

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting
13 January 2015

Present:	
Stephen Webster	
Pauline Davidson	Sid Charlton
Ursula Wide	Tracey Kerr
Tricia Newton	Lynn Buckley

1.	Stephen led opening Prayers.	
2.	<p>Apologies: Lynda Davies, Bob Brewer, Charles Wide, Sonya Moss, Rosemary Weatherburn, Brigitte Hilton, Penny Reading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite these absences, the meeting was deemed to be quorate. • Ian Davidson has resigned as the co-opted PCC member responsible for overseeing the improvements. He was thanked for all his work. However, he will remain on the Fabric sub-committee. 	
3.	Minutes of the PCC Meeting dated 3 July 2014 were signed as approved by Stephen.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning the war memorial. Ian Davidson cleaned the memorial in October and the names of the fallen are now clearly visible. Ian was thanked for taking on this task. • Straightening headstones in the churchyard. Thanks were expressed to Giles Butlin who had organised this programme of work over the summer of 2014, at a cost of £485. Sid Charlton proposed that he be asked to instruct the contractor to continue this work, seconded by Ursula. All in favour. • Church fabric and improvements update: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Main improvements update. Martyn Taylor visited the church in January to do the snagging and his retention has now been paid. Ian Davidson has prepared a detailed summary of income and expenditure which he will forward to the Treasurer. In brief, total income was £53,172.00 (£38,442.00 from WREN and £14,730.00 from other funders). Total expenditure (inc. VAT) is £53,590.56. In December a VAT rebate claim was submitted and another will be submitted in 2015 (totalling £4,114,41 for the project). If these claims are successful there will be a surplus of income over expenditure of £3,695.85. The funding organisations are aware that there is a surplus. 2. Proposals: That the surplus is put towards the chancel improvements funding. Proposed by Tracey Kerr, seconded by Sid Charlton. All in favour. That an “opening event” is held in the spring to which the village, contractors, funders and Richard Ormston would be invited. All in favour. There would also be a dedication service held on a Sunday close to this event. A small group of PCC members will plan further. 3. Chancel improvements project. The total income was 	

	<p>£3,248.00 from the Glaphorn chancel fund held by the Diocese. Total expenditure (including VAT) was £5490.00 for Tom Seamark, the main contractor, £1,866.24 for Bruce Deacon, the architect and £67.93 for Russell Baxter for electrical work. A VAT rebate claim has been submitted for this expenditure and it is hoped we receive a refund of £1,081.36 which will reduce the total expenditure to £6,342.81.</p> <p>4. Ursula thanked Pauline and Ian Davidson for their work on the project.</p> <p>5. Proposed future improvements. Internal lighting. The Diocesan Lighting Advisor, Benedict Cadbury, has had a meeting with Ursula and Pauline. His initial report will be submitted to the DAC, with a copy to the PCC. The report has been sent to Bruce Deacon, the architect, who will oversee the project once it is approved by the DAC. A proposal to improve the church lighting as the next project for the PCC was made by Tricia Newton, seconded by Ursula Wide. All in favour.</p> <p>6. The architect, Bruce Deacon, has announced his retirement before the next Quinquennial Review, due in 2016. However he has confirmed to Pauline that he will continue to advise during 2015 and Pauline has asked him to visit to inspect the roof. Pauline will begin to investigate a replacement architect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Leonard's website. Ursula reported much interest with many page visits. A direct debit mandate has been set up for payment of the fees. Church Edit provide a daily prayer and reading on the website. • Electoral Roll. To be carried forward to the next meeting. • School House Trust. The education authority have now decided that the school house is not suitable for conversion to a classroom. The Trustees are pleased that the existing tenancy will continue. After her resignation as a churchwarden, Ursula will not be a trustee for either the School House Trust or the Church Land Trust, but will be happy to fulfil a delegate role. • Glaphorn School governor. Lynda Davies has become the foundation governor and relinquished this role at Oundle Primary School. • Vision Day. Stephen reported that he has approached Marcus Parnell, a vicar in Rutland, who is willing to help. 	<p>PD</p> <p>BH</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Vicar's Report and Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of an Assistant Vicar. Stephen reported on the advertising for this post. Interviews are scheduled for March. He would prefer the proposed Vision Day to take place after the appointment of an assistant vicar. Vision Day to be discussed at the next PCC meeting. • Family Services. Pauline will organise a get-together (to include Tracey and Vern Stark) to review the format of the family service. Anyone interested in taking part should let Pauline know. 	<p>PN</p> <p>PD</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Malcolm has produced Interim Accounts for the year to the end of December 2014. See attached. He will prepare and circulate the draft 2014 accounts before the next PCC meeting, with a view to presenting the final audited accounts at the AVM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In view of the PCC's decision last year to approve the proposal that 	<p>MM</p>

	<p>Glaphorn PCC offer financial help to any parish in the deanery which is in financial difficulties, and not able to pay the full amount of their Parish Share, Stephen informed the meeting of one parish that has a significant shortfall. It was proposed by Ursula, seconded by Pauline, that a sum of £500 be sent to the diocese as a contribution to the Parish Share of a parish in the Oundle Deanery. All in favour.</p>	PN
7.	<p>Deanery Synod: To be deferred to the next PCC meeting.</p>	CW
8.	<p>Social Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The actual Committee has been disbanded. • Sonya Moss is willing to continue to run the 100 Club. This is proving very successful, with 100 members signed up for 2015. • Events held since the last PCC meeting in July 2014 are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. August Bank Holiday weekend Fete and Flower Festival. 2. Oriana Choir Concert on 2nd December. 3. Christmas Fair on 6th December. <p>Final profit figures for these events will be published in the annual accounts. PCC members thanked everyone who contributed to the great success of these events.</p>	
9.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New churchwarden to replace Ursula. The PCC will meet before the next full meeting. • Electronic piano. This is now in the church and is proving very useful. The committee thanked Ben Smith who organised its purchase. • Lynda Davies has suggested a lighter, more portable and adjustable, lectern be purchased. This is not to replace the current lectern but will provide a more “user friendly” one for children’s services and other occasions. Pauline will research and keep the PCC informed. • A Music in Quiet Places concert. Pauline and Ursula met Kenneth Richardson (Artistic Director of the Oundle Festival) in the church in November to discuss the possibility of hosting a Music in Quiet Places concert. It is hoped this will take place in the 2015/2016 season. • Ursula has had the main church noticeboard altered and updated at a cost of £60. • Newsletter. Brigitte to be asked to find out if, on the occasion that villagers’ phone numbers have to be included, that those villagers are happy for their number to be published in view of the fact that the newsletter is now published on the village and church websites, and on Facebook 	<p>UW/PD</p> <p>PD</p> <p>BH</p>

Date and place of next meeting: Thursday 12 March 2015

Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.