

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting
12 March 2015

Present:	
Stephen Webster	Bob Brewer
Pauline Davidson	Sid Charlton
Ursula Wide	Penny Reading
Tricia Newton	Lynn Buckley
Rosemary Weatherburn	

1.	Stephen led opening Prayers. The meeting was chaired by Rosemary.	
2.	Apologies: Lynda Davies, Charles Wide, Sonya Moss, Brigitte Hilton, Tracey Kerr.	
3.	Minutes of the PCC Meeting dated 13 January 2015 were signed as approved by Rosemary, having previously been approved by email.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of new churchwarden. A short extra PCC meeting was held on 3 March, specifically to discuss a replacement churchwarden for Ursula who relinquishes the post next month at the AVM. Following this meeting, Ursula reported that Charles Wide has agreed to become the new churchwarden. However, due to his work commitments, Ursula will continue with many of the day to day responsibilities. Ursula told the meeting of Charles's strong interest in the growth of our church, and the cohesion of the benefice. He would like to see the wardens in all three parishes in the benefice supporting each other. As Pauline only has one more year to serve as churchwarden, it was suggested a search be made for someone who could serve as an "apprentice churchwarden", shadowing Pauline, for the six month period before the 2016 AVM. It was proposed by Pauline, seconded by Rosemary, that Charles Wide be nominated for the post of churchwarden to replace Ursula. All in favour. • PCC members' responsibilities. Pauline has produced a paper listing the duties of PCC members. She asked members to read through this and asked if any member would volunteer to take on any of the jobs which did not have a dedicated PCC member already doing it. The vicar and churchwardens are automatically Trustees for the Church Land Trust and the School House Trust. Ursula said that after she is no longer a Trustee of the Church Land Trust, she would be willing to become a delegate for it. • Church fabric and improvements update. Internal lighting: Pauline and Ursula have visited two churches to look at their new lighting systems, overseen by architect Bruce Deacon. They were impressed with what has been done. Projected costs were discussed and it was agreed we would need to apply for external funds. Proposed resolution: To instruct Bruce Deacon to prepare a specification for the new lighting, which can be submitted with the 	PD

	<p>faculty application. Proposed by Ursula, seconded by Pauline. All in favour.</p> <p>Some minor works have been identified, following the visit of the architect, Bruce Deacon, in February. These do not require a faculty.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repairs to the stonework on the south aisle roof. 2. Changes to the water run-off system from the tower, which will require scaffolding. 3. Lightning conductor inspection. <p>All in favour that Ian Davidson be asked to take these repairs forward. Costs will be covered by the fabric fund.</p> <p>Bob reported on the roof inspection. Major work is required on the south aisle roof, which will require a faculty. After the faculty is received, application can be made to the Historic Churches Trust, and other sources, for a contribution to the cost.</p> <p>A Resolution was proposed to instruct the architect, Bruce Deacon, to prepare a specification which can then be submitted with the faculty application. All in favour.</p> <p>The roof alarm has been serviced.</p> <p>The company who installed it have suggested we upgrade the system to include a fire alarm. Members decided not to proceed with this at the present time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements Opening Event. Late spring or early summer was considered to be the best time. The school will be encouraged to take part. The event would be some sort of tea party. Richard Ormston would be invited to attend, also the various funding organisations and the local press. Stephen was asked if he would make a short speech when all the funding organisations could be thanked. Pauline and Ursula will take this forward and keep the PCC informed. • Feedback from the Family Services meeting. PCC members have received notes on this meeting. Discussion took place on the frequency of this service and it was decided to concentrate on the various festival Sundays, e.g. Mothering Sunday, Christingle, rather than a Family Service every first Sunday. The other months would have an all age service on the first Sunday. Discussion took place on the idea of “Messy Church” and to hold this event, not on a Sunday, but as some sort of garden party with activities. This subject, and format, will be discussed further when the Vision Day takes place. It was suggested that the School House Trust could provide funds for more modern song/praise books for use in the school and these songs could then be included in the Family Services. 	<p>PD</p> <p>PD</p> <p>SW PD/UW</p> <p>PD/UW</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Vicar’s Report and Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of an Associate Vicar. Stephen reported that two candidates are being interviewed. They will tour the benefice next Wednesday. Lynda Davies may be leaving in 2016, following promotion. It is likely there will be a curate interregnum after she leaves. At present there is no Youth Worker in the benefice. If one was appointed, this could mean we could eventually pay a higher Parish Share as their responsibility would be to grow church youth work in the whole benefice. 	

6.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Treasurer's absence, Pauline reported that Malcolm is producing annual accounts to be presented at the AVM. Bob is liaising with Malcolm on this. It was suggested that after the appointment of Charles Wide as churchwarden, a meeting be set up between him, Pauline, Malcolm and Mike Newton (Gift Aid Officer) to discuss the various financial responsibilities.. It was queried that Richard Ormston is still receiving expenses. Bob agreed to speak to Malcolm about cancelling this Standing Order and replace it with one in favour of Stephen. All in favour. All visiting clergy can claim mileage costs. Rosemary thanked Bob for all his help with the accounts. 	BB BB
7.	<p>Deanery Synod: The next Deanery Synod meeting will be on Thursday 19th March, 7.30pm at St. Peter's.</p>	CW
8.	<p>Social Committee Report: Ursula has agreed to lead the Social Committee, after her resignation as churchwarden. Lynn Buckley will help.</p>	UW/LB
9.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ursula has received correspondence from English Heritage about listing the Glaphorn War Memorial. The churchwardens have been asked for their opinion. Ursula has reported back to English Heritage, giving details of the memorial's site, state of wear, and the fact that it has been recently cleaned. A new lectern has been purchased, which is adjustable. Ursula reported that the School House Trust donated £250 to OCYA (Oundle Churches Youth Association), which covers the Prince William School catchment area, so includes Glaphorn. They provide the Chatterbox Youth Camp and organised a trip to Soul Survivor. They hold a monthly youth service. There is to be no PCC meeting following the AVM, but the election of officers and committee will be done immediately following the AVM. Palm Sunday service. Benefield have been invited to join us. Good Friday. Charles will lead a short reflective service with hymns at 6pm. The funeral for Steve Hart will be at St. Leonard's on Friday, 20th March at 2pm. PCC members are invited to attend to help the churchwardens. Rosemary queried why the stone cross has not been installed on the porch. Although it had been agreed that the legacy would provide for this, the legacy was bequeathed to church funds and not to any specific project. 	CW

Date and place of AVM: Thursday 16th April 2015, 7pm in church.

Date and place of next PCC meeting: Monday 15th June 2015 , 7pm.

Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.