

## ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN

### Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held at Leverton, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

<b>Present:</b>	
Stephen Webster	Ian Davidson
Brigitte Hilton	Tracey Kerr
Philip Hilton	Ursula Wide
Sid Charlton	Patricia Newton

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Stephen led opening prayers.</b> The meeting was chaired by Stephen.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Jema Ball, Sonya Moss, Charles Wide.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b> were signed as approved by Stephen.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 10 under Any Other Business, regarding repairs to the tower. Ian reported that this is still to be taken forward.</li> <li>• Bernard Reading has completed the repairs to the churchyard wall. Ursula has given him a “thank you” gift and card from the PCC.</li> <li>• Charities: Stephen gave details about the charity Hope into Action which provides housing for refugee families and the resettlement of offenders. A house has been purchased in Oundle and is now fully fitted out. A refugee family is expected to take up residency in the near future. Stephen asked the meeting for their agreement to adopt Hope into Action as a charity to support. All agreed. Discussion took place on how a percentage of funds raised for the church, either from a specific event or from the total annual amount raised, could be used to help those charities supported by the PCC. All agreed to use a part of church funds for this purpose but no decision was taken on either a percentage, or a lump sum, this being deferred until the next PCC meeting. Mention was also made of Casa Alianza, now known as Compass, which the PCC has supported in the past, but it was decided by the meeting to only support charities which are specifically Christian. Two international charities - Tear Fund, which we have supported for a while, and Compassion, were discussed. A decision on which of these two international charities to support, in addition to Hope into Action, was deferred until the next meeting. All agreed that the village be informed of Glapthorn church's support for Hope into Action and the chosen international charity, once that decision has been made. This will be done in the village newsletter. Villagers will be invited to participate in providing practical help.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Vicar's Report and Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion took place on the provision of a more child-friendly childrens' area at the rear of the church. All agreed that Tracey be asked to visit the Christian bookshop and research prices for quiet toys and will look at other ways to improve this area.</li> <li>• Discussion took place on the low turnout for the Ash Wednesday service. Next year's service will be discussed in the early part of 2018.</li> <li>• The Good Friday service will be taken by Stephen at 6pm.</li> </ul>	<p><b>TK</b></p> <p><b>SW</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian reported that the 2016/17 accounts have been prepared and scrutinised by Alan Tresarden, parish clerk. They are now ready for the AVM. Ian will send a report to all PCC members before the AVM.</li> <li>• A Gift Aid claim has been submitted for 2014/15. A refund of £3,200 will be received. Ian will also be submitting the Gift Aid claim for 2015/16.</li> <li>• Stephen explained to the meeting that the Deanery levy has now been abolished. In its place there is now a mandatory £20 contribution to Deanery running costs. A voluntary "Deanery Outreach Fund" has now been set up, primarily to fund the costs of Candlemass. Parishes are invited to contribute. Ursula proposed we make a payment of £20. All agreed.</li> <li>• Ian reported that following our contribution of £500 to Cotterstock church roof repairs, he has not received any response from them.</li> <li>• Stephen explained the procedure that parishes must comply with in the future in the event they are unable to pay all their Parish Share. Now parishes must inform the Deanery Treasurer early in the year, who will then examine that church's accounts.</li> <li>• Ian suggested an account in the name of the PCC be set up at Coleman's. All agreed.</li> <li>• Ian reported that he has received £312.00 from the diocese, which is a proportion of the Quinquennial Report fee and also the VAT.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ID</b></p> <p><b>ID</b></p> <p><b>ID</b></p> <p><b>ID</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Risk Assessment Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Maynard, a memorial mason, has looked at the gravestones. He has reported that three stones require urgent attention, at a cost of £45 each, and seven stones require re-cementing in place. The total bill is £490.00. However, it was pointed out that not all would be secured to the national standard. Ursula will enquire further. It was agreed by all that the three most urgent stones are requested to be fixed as soon as possible. Tracey queried whether every five years for an inspection of the stones was sufficient or whether this should be more frequently done. Ursula undertook to ask Michael Maynard's opinion on this.</li> <li>• Stephen will suggest that a member of the Deanery be asked to research the various Trust Funds to ascertain what grants are</li> </ul>	<p><b>UW</b></p> <p><b>UW</b></p> <p><b>SW</b></p>

	available for specific purposes.	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Deanery Synod Report:</b>  Brigitte attended the last meeting and reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 new curates have been appointed in the diocese.</li> <li>• The rise in Parish Share was explained.</li> <li>• There was a talk by a Christian youth worker about engaging with young people.</li> <li>• The next Deanery Synod meeting is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> June in Thrapston, 7.30pm.</li> </ul>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Social Committee Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ursula reported on details for the forthcoming Hermitage Choir concert on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March. 100 tickets have been sold. Wine and canapés will be provided. Stephen thanked Ursula for organising this concert.</li> <li>• Richard Hamilton has requested to be removed temporarily from the organ rota.</li> <li>• A Coffee Morning will be held at Crown House on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, courtesy of Sonya.</li> <li>• Pauline Davidson is organising an August Bank Holiday event. There will be a planning meeting in the Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March.</li> </ul>	<b>SM</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion took place about a presentation to Giles Butlin to thank him for organising the churchyard mowing rota for so many years. Brigitte will ask Jan Butlin when he will likely be attending a morning service, for this presentation. Pauline Davidson now organises the mowing rota.</li> <li>• It was agreed that following the AVM, a letter of thanks will be sent to all who support St. Leonard's financially. There is a serious shortfall in funds received by the diocese from other Deaneries so it is to Glapthorn's credit that our Parish Share is paid in full.</li> <li>• Tracey reported on the appointment of a new Head for Glapthorn School, Lou Coulthard. Glapthorn School will be part of the Rutland Learning Trust who control premises, finance and administration for a small number of Church of England village schools, allowing the Head teacher to spend more time teaching. A meeting for parents and all interested parties is scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> April at the school.</li> <li>• Stephen informed the meeting that a military historian has provided Benefield church with information about every person listed on their war memorial. It was noted that Ian Davidson has already done this for the Glapthorn memorial. Stephen will forward the Benefield information to Ian.</li> <li>• Tracey queried progress on the Service Review. Stephen will bring information to the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>BH</b></p> <p><b>CW/BH</b></p> <p><b>SW</b></p> <p><b>SW</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The drawers carcass in the kitchen servery have become swollen, due to damp in the church, and are now sticking. Ian will contact the contractor.</li></ul>	<b>ID</b>
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**Date of next meeting: Annual Vestry Meeting in Church, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm.**