

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting
3rd July 2014

Present:	
Stephen Webster	Giles Butlin
Lynda Davies	Rosemary Weatherburn
Pauline Davidson	Sid Charlton
Ursula Wide	Brigitte Hilton
Charles Wide	Penny Reading
Tricia Newton	Lynn Buckley
Bob Brewer	Tracey Kerr
Sonya Moss	Ian Davidson

1.	Stephen led opening Prayers.	
2.	Co-opted PCC member: Tracey Kerr was welcomed on to the PCC.	
3.	<p>Treasurer's Report: Sonya reported on behalf of Malcolm. The financial position is healthy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ursula asked Sonya if she knew if the funds from the chancel repair fund had been received. Sonya will ask Malcolm to let her know. • Bob asked that the standing order of £15 per month, which was paid to Richard for his expenses, be cancelled as Stephen and Lynda claim their expenses from St. Peter's. • Pauline thanked Malcolm in his absence for producing the financial statement. 	MM MM
4.	Minutes of the PCC Meeting dated 23 April 2014 were signed as approved by Stephen.	
5.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian has test cleaned the rear of the war memorial and has had good results. Only water has been used. All agreed that Ian be asked to proceed with the rest of the memorial, which will be ready for Remembrance Sunday. • Church fabric and improvements update. Ian reported that the slight delay in completing the works has been because the glass screen for the ringing floor had not been received when expected. The bell ropes require shortening and bosses are to be installed in the ceiling. The final bill has been received. Extras are within the contingency figure. Agreed that it should be paid by WREN. The paint finish following re-decoration was discussed but Ian has established that very little can be done to avoid a small amount of peeling due to the underlying cement base. Forty stacking chairs will be purchased and the Aspire company are visiting again, bringing more samples. Pauline will inform PCC members of the date and time and requests as many members as possible attend. Sound system quotes have been received. • Feedback from churchwardens' discussion with Stephen: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Vision Day" for Glapthorn Church. To discuss future direction and growth possibilities. Ursula, Charles, Pauline, Stephen and Lynda agreed to prepare a list of issues to be discussed and plan the day. Charles suggested that maybe a 	ID PD

	<p>few members of St. Peter’s congregation could join us. Miles Baker, the Diocesan Mission Enabler, could be asked to attend. Stephen will email him to ask his availability. It was suggested that Benefield could also be involved.</p> <p>2. Forging links between churches in the Benefice: Discussion took place on how specific functions in each parish could be helped by shared expertise and knowledge within the Deanery.</p> <p>3. Fifth Sunday services: Various ideas were put forward, including a late morning service followed by lunch in the village hall, a special event service, a Benefice service with each parish taking it in turns. This to be further discussed on the “Vision Day”, together with timing.</p> <p>4. Associate Vicar: As the diocese has not yet been able to purchase a new vicarage, it is not possible to appoint an Associate Vicar as Stephen is still occupying the Associate Vicar’s house.</p> <p>5. Glapthorn School Foundation Governor: Stephen holds this position, as well as Foundation Governor for Oundle Primary School. Stephen suggested that the new Associate Vicar, when appointed, could take over the role of Governor for Glapthorn School. Previously Glapthorn did not contribute financially to the costs of an Associate Vicar but if this person is to be part of the Glapthorn team, then this will change. Administration will still be done by the St. Peter’s office. It was noted that costs for administration staff are increasing to include pension rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Leonard’s website: Charles reported that our new “Church Edit” website is proving very successful, with a very high number of visits. A new email address for the website will be set up. Charles asked members to think of any further information that could be put on to the site, such as information about Standing Order payments. Events in both Glapthorn and Oundle will be featured. Stephen was asked if he could produce a monthly Vicar’s letter for the site. The cost of the website is approximately £180 per year. • Electoral Roll: Brigitte will update this and inform the PCC of numbers at the next meeting. 	<p>UW/CW PD/SW/ LD</p> <p>SW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>SW</p> <p>BH</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Sunday in August: There will not be a service in Glapthorn. Instead there is a WW1 Commemoration Service at St. Peter’s. • 24th August: Flower Festival Sunday. Stephen will take the service at 6pm. Format will be a “Songs of Praise” with the congregation invited to choose the hymns in advance. Wine to be served afterwards. Brian Ashworth has been asked to play the organ. • Discussion took place on a special service to celebrate the church improvements. • Sid Charlton is happy to provide a keyboard for use in Family Services. • Harvest Festival: date to be arranged. 	<p>PD/UW</p> <p>PD/UW</p> <p>SCh PD/UW</p>

7.	<p>Parish Patron: At present Mrs Gina Watts Russell is Patron of Glapthorn St. Leonard's. Her daughter does not wish to take over the patronage, and the Watts Russell family would like to pass the patronage over to the Bishop. Resolution: That Glapthorn PCC would have no objection to the patronage of the parishes of Glapthorn, Benefield and Oundle being passed over to the Bishop. All were in favour.</p>	
8.	<p>Deanery Synod: Stephen reported on the discussion in Synod on Mission and Growth in the parishes. An Action Plan is in the process of being produced.</p>	
9.	<p>Fund Raising Committee Report: Sonya reported that the Committee has been restructured since the last PCC meeting. There are now three new members, Lynn Buckley, Tracey Kerr and Liz Barnish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These new members have undertaken to organise the Christmas Bazaar, which will be in church on 6th December. • The Oriana Choir will perform a concert in church on 2nd December. • Gill Johnston is organising the Flower Festival weekend of 24th/25th August. • Sonya reminded the PCC that at present there is no Chair of the Fund Raising Committee. 	
10.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School House Trust. Discussions have taken place (between the Diocese, the Trust, the School and the Council) about the possibility of incorporating the house into Glapthorn School ready for the increased numbers of children when the two tier system comes into force. The Trust Deed does stipulate that the house should be used for educational purposes. • Giles reported that the churchyard headstones have been inspected. Seventeen stones require attention. Some have been laid on the ground as they were deemed to be dangerous. Quotes have been received of around £500. Repairs can be done during July and August and the stones will then be secure for the foreseeable future. All agreed that Giles should arrange for the work to be done. • Gill Johnston is holding a Coffee Morning at her home on Saturday 5th July in aid of St. Leonard's fabric. • Pauline reported that the Glapthorn and Southwick Village Show will be held in St. Leonard's this year on 19th July. Teas will be able to be served from the new servery. 	GB

Date and place of next meeting: Tuesday 14th October 2014 in church.

Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.