

**ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN**  
**Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held at Church Cottage**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

<b>Present:</b>	
Sid Charlton (Chair)	Ursula Wide
Stephen Webster	Patricia Newton (Secretary)
Jema Ball	Sonya Moss
Lynda Davies	Tracey Kerr
Pauline Davidson (warden)	Ian Davidson (Treasurer)
Charles Wide (warden)	

<b>1.</b>	<b>Stephen led opening Prayers.</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Brigitte Hilton, Philip Hilton, Penny Reading, Lynn Buckley.	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the PCC Meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b> were signed as approved by Sid. Discussion took place on how these Minutes are approved, prior to publication. As not all members have been indicating their approval (or otherwise) to the Secretary of the draft Minutes when emailed, it was decided that in future they would be published on the website as Draft, with formal approval being given at the following PCC meeting.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising:</b> Ian reported that, in accordance with the PCC's decision taken at the meeting on 5.11.15, £500 has been forwarded to the Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance, specifically to help Cotterstock church.</p>	PN/CW
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Vicar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen reported that from the beginning of this year, there will be more variation, month by month, in relation to which ministers take which services round the benefice.</li> <li>• Confirmation will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Stephen asked if anyone knew of potential confirmation candidates. Classes have not yet been arranged but will be a weekday evening.</li> </ul> <p><b>Treasurer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian is preparing the 2015/16 accounts. Available funds stand at £25,439. The surplus for the year should be £6,571. The surplus is above average due to the recovery of VAT paid on the church improvements of 2014 as well as the tax repayable on Gift Aid payments for 2013/14.</li> <li>• The next Quinquennial Inspection is due in March 2016. It is expected that (i.a.) work will be required to the south aisle roof, which may be costly and require money from the reserves.</li> <li>• In order to simplify the present system, Ian recommended changing to electronic banking. All PCC members present agreed that he should take this forward.</li> <li>• Ian reported on the cost of the building insurance premium which is based on like for like rebuilding of the church. After discussion, Ian was asked to research alternatives.</li> <li>• Ian reported that the service contracts on items such as the heaters, fire extinguishers, etc. seem to be expensive. He specifically mentioned the cost of the annual lightning conductor inspection and subsequent</li> </ul>	ID  ID  ID

	<p>maintenance work. Stephen suggested Ian speak to the Diocese, other PCC Treasurers in the benefice and our architect about this whole matter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need to appoint a new Examiner to check the books and sign off the 2015 Accounts. After discussion, it was agreed that Ian will look for a Glapthorn parishioner with a financial background.</li> </ul> <p><b>Deanery Synod:</b> Stephen reported the next meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.30pm at St. Peter's. It will be an open meeting. Under discussion will be Prayer spaces in schools.</p> <p><b>Health and Safety:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracey reported that Vern Stark is in the process of updating her DBS (formerly CRB).</li> <li>A Risk Assessment will be due in May 2016, together with PAT testing of the electrical equipment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ursula reported that the date for a performance in church by Corby Male Voice Choir has been changed. The revised date is now Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The choir will be wearing poppies and the programme will be appropriate for the date.</li> <li>Ursula suggested a Bridge Day. Sid will ask Rosemary Weatherburn if she knows anyone who would be prepared to take part.</li> <li>Ursula suggested a Coffee Morning and asked for other ideas for fund raising. A host and venue for the Coffee Morning would be required.</li> <li>The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. The village may be organising something. Pauline suggested the church be involved. Ursula offered to join any village committee, representing the church.</li> <li>Tracey asked if Music in Quiet Places will return for another concert. It was generally agreed that the opportunity to raise funds at any future event should be taken.</li> <li>100 Club. Sonya reported that the club has a full complement of 100 members. Over 50% of members are paying by Standing Order. Annual income is £2,400 and prizes amount to £650, making a profit for the church of £1,750.</li> </ul> <p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None received.</li> </ul>	<p>ID</p> <p>ID</p> <p>PH</p> <p>TK</p> <p>SC</p> <p>UW</p>
5.	<p><b>Church Pastoral Aid Society:</b> <b>"What is Church":</b> Members held a wide ranging and fruitful discussion.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Vision Day:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall, from 10am until approximately 3pm. A light lunch will be provided. All of Glapthorn's worshipping community have been invited to attend. PCC members will notify the wardens of anyone they know who are not regular attenders who should also be asked.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Parish Share:</b> Stephen proposed that during the coming year a formula be developed and agreed for the contribution of each parish to the benefice share and that, for this year, Glapthorn's contribution be increased by £500. This was agreed <i>nem con</i>, proposed and seconded by Pauline and Ursula. Stephen reported that a new diocesan formula should benefit this benefice.</p>	

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8.	<b>Any Other Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Quinquennial Inspection takes place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March.</li> </ul>	

**Date of next PCC meeting: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 7.00 pm. At Leverton.**  
**AVM: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 7pm in church.**

Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.