

**ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN**  
**Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held at Church Cottage,**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

<b>Present:</b>	
Stephen Webster	Patricia Newton
Charles Wide	Ursula Wide
Brigitte Hilton	Sonya Moss
Sid Charlton	Philip Hilton
Richard Stark	

<b>1.</b>	<b>Stephen led opening prayers.</b> The meeting was chaired by Sid.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Jema Ball, Tracey Kerr, Mark Donnelly.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b> were signed as approved by Sid.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters Arising:</b> 1) Pastoral Care. The Wardens will ask Pauline Davidson for input following her discussions with the St. Peter's pastoral care team. 2) The church notice board has now been amended. 3) It was noted that the Church Open board is, for the moment, not causing any concerns. 4) Water from the tower roof. Charles believes the problem may be resolved by increasing the length of the water spout. Though not urgent, the wardens will investigate further. 5) Noisy heaters. Charles will arrange for them to be checked later in the summer. 6) Lent Communion Services leaflets. To be discussed further at the next PCC meeting. Brigitte suggested asking the congregation for opinions.	<b>CW/BH</b>      <b>CW/BH</b> <b>CW</b>  <b>BH/PN</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Church Matters:</b> 1) Audio/Visual decisions. Charles reported on progress to date. He will be discussing with the DAC whether to apply for just one faculty for the whole system, or whether to apply for various faculties for stages in the installation. He hopes that some of the cost will be provided by funding from grants. The PCC agreed that the Wardens should discuss the positioning of the projectors with Hilltop Audio Visual, who are, at the moment, the preferred provider. The Wardens will report back to PCC members about progress. 2) Lighting decisions. At present, further quotations and specifications are awaited. Charles will contact churches where lighting schemes have been installed and will inform the PCC.	<b>CW</b>      <b>CW/BH</b>   <b>CW</b>

	<p>3) A request has been received from Glapthorn Village Hall trustees for a member of Glapthorn PCC, or the wider church congregation, to join the Village Hall committee. A member of the church congregation is already a Village Hall committee member, so she will be asked if she would represent the church.</p> <p>4) Churchyard memorials' materials and inscriptions. After discussion, it was agreed that the following would become a policy for St. Leonard's:</p> <p><b>The policy of the PCC of St. Leonard's, Glapthorn, is that The Diocese of Peterborough Churchyard Regulations (in force from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1992) concerning memorials be applied in relation to size, type, and inscription and, because of the local prevalence of limestone (including the church building, churchyard walls and predominance of existing memorials), memorials should only be limestone of a closely similar colour and texture to local stone.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that families should be (sensitively) told of this policy and the regulations concerning flowers and other items left on graves or where ashes are interred.</p>	<p><b>PN</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Vicar's Report and Services:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Mark Donnelly will be ordained on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at the Cathedral. Glapthorn will have a short Morning Prayer service so that any who wish can attend the ordination.</li> <li>2) There are 15 candidates for the Confirmation Service in St. Peter's on 1<sup>st</sup> July. There are no Glapthorn candidates this year. It was suggested that in future the Glapthorn Newsletter for March could include information about confirmation classes.</li> <li>3) 17<sup>th</sup> July will be the year end school service for year 6 leavers.</li> <li>4) 2<sup>nd</sup> September. 2.00-4.30pm Country Wedding Flowers in church with tea and cakes in the Village Hall, followed by Choral Evensong with the St. Leonard's choir.</li> <li>5) Stephen informed the meeting of two new applications for the lay ministry – Sue Donnelly and Louise Foote. Alan McMurdo and Peter Taylor are still in training but will be admitted as Readers in October.</li> </ol>	<p><b>UW</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The new Treasurer, Richard Stark, reported that he has received all files from Ian Davidson.</li> <li>2) £430 was donated at a funeral in March.</li> <li>3) Eon is presently investigating the reason for an unexpectedly large electricity bill. Charles will report to the next meeting.</li> <li>4) The closure of NatWest bank in Oundle. Richard proposed leaving things as they are. He has the paperwork to remove Ian Davidson as a signatory on the account but the other signatories will remain. Cash and collections will be paid into the NatWest account at Oundle Post Office.</li> <li>5) Charles thanked Richard for taking on the position of Treasurer.</li> <li>6) Richard will suggest a "reserve", to be discussed at the next PCC meeting.</li> </ol>	<p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>RS</b></p> <p><b>RS</b></p>

8.	<p><b>Safeguarding.</b> Charles has completed C3 training. C1 (for wardens) and C0 (for PCC members) are available online. No other safeguarding issues were reported.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Deanery Synod Report:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Philip reported on an inspiring talk by Mark and Sue Donnelly on restorative justice.</li> <li>2) The next meeting will be on 27<sup>th</sup> June in Barnwell Church at 7.15pm. This is an open meeting with James Miller who will be promoting the Northamptonshire, Britain's Best Surprise website, which, this year, features Northamptonshire churches.</li> </ol>	
10.	<p><b>Social Committee Report:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Ursula reported that the Corby Male Voice Choir concert on 1<sup>st</sup> June raised over £500, with around 70 people in the audience.</li> <li>2) A Whist Drive has been suggested for a date towards the end of the winter. Pauline Davidson and Ursula will take this forward.</li> </ol>	<b>UW</b>
11.	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Brigitte reported that the churchyard shed roof needs repairing and she has this in hand.</li> <li>2) Sid reported that he has been asked by Northants Historic Churches Trust if Glapthorn church will be open for the annual Ride and Stride event on 8<sup>th</sup> September. He has replied in the affirmative.</li> </ol>	

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.