she will be away from the village for large amounts of the year so will not be able to continue running the Social Committee. She will be able to continue to organise the 100 Club and the foreign coin collection.</li> <li>Ian Davidson reported on the state of the War Memorial in this anniversary year. It needs cleaning and he suggests hosing a small area first to test. He will take on the responsibility of cleaning the memorial. It may be possible to pick out the names with paint after cleaning. Stephen suggested Ian talk to Benefield about their experience with their own memorial. It was agreed that Ian take on this task.</li> </ul>	<p>SW PD</p> <p>PN</p> <p>ID</p>

**Date and place of next meeting: To be arranged.**