

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN

Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held at Leverton, Wednesday 14th June 2017

Present:	
Stephen Webster	Ian Davidson
Brigitte Hilton	Tracey Kerr
Philip Hilton	Patricia Newton
Sonya Moss	

1.	Stephen led opening prayers. The meeting was chaired by Stephen.	
2.	Apologies: Jema Ball, Charles Wide, Ursula Wide.	
3.	Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 8th March 2017 were signed as approved by Stephen.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treasurer, Ian, reported that Martyn Taylor is not currently working at St. Peter's, so he had not made progress on the situation regarding the tower and the kitchen servery drawers. Brigitte reported that a local contractor has looked at the drawers and, as the problem cannot be permanently rectified in view of the damp building, he recommends sealing the drawers shut. Ian recommended that the tower and toilet doors be left open at all times when the church was not being used. The committee decided that a temporary repair be done but to leave the work until the problem is much worse. Brigitte to organise this repair. • Ian reported that he had decided not to open an account at Coleman's, as the volume of transactions did not warrant the hassle. Any services supplied by Colemans will be paid for privately and billed to the church. • Letters to financial contributors to the church. Brigitte and Charles will take this forward. • Health and Safety issues: Tracey reported: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All agreed that Tracey can order some rubber matting to provide trunking for the PA system wires. 2) One of the wooden floor blocks is becoming a problem. Discussion took place on who could be asked to take on any minor repairs in the church. It was agreed that Tracey would approach Roger Bettley to see if he could suggest anyone. Any other suggestions were requested. 3) Children's Play Area. After discussion, it was agreed that Tracey could spend around £500, to start the improvements, by purchasing screens, a rug and bean 	<p style="text-align: center;">BH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ID</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BH/CW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TK</p>

	<p>bags. In future years, more toys can be purchased. It was also agreed that Jema Ball be asked for her input.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was further discussion on the charities that Glapthorn will support. All agreed that the international charity should be Compassion, and Hope into Action be the national charity. 	<p>TK</p> <p>ID</p>
5.	<p>Vicar's Report and Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen reported that the new service pattern was begun after Easter. He distributed to the meeting draft copies of new service booklets for Holy Communion services held on Sundays in Ordinary Time (i.e. Pentecost to Advent). All agreed that the final decision on the format be taken by Stephen, Brigitte and Charles. • One service each month is to be more informal with a different format. Sometimes this service will be Morning Prayer, sometimes informal Communion. The service will be subject to review after a time. Discussion took place on what this service will be called but no decision was made. 	<p>BH/CW/ SW</p>
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian reported that current funds stand at £31,695.89. He expects some large items of expenditure in the coming months, but even so the accounts are very healthy. • Ian queried the various donations made to charities by the PCC. Stephen answered that the Christingle service receipts were sent to The Children's Society. Stephen also explained how the February Candlemas service for all year 4 school children in the deanery is funded. There is now a voluntary mission fund which pays for Candlemas – which replaces the deanery levy. All agreed that Glapthorn PCC's contribution should be £50 per annum. • All agreed to continue donating the same amount as previous years to the diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. 	<p>ID</p> <p>ID</p>
7.	<p>Risk Assessment Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ursula reported by email that Michael Maynard, a memorial mason, has begun work on securing the gravestones that need attention. He has already done the most urgent and will return in the near future to do the remainder. All agreed that he be asked to continue to secure these remaining stones. It was also agreed that he be asked to check them again in three years' time, rather than the suggested five years. • All agreed with Ursula's suggestion that the graveyard compost bin be removed and instead we join the council Green Bin Scheme, at a cost of £53.50 annually. 	<p>UW</p> <p>UW</p>
8.	<p>Deanery Synod Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no report as the next meeting will be 21st June in Thrapston. 	

