

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN

Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held at Church Cottage, Tuesday 12th September 2017

Present:	
Sid Charlton	
Stephen Webster	Ian Davidson
Jema Ball	Ursula Wide
Charles Wide	Patricia Newton
Brigitte Hilton	Lynn Buckley

1.	Stephen led opening prayers. The meeting was chaired by Sid.	
2.	Apologies: Sonya Moss, Tracey Kerr, Philip Hilton.	
3.	Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 14th June 2017 were signed as approved by Sid.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wardens will write soon to those who contribute financially to the church. • Growth Action Plan progress: Charles reported that there was still much to do, particularly regarding the holistic plan for church improvements. He considered it important that professional help was required in this specialist field. Improvements may be implemented in phases but an overall plan is needed to ensure that they work together. It was generally agreed that, within enhanced flexibility, suitability for traditional worship should be retained. Charles will talk to the St. Leonard's architect, as a first step. All agreed that Charles and Brigitte can begin to take this forward. It was also agreed that the Growth Action Plan leaflet requires updating. Items on a discipleship course and a pastoral team will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. • Churchyard gravestones: Ursula reported that Michael Maynard has now completed his work on the stones that required action, and he has been paid. One bill is outstanding. Ursula will ask him to check the stones every three years. • Compost bin: • The church is now a member of the Green Waste Club, with a brown bin that is collected at the same time as the green recycling bins. The contents of the compost bin requires emptying into the brown bin. The lawnmower has a mulching action, so grass cuttings can be 	<p>CW/BH</p> <p>CW/BH</p> <p>PN</p> <p>UW</p>

	<p>left in situ and there is no need for a grass heap. Pauline will be informing the mowers on the rota.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childrens' Play Area: Jema reported on her discussions and decisions taken with Tracey. PCC members have been emailed with suggested furniture ideas and suitable toys. All agreed that Tracey can proceed, spending up to £500 as agreed in a previous meeting. 	<p>UW</p> <p>TK</p>
5.	<p>Vicar's Report and Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen reported on how the new service pattern has been implemented. • Harvest Evensong is at 6pm on 24th September, followed by an auction of produce and a Harvest Supper in the village hall. • It was suggested that the next Family Service will be around St. Leonard's Day in early November. It was decided it would be useful if a list of Family Services involving the school, with dates, to be held over the year, could be published in future. • The large green notice board in the churchyard: This will be brought up to date in relation to service pattern and clergy. • The Church Open board: The wardens will think about an alternative to the board which keeps being damaged by the wind. • Service Sheets: As requested, Stephen will provide large print copies of the service booklets which are being prepared for Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays) and service sheets for Holy Communion, Informal (3rd Sundays). 	<p>CW/BH</p> <p>CW/BH</p> <p>CW/BH</p> <p>SW</p>
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian reported: The August Bank Holiday Summer Celebration was a great success, profit for the church being £2,012.01. In addition a sum of £460 was raised for Alison Reading's charity, Crohns and Colitis research. Ian has produced a spreadsheet, itemising all income and expenditure, which has been forwarded previously to members. • A Gift Aid reclaim of £3,614 for tax year 2016/17 has been received. We are now up to date with Gift Aid Reclaims. • Cash in the bank, as at the end of August, was £36,579. (See attached statement). • The Parish Clerk, Alan Tresarden, has kindly agreed to audit the accounts for the current year. • Ian asked for questions on the accounts, but there were none. 	
7.	<p>Risk Assessment Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey reported, by email, that the last assessment was done in September 2016. This year's assessment will be completed in the near future. She will circulate the report to members on 	<p>TK</p>

	completion.	
8.	Deanery Synod Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Philip's absence, Brigitte and Stephen outlined some of the key points discussed at the last meeting, held on 21st June. (Report attached). 	
9.	Social Committee Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ursula reported on the very successful August Bank Holiday Summer Celebration. She has thanked everyone who contributed and particularly mentioned Pauline Davidson, for organising the fete on the Sunday. There are no more fund raising events planned for the rest of the year. 	
10.	Any Other Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lynn Buckley tendered her resignation from the PCC committee, due to work and study commitments. All members wished her success in her future exams. Ian reported that during the very heavy rain last weekend, a few small leaks were noticed in the church roof. Ian would like to give a talk at the Remembrance Service on 12th November about the three Glapthorn villagers who died in 1917. All members thought this would be very suitable and thanked Ian for his work on the subject. Ian reported that the takings of £90 at the Choral Evensong have been donated to Hope into Action, one of the charities that the PCC supports. 	

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th November 2017, 7pm, at Windy Ridge.

Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.