

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thursday 2nd May 2024, following the AVM.

Present:	
Rev. Stephen Webster	Philip Hilton
Rev Annabel Copeland	Brigitte Hilton
Tracey Kerr	Anne Cashmore
Sid Charlton	Richard Stark
Ursula Wide	

05/24.14	Apologies: Sonya Moss, Penny Reading, Tricia Newton	
05/24.15	Election of Officers: The current Lay Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Gift Aid Officer and Deanery Synod Representative are all willing to continue in post – their re--election was proposed by Brigitte, seconded by Annabel and all present voted in favour of the appointments.	
05/24.16	Minutes of the P.C.C. meeting dated 14th March 2024 Previously agreed by email and signed as approved by Stephen Webster.	
05/24.17	Matters Arising from the Minutes of 14th March 2023: A number of items are carried forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>10/22.05 Assessment of unsafe kerbstones and uneven flagstones at front of church – Brigitte will ask a local builder to repair uneven flagstones; unsafe kerbstones will be moved to the side of the wall and photos and notes taken and kept with burial book in the safe, in case of any future queries.</i> 	BH

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>10/22.06 Intercession Prayer guidelines</i> • <i>03/23.05 Allotments (church land) and insurance</i> • <i>10/23.08 Safeguarding Policy and handling of known offenders</i> <p>New Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>03/24.05 Church wall – Brigitte proposed that the church offers £1,000 contribution towards the cost of the repair.</i> • <i>03/24.07 Parish Giving – Philip will adapt St Peter’s template and write to the current congregation (on behalf of the PCC), to encourage them to join this scheme.</i> • <i><u>03/24.07 QR codes for donations</u> – Philip has done some initial work on this, and it would cost approximately £7.50 per month with a 1.58% transaction charge, to use this system in our church. The P.C.C. agreed it was worth Philip exploring this scheme further.</i> 	<p>SW</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>To be discussed at June meeting</p> <p>BH reported that the Wides have very kindly declined the offer.</p> <p>PH/AEC</p> <p>PH</p>
<p>05/24.18</p>	<p>Church Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u><i>New Lighting System Update</i></u> FCC Communities Fund (formerly WREN) have rejected our application for a grant, meaning that insufficient funds have been raised. Additionally, the problems with the leaking roof (see below) mean that the roof repairs should be undertaken before any lighting is changed. The PCC agreed to put the lighting project on hold for now, and thanked Anne for her work on all of the applications for grants submitted to date. Anne will now write to the Laing Family Trust (who have promised a grant on condition that other monies required are raised in full) and update them regarding the lighting project. The P.C.C. agreed that in due course, an update should go in the village newsletter about the roof repairs and lighting project. • <u><i>Funding for lead roof repairs</i></u> A grant for £5,000 has been secured from the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust and is 	<p>AEC</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>valid for three years.</p> <p>The PCC discussed the proposal (attached). Brigitte proposed the authorisation of temporary repairs at a cost of £2,187.83 with instructions to the contractor to investigate and, if possible, repair the other sources of leaks (extra cost unlikely to exceed £1,500). This proposal was seconded by Tracey Kerr and all present voted in favour. It is hoped that the temporary repairs will be done at the end of May.</p> <p>The second proposal – to hold a meeting of the PCC to specifically talk about the roof repairs and the strategy for dealing with it - was agreed and a date of 3rd June at 7 p.m. in Church set for the meeting.</p>	<p>BH</p> <p>All</p>
05/24.19	<p>Vicar's Report:</p> <p>See AVM</p>	
05/24.20	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See AVM • Richard suggested that a separate bank account is set up for fundraising monies, with particular reference to the amount that will be needed for the roof repairs. This was proposed by Richard and seconded by Brigitte and all present voted in favour. 	RS
05/24.21	<p>Safeguarding Report</p> <p>See AVM</p>	
05/24.22	<p>Deanery Synod Report:</p> <p>There has been no meeting since the last PCC and no matters were raised to be put forward for the next meeting of the Deanery Synod.</p>	
05/24.23	<p>Health and Safety Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no recorded accidents since the 14th March 2024 PCC meeting. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The events risk assessment is almost complete. 	TK
05/24.24	<p>Social Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bluebell Teas Monday 6th May “Persuasion” production 5th June – please continue to advertise tickets. Sid will look to advertise on the electronic boards at Fletton House, the Love Oundle website and Benefield Church. An electronic copy of the poster was given to Stephen and Annabel for St. Peter’s. Sid will also speak to Tricia about catering and Penny re the possibility of a few flowers in Church. Other bookings are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday 14th July, Peterborough Flute Choir and teas in the Davidsons’ garden. Saturday 5th October – Corby Male Voice Choir in Church. 	TN SC
05/24.25	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Nil</p>	
05/24.26	<p>Date of next P.C.C. meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Monday 3rd June 2024</u>, 7 p.m. in Church – one agenda item, roof repair. <u>Tuesday 18th June 2024</u>, 7 pm in Church – full PCC meeting <p>The meeting closed with prayer at 20.50</p>	