

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN

Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held at Church Cottage, Thursday 8th September 2016

Present:	
Stephen Webster	Patricia Newton
Charles Wide	Ian Davidson
Brigitte Hilton	Ursula Wide
Sid Charlton	Philip Hilton

1.	Stephen led opening prayers.	
2.	Apologies: Jema Ball, Lynda Davies, Sonya Moss, Tracey Kerr, Lynn Buckley.	
3.	Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 14th June 2016 were signed as approved by Stephen Webster.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Draft Child Safeguarding Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously, the Child Safeguarding Officer for Glapthorn has been Lynda Davies. She is shortly leaving Oundle to take up a new post. St. Peter's have recently appointed Tracey Cunningham to this role for Oundle. Stephen offered to ask Tracey if she would be willing to become the Safeguarding Officer for the whole benefice. All agreed. • Charles will check our insurance policy that it covers child safeguarding issues. • The policy recommends that two adults are present when working with children. Anyone who wishes to help will need a DBS check. <p>All agreed to adopt the Child Safeguarding Policy for Glapthorn church.</p> <p>Growth Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles distributed the leaflet to all homes in the village. He was thanked for doing this. • Church website. Charles informed the meeting that at some future date the website may need a complete redesign. A cost would be incurred. Charles has refreshed the website with up to date information. Under "Contact" the email link is now live. Any emails from the website go direct to Ursula. • St. Peter's weekly sheet. Stephen will ask Justine to email a copy to Ursula and Charles. It will include services and events for the whole benefice. A copy will be placed in church. • Newsletter. Ursula now produces this, quarterly. An innovation is a contribution from Stephen. This is a good opportunity to let the village know that the newsletter is produced by the church, not the Parish Council as some believe. • Selection of charities for our support. We have previously agreed 	<p style="text-align: center;">SW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CW</p>

	<p>that Glapthorn is a “giving” church and that we will support one local and one international charity. We already support (£10 per month) Casa Alianza, a Nicaraguan charity that helps street children. The Vicar outlined the help that St. Peter’s gives to “Place of Grace” in Bangkok, Thailand. Charles proposed that each member of the PCC makes suggestions of charities we could support, with reasons, before the next PCC meeting. These charities would have a Christian ethos. The PCC members would then consider the proposals at the next meeting and decide how to choose which to support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Care Team. Pauline Davidson and Tracey Kerr have already made suggestions on how this will operate. They will lead this. They will be asked to report further at the next PCC meeting. Stephen asked if he or Jema could be informed if any villager would like a hospital visit. Pauline is to be asked how they envisage getting to know of those in need. • Discipleship Group. The Growth Action Plan year one targeted a fortnightly group meeting for prayer, Bible study and encouragement. Stephen is willing to run this and will suggest possible dates. The meetings are proposed to last for approximately one and a half hours. Invitations to attend will be offered at Sunday services and individually. Benefield will also be invited to take part. The beginning of October was the suggested launch date. • Recruitment of young members to the PCC. Nothing has yet happened, although Clara Hart has expressed a willingness to join. This will be temporary until she goes to university next year. Other young people in the village could be approached. Members are required to be over 16 years of age. Brigitte has promised to action this. • Service pattern and style. The sub-committee comprises Helen Charlton, Stephen Webster, Jema Ball, Philip Hilton, Charles Wide and Tracey Kerr. Their first meeting is arranged for 21st September at the home of Jema Ball. • Holistic Plan for Building Improvements. Charles reported on his research into this topic and his meeting with an architect who specialises in this work. It was agreed that PCC members would be asked to provide, before the next meeting on 9th November 2016, a list of potential uses for the church building (in terms of worship and otherwise) to implement the Growth Action Plan. 	<p>All PCC members</p> <p>TK</p> <p>BH</p> <p>SW</p> <p>BH</p> <p>SCh/SW/ JB/PH/ CW/TK</p> <p>CW</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Treasurer’s Report: (Report attached).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Davidson reported that our finances are presently healthy. He explained the function of the three different bank accounts. • Account No. 1 is income, Account No. 2 is the 100 Club. • Ian asked for a Resolution to rename the existing Floodlight account as Account No. 3. This account will be used for payments. This was proposed by Ursula, seconded by Brigitte. All agreed. 	<p>ID</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to a very complex procedure demanded by the bank, Ian has decided not to proceed with electronic banking for the church accounts. • Discussion took place about our contributions in previous years to parishes struggling to pay their Parish Share. Ian reported that due to our relatively healthy bank balance we are still in a position to help other parishes, due mainly to recovery of previous years' Gift Aid reclaims, which will not continue. Contributions will be reviewed on an annual basis. • Deanery levy additional payment. Stephen reported that the old Deanery levy has been scrapped as it is no longer necessary. It is proposed to replace it with a voluntary contribution from parishes to an Outreach Fund. The benefice contribution is suggested at £145, of which Glapthorn could donate a proportionate part. There remains a required Deanery contribution of £5 per parish (Deanery Membership Contribution) to cover incidentals. • Quinquennial Report. Ian informed the meeting that generally the church is in good order but there is a slight damp problem in the tower. Ian suggested a hatch from the tower to access the roof is required. Ian will consult the architect and a builder about this. 	ID
6.	Deanery Synod Report: Philip reported on the Deanery Synod meeting held on 22 nd June 2016 (report attached).	
7.	Social Committee Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ursula advised the meeting of the forthcoming concert by Corby Male Voice Choir on Friday 11th November at 7.30pm in church. It will include both secular and sacred music. Tickets are £10 each, obtainable from either Ursula or Pauline Davidson. Refreshments will be required. The choir's fee is £200. • Sid reported that it is not possible to arrange the proposed Bridge afternoon, due to the amount of work and not a lot of profit expected. 	
8.	Any Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The carpet in front of the altar has been cleaned. • Harvest Festival is arranged for Sunday 2nd October at 6pm. Jema will take the service. There will be a Bring and Share supper in the hall afterwards. Brigitte will book the hall and ask John Coleman to be Master of Ceremonies. • Brigitte asked if we could agree to remove the green recycling bin from the churchyard as it is not required. All agreed. • The "Welcome" board has been repaired. • The green notice board needs to have Jema's name put on, and Lynda's name removed. Ursula will proceed with this. • Christingle service will be on Sunday 4th December at 4pm. 	BH BH UW

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th November, 7pm at Windy Ridge.