

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held at Windy Ridge,
Tuesday 11th September 2018

Present:	
Stephen Webster	Patricia Newton
Charles Wide	Ursula Wide
Brigitte Hilton	Tracey Kerr
Sid Charlton	Philip Hilton
Richard Stark	Jonathan Lee

1.	<p>Stephen led opening prayers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was chaired by Sid. • Jonathan Lee, from St. Peter's, was welcomed to the meeting. 	
2.	<p>Apologies: Jema Ball, Sonya Moss, Mark Donnelly.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 12th June 2018 were signed as approved by Sid.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pastoral Care. Brigitte reported that Pauline Davidson has not yet had a discussion with Sarah Lee of St. Peter's. Pauline will ask her about any events provided by St. Peter's that may be suitable for those from Glapthorn. Brigitte reported that Carrie Smith is now visiting anyone who is on their own and who might appreciate a visit. 2) A monthly Coffee Morning has now been reinstated in the Village Hall. The church is always open. 3) The noisy heaters. They have been checked and nothing can be done to reduce the noise. 	
5.	<p>Church Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Audio/Visual and Lighting decisions. Charles has now received three quotes, two of which are suitable for consideration. Discussion took place on which of these should be our priority, and the order in which they should be undertaken. Outside funding should be available in the form of grants and Ursula undertook to explore this. Charles will produce a Statement of Need which will be provided to the DAC. The PCC members present agreed that improved lighting should be the immediate priority and it was agreed to proceed with appointing a Lighting Consultant, namely Benedict Cadbury from Lampholder. Regarding the installation of audio/visual equipment, the preferred (but not yet chosen and confirmed) supplier is Hilltop. Charles will inform them of this, but will also tell them that we expect it to be some time before this can be taken forward. Hilltop will be requested to hold their quotation until the Statement of Need is 	<p>UW CW</p> <p>CW</p>

	<p>produced and discussions have taken place with the DAC. The proposals (1) To appoint a Lighting Consultant from Lampholder with a maximum budget to be decided by the PCC and (2) To inform Hilltop of our decision, were both proposed by Brigitte and seconded by Stephen.</p> <p>All in favour.</p> <p>2) Revision of the Growth Action Plan. The wardens consider the Plan requires revision as it is now out of date. Charles offered to produce a new draft Plan. An event led by Liz Holdsworth, Diocesan Director of Mission and Development, was suggested to enable a new plan to be created. Stephen was asked to find out some prospective dates.</p> <p>3) Holy Communion Service booklets. Discussion took place on the various forms of worship now in draft form in the new booklets, which vary according to whether we are in Ordinary Time, Easter, Advent, or Lent, and how they differ from the old green service books, Common Worship, which have been in use since 2000. Ursula will suggest to Stephen ideas for changes in the draft Ordinary Time booklet. If any PCC members have suggestions for these changes, please let Ursula know.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>SW</p> <p>UW</p>
6.	<p>Vicar's Report and Services:</p> <p>1) Stephen reported that Glapthorn's Harvest service, to be followed by the auction of produce and a Bring and Share supper in the village hall, would be at 6pm on Sunday 7th October.</p> <p>2) The Christingle service will be held on 9th December at 5pm.</p> <p>3) Glapthorn's Carol Service will be held on 16th December, also at 5pm.</p> <p>4) Sunday 23rd December – Charles offered to take a Prayer Book Holy Communion, by extension.</p>	<p>CW</p>
7.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>1) Richard distributed an Income and Expenditure report for the current year. It is expected that by the end of the year, it will break even.</p> <p>2) Discussion took place on establishing a Reserve Policy. Richard will contact Mike Stobbs at the diocesan office for advice on this.</p> <p>3) Richard asked about the maintenance of the gravestones, with reference to their safety. Ursula replied that a Monumental Mason visits and advises every three years. Ursula will ask him to visit.</p> <p>4) Charles has been in discussion with Eon, our electricity supplier, about the extremely high bill received. Charles considered the result of this discussion was very unsatisfactory and only resulted in a small discount. Richard was asked to research electricity suppliers with a view to change.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>UW</p> <p>RS</p>
8.	<p>Safeguarding. Nothing to report.</p>	

9.	Deanery Synod Report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Charles has been appointed as Deputy Lay Chair of the Synod. 2) Glapthorn church is not included on the Northamptonshire Best Surprise website at present. 	
10.	Social Committee Report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ursula reported that the September village newsletter has been distributed. It is a useful resource for those villagers who do not look at either the Glapthorn church website, or the Glapthorn village website. 2) Ursula would appreciate someone who is familiar with Desktop Publishing to take on the newsletter so that it can be a more professional looking document. 3) On 2nd September, teas were provided in the village hall for those visitors to the wedding flowers in church. 4) A U3A Peterborough group are visiting Glapthorn church four times. Philip hosted and gave a talk on the previous visit, and Charles will host the next one. Teas are provided and each visitor pays £6 to church funds. 5) Ride and Stride took place on Saturday 8th September. 6) The PCC are very pleased to hear that a well wisher has offered to pay for a new “Church Open” sign. 	<p style="text-align: center;">UW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CW</p>
11.	Any Other Business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Brigitte reported that the shed in the churchyard is in urgent need of repair or replacement. She has received a quote for a new one of £306. All members agreed to proceed with a replacement. 	

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 7th November 2018, at Church Cottage.

Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.