

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held at The Dairy,
Tuesday 20th February 2018

Present:	
Stephen Webster	Patricia Newton
Charles Wide	Ian Davidson
Ursula Wide	

1.	Stephen led opening prayers. The meeting was chaired by Stephen.	
2.	Apologies: Jema Ball, Brigitte Hilton, Philip Hilton, Sonya Moss, Tracey Kerr, Sid Charlton, Mark Donnelly.	
3.	Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 27th November 2017 were signed as approved by Stephen.	
4.	Matters Arising: 1) Pauline Davidson has spoken with Sarah Lee, who leads the St. Peter's pastoral team, about pastoral care in Glapthorn. To be discussed at the next PCC meeting.	
5.	Church Matters: 1) New amended church notice board. Charles asked members present to approve the addition of 5 th Sundays "Morning Prayer (shortened) then Pilgrim Group". All present agreed, and agreed the name Pilgrim Group. It was agreed that when the notice board is amended, the logo will be altered to the new Diocese logo and "Rev'd" added before Stephen and Jema's names. 2) Church Open board. Ian Davidson has kindly mended the board again but warned that it will not last much longer. Charles suggested a new board which is on a spring so it cannot be damaged by wind. Such boards have the advantage that notices for special events can be put on them. Members present agreed the Wardens can spend up to £175 on replacing the board. They will explore various options. 3) Water from tower roof. Discussion took place on options available. It was agreed that the erection of scaffolding outside the tower would be expensive and also intrusive. The preferred alternative is to install a hatch opening in the tower roof, enabling inspection (now and in later years) and for work to be carried out. A Faculty would be required. The DAC has said that they would need an architect to produce outline drawings and justification of the work for the committee to agree in principle, (detailed plans and Faculty application to follow). 4) Holistic Plan for the church interior. Members discussed proposals	<p>CW</p> <p>CW</p>

	<p>put forward at the meeting between PCC members and architect Nigel Walter in January, particularly concerning improved lighting and a sound system, moveable pews, as well as a chancel step dais. Members present agreed that Charles and Brigitte should explore this further. Charles also agreed to find out whether the noise from the heaters is a maintenance problem. Charles will email all PCC members, asking for their comments and specific drafting proposals in relation to a more precise statement of our objectives (a draft had been circulated before the meeting as a basis for discussion) which can form the basis of instructions to Nigel Walter (as he suggested); deadline: Wednesday 7th March.</p> <p>5) Holy Communion service booklets. Draft copies of a Holy Communion Services for Lent booklet were distributed to members present. This is to be used for the first time at the next Sunday service. After Lent, it will be assessed.</p> <p>6) Coffee after all services. This has been suggested by Sue Brewer and was agreed. Charles will ask Sue to produce a rota.</p> <p>7) Safeguarding. PCC members acknowledged the concerns of the Church of England regarding safeguarding and understand that a rigorous safeguarding policy must be in place which is compliant with the diocese's guidance. Charles will complete the safeguarding self-audit form, received from the diocese, and forward it to Jema Ball. It was agreed that safeguarding be a standing item on each PCC meeting agenda.</p>	<p>CW/BH</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>PN</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Vicar's Report and Services:</p> <p>1) Ursula asked Stephen if officiating clergy for the various services could be mentioned in the village newsletter. The clergy rota supplied is not always up to date. Nothing was resolved.</p> <p>2) Mothering Sunday, 11th March, will be a Family Service, with the school participating.</p> <p>3) Good Friday Reflections will take place at 6pm.</p> <p>4) Stephen reported that Glapthorn will have one baptism later this year and one wedding in September and another in September 2019.</p>	<p>UW</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>1) Ian reported that the 2017 Accounts are complete and have been checked by Alan Tresadern. Alan has suggested a few minor points. Ian proposes to forward the accounts, together with his report, to PCC members, two weeks before the AVM, which will be held on Thursday 26th April. He will also put the accounts on display boards in church.</p> <p>2) Ian is continuing to explore possibilities for a future Treasurer to take over from him after the annual meeting.</p> <p>3) Change of bank. The NatWest bank in Oundle will close in June, with the Oundle business transferring to Corby. The future of Barclays, Oundle, is in doubt. Cash may be paid into Oundle Post Office but only in round sums, which may mean retaining cash until that can be done. No decision was made.</p>	<p>ID</p> <p>ID</p>

8.	Risk Assessment. No report.	
9.	Deanery Synod Report: 1) An open meeting at St. Peter's on 27 th February will feature Mark and Sue Donnelly talking about Restorative Justice.	
10.	Social Committee Report: Nothing new to report.	
11.	Any Other Business: 1) Ursula commented that at the last Family Service, although there were 28 adults present and 12 children, no part of the service was addressed at the adults and that this might be helpful. She had received comment about this after the service.	UW

Date of next meeting: The Annual Vestry Meeting on Thursday 26th April, 7pm in church.

Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.