

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 28th September 2021

Present:	Joshua Jackson
Stephen Webster	Sonya Moss
Brigitte Hilton	Anne Cashmore
Philip Hilton	Sid Charlton
Patricia Newton	Penny Reading

1.	<p>Opening Prayers. Led by Stephen.</p> <p>The meeting was chaired by Sid Charlton, who welcomed the curate, Joshua Jackson, to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies: Annabel Copeland, Tracey Kerr, Richard Stark.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 24th June 2021: Agreed by email and signed as approved by Sid.</p>	
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, Gift Aid Officer Mike Newton (not a member of the PCC) presented an up to date financial report. (Attached). The donation for the organ is to be designated as restricted funds. Mike Newton was thanked by Sid and he then left the meeting.</p>	RS
5.	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 24th June 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The proposed improvement to the church lighting. Brigitte reported that Pauline Davidson has provided her with names of possible grant providers. Anne Cashmore and Philip Hilton will be helping Brigitte with the grant applications. ● It is considered that the quote already received for the new lighting is expensive, providing more facilities than are actually required. Brigitte will request a new quote for a simplified system. ● Brigitte reported that the faculty for the new lighting system has expired and she will be reapplying. ● PCC members acknowledged the greatly improved quality of sound in the church since the installation of the new sound system. 	BH/PH/ AC BH BH
6.	<p>Church Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brigitte reported that the Quinquennial Review has been completed. There are a couple of minor items that need attention relating to the guttering. 	BH

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Headstones in the churchyard. Brigitte reported that there are now some more headstones that are unsteady and require attention and those reported earlier have still not been repaired. Brigitte will contact Michael Maynard again. 	BH
7.	<p>Vicar's Report and Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stephen and the PCC agreed that the services held during the summer outside in the churchyard were very successful and well attended. ● There was discussion on the policy of mask wearing in church and it was decided to continue as at present with masks just being required for singing. It is accepted that some members of the congregation cannot wear masks. ● Remembrance Sunday service will be 14th November. ● Christmas services. Stephen hopes that services will be able to revert back to normal. ● Christingle 12th December. ● Carol Service 19th December. It was suggested that, weather permitting, the carol service could be held outside in the churchyard. The crib and Christmas tree will be in place in time for the Christingle. Brigitte will arrange for an outside electric socket to be installed for the crib and tree lighting. ● Sid asked if next summer's services could be held outside, weather permitting. 	BH
8.	<p>Safeguarding: There has yet to be a meeting with the benefice Safeguarding officer.</p>	
9.	<p>Deanery Synod Report: There has not been a recent meeting.</p>	
10.	<p>Health and Safety Report: Tracey reported - by email - that she has completed the inspection and will be forwarding her report to Brigitte.</p>	TK/BH
11.	<p>Social Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sid reported on the Ride and Stride event on 11th September. There were 23 visitors to Glaphorn church so numbers were lower than previous years. ● Tear Fund Quiz on Saturday 20th November. Sid and Pauline Davidson are organising this. It is a nationwide quiz in aid of the charity and will be held in the village hall. Questions will be displayed on the screen. The charge for competing will be £15 per head, to include a Ploughmans' Supper. Bring your own drinks. Posters and flyers will be distributed soon. There will be a short film shown on the work of the Tear Fund. There will be a raffle, which will be in aid of Glaphorn church. 	

12.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tricia will write to Chris and Monica Crosby, thanking them for all their work providing Sunday teas and cakes for six weeks in the summer in aid of the church. (Done). ● Discussion took place on whether to reinstate coffee after services. It was felt that this was a bit too soon in the current Covid climate. Brigitte also reported that the water heater was not functioning and is awaiting an electrician. ● The Archdeacon, Gordon Steele, is retiring. Contributions for a retirement present have been requested from churches. Brigitte will be sending a donation from Glapthorn church. ● The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Celebrations are from 2nd - 5th June. It was decided that on Sunday 5th June there will be a celebratory thanksgiving service in Glapthorn, with the bells being rung, and possibly a lunch. We will liaise with the village hall committee to see what plans they have. Philip suggested that all the churches in the deanery could ring their bells in a timed sequence. ● Penny requested a special cupboard or area within the church for all the flower arranging equipment. An area in the vestry will be considered, with the unused existing curtains being altered to hide the equipment. 	<p>PN</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
13.	<p>Date of next PCC meeting: Monday 22nd November, 7pm in church.</p> <p>Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.</p>	