

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Extraordinary Parochial Church Council Meeting
Monday 3rd June 2024, at 19.00

Present:	
Rev. Stephen Webster	Philip Hilton
Ursula Wide	Brigitte Hilton
Tricia Newton	Anne Cashmore
Sid Charlton	Richard Stark
Sonya Moss	

- The meeting opened with prayer, led by Stephen Webster.
- Apologies/Absence: Penny Reading, Tracey Kerr, Annabel Copeland
- The key purpose of the meeting was to discuss the church roof repairs – temporary, longer term and the fundraising required.
There are four known leaks – in the South Aisle, the Nave, the Vestry and the Tower.
- **Temporary repair update:** the architect has visited the church and, on his recommendation, (although not technically required) the DAC has been asked to approve the temporary repairs. The DAC meet on 4th June so an answer is expected soon. The PCC approved the temporary repairs at the last PCC meeting. These repairs involve the use of lead mastik and could last several years. The cost is in the region of £2,000 - £3,500 (plus VAT) depending on what is found during the course of the works. Richard Stark will check whether VAT can be reclaimed but the current thinking is that general repairs are not covered within the scheme. If the DAC come back with some suggestions, then these will be shared with the contractor and the work will go ahead as a faculty is not legally required for these temporary repairs.
- **Longer term repairs update:** a quote from DJS contractors has been received for the two areas requiring the most urgent repairs–
South Aisle – Lead £49,000; Stainless Steel £35,000
Nave – Lead £73,000; Stainless Steel £52,000
- **Fundraising:** it was felt that as the church is part of the heritage of the village and there are a significant number of people who do not attend church but support the church building and fabric, (e.g. flower and cleaning rota, grass mowing rota, 100 Club)

then the fundraising for the roof repairs should not just be restricted to the church congregation.

Richard Stark mentioned there is approximately £6,000 in shares in the Church of England investment fund and there are also the funds raised annually by the 100 Club. However, further fundraising will need to be done and grant applications made at the appropriate time, in order to meet the likely cost of the repairs.

- **Next steps:**

- Complete temporary repairs (for which monies already exist), asking the contractor for some further information e.g. can the areas be re-mastiked, how long is the temporary repair likely to take from their experience?
- Ask the architect to a PCC meeting to discuss the longer-term repairs – e.g. are there other options to lead or stainless steel; what are the advantages and disadvantages of each material; can the repairs be “phased” or does the cost of the access route make this non-viable?
- Alert the village to the roof problem via the village newsletter, focusing on the building and its heritage.
- All PCC members to continue thinking about fundraising ideas, as these will be needed to supplement any grant applications that are successful.
- Church “café” concept for the summer was discussed. This will require volunteers, posters and leaflet drop. It was felt no charge should be made for drinks and biscuits.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.