

## ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN

### Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held at Church Cottage, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016

<b>Present:</b>	Jema Ball
Stephen Webster	Ian Davidson
Charles Wide	Sonya Moss
Brigitte Hilton	Ursula Wide
Patricia Newton	Tracey Kerr

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Stephen led opening prayers.</b> In the absence of the Chairman, Stephen chaired the meeting.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Sid Charlton, Philip Hilton, Lynn Buckley.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 8 September 2016</b> were signed as approved by Stephen Webster.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Discussion:</b> There was a wide-ranging discussion concerning the uses that the members of the PCC wish to see made of the church building, in accordance with the Growth Action Plan. This resulted in: The PCC Statement of Principle regarding the Church Building. We want a warm, welcoming, open and flexible space able to accommodate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services of worship in a variety of styles (formal and liturgical as well as formal).</li> <li>• Easy and frequent use by the Church school for both worship and education.</li> <li>• A wide range of community activities with the ability easily to reconfigure furniture. Layout as appropriate.</li> <li>• The use of video, film and image both within and outside worship.</li> <li>• The creation of smaller, more intimate spaces within the larger space.</li> </ul> <p>We want our building to be at the heart of Glapthorn community – existing for and being used by the people of the village. We want our building itself to speak of our lively worshipping community and of our Christian faith.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian reported that funds as at 31 October 2016 were £27,519.32 and that the surplus for the year to date is £2,564.37.</li> <li>• VAT on various maintenance and repair invoices totalling £258 has been recovered.</li> <li>• The Parish Share is paid up to date. There will be a 2.6% increase in the Parish Share next year.</li> </ul>	<b>ID</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles is purchasing a new radio microphone at a cost of approximately £500.</li> <li>• Stephen thanked Ian for his report.</li> </ul>	<b>CW</b>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Risk Assessment Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tracey reported that the Risk Assessment document highlights the need for a hearing loop.</li> <li>• The document also states that the gate at the top of the bell tower stairs should always be locked and there is a key pad for entry.</li> <li>• Stephen reported that the parish Safeguarding Officer is Tracey Cunningham, of St. Peter's, Oundle.</li> </ul>	<b>TK</b>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Deanery Synod Report:</b> Brigitte reported on the Deanery Synod meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (report attached).</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Social Committee Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next fundraising event will be a concert by Corby Male Voice Choir on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November in church. 70 tickets have so far been sold.</li> <li>• Sonya Moss has been asked if she would hold a Coffee Morning at her home in the spring.</li> <li>• The village newsletter will be produced in early December.</li> <li>• Ursula advised members that she has booked the Hermitage Choir of St. Petersburg to perform a concert in church next March.</li> </ul>	<b>SM</b>  <b>UW</b> <b>UW</b>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Christingle service will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. No morning service that day.</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> December – Holy Communion.</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service at 5pm. Philip Hilton will again arrange a choir.</li> <li>• Christmas Day service to be taken by Jema.</li> <li>• New Year's Day service to be for the Benefice at 10.30am in St. Peter's.</li> </ul>	<b>PH</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tracey Kerr has agreed to take on the position of Foundation Governor of Glapthorn School, following the departure of Lynda Davies. Julia Hart is Chairman of the Governors. Jema is working closely with the school.</li> <li>• Clara Hart has agreed to join the PCC.</li> <li>• Giles Butlin has resigned as co-ordinator of the churchyard mowing rota. Pauline Davidson has very kindly agreed to take over. A new mower has been purchased.</li> <li>• Remembrance Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November. Ian has researched information about three men of Glapthorn who died in the Battle of the Somme. He will produce a display at the rear of the church and give a short talk about them during the service.</li> </ul>	

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**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 7pm.**