

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 4th October 2022

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

10/22.01	Opening Prayers: Led by Stephen Webster. The meeting was chaired by Sid Charlton.	
10/22.02	Apologies: Annabel Copeland, Penny Reading	
10/22.03.	Minutes of the P.C.C. meeting dated 21st June 2022: Agreed by email and signed as approved by Sid Charlton.	
10/22.04	Matters Arising from the Minutes of 18th January 2022: All covered under the relevant agenda item below, with the exception of online banking which will be carried forward.	
10/22.05	<p>Church Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Storage of spare soil from dug graves</u> – this will be tackled by a small working party this autumn, making space in a corner of the churchyard • <u>New lighting system</u> – the visit to Elton Church to view their lighting system will take place on Thursday 6th October. Some research has been done into grants available and the type of application process needed. Part of the process will be to show how the church is used by different groups and the community. A P.C.C. meeting will be held on Monday 17th October to make a decision on the lighting required and next steps. • <u>Kerbstones and Churchyard regulations</u> – an assessment will be 	<p>BH</p> <p>BH, PH, AEC</p>

	<p>undertaken to see how many kerbstones are loose or unsafe, before any action is taken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tree surgeon</u> - coming week commencing 10th October to assess the state of the yew trees. Brigitte will email the report to Joshua, when received. • <u>The A frame (Welcome sign)</u> – has been repaired so no further action is necessary for now. • <u>Psalters</u> – Brigitte will go through them to ensure there are sufficient in a good enough condition for use at Morning Prayer. • <u>Quinquennial inspection</u> – the local builder has been in contact and the outstanding jobs should be completed soon. • <u>Floodlights</u> - A suggestion has been made to save electricity and show solidarity for those struggling with everyday expenditure, by not lighting the floodlights on a regular basis (only when requested in memory of someone). This was agreed by the P.C.C. and in recognition of any saving, a donation will be made to the Oundle Food Bank for the purchase of blankets and hot water bottles. 	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
10/22.06	<p>Vicar's Report and Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Intercession prayer guidelines</u> – Stephen will produce a framework sheet with phrases and ways to adapt the existing materials, should anyone want to do so. • <u>Harvest Festival</u> – will be held on Sunday 16th October at 11.15 a.m., followed by an auction of harvest gifts (with monies raised going to the Tear Fund and dry goods being donated to the Oundle Food Bank) and a bring and share lunch in the Village Hall. • <u>Christingle Service</u> – will be held on Sunday 4th December at 4 p.m. Brigitte will liaise with Glapthorn School. • <u>Carol Service</u> – will be held on Sunday 18th December at 3 p.m. in the Churchyard (weather permitting). • <u>Monthly pattern of services</u> – the aim will be to revert to 3 Communion services in due course. Stephen and the local Churchwardens will review the rotas across the benefice to try and make best use of the resources available to achieve this. 	<p>SW</p> <p>BH</p> <p>SW</p>
10/22.07	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Mike Newton joined the meeting for this agenda item, to update the P.C.C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2020/21 accounts are being reviewed by Philip. • <u>Current financial position</u> – at end of August 2022 there was £23,480 in the funds, a decrease of £4k from the balance at the end of last year. There is also £2k waiting to be claimed in tax. There has been some one-off expenditure in the last year – graves, security, lawnmower – and the estimated income for this year is 	<p>BH</p>

	<p>£21k. So there is a need for some caution with expenditure and some fundraising activities would help the overall financial position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Review of Parish Giving Scheme</u> – there are 4 people signed up to it, with the remainder on the old scheme of standing orders. The advantages and disadvantages of each scheme were discussed. It was agreed that there should be some information in Church on the Parish Giving Scheme as a gentle reminder to encourage regular attendees to consider moving to the Parish Giving Scheme. Joshua will also send Brigitte a link to the relevant website page. • <u>Card Readers</u> – St Peter’s Oundle, Fotheringhay and Easton on the Hill churches have all introduced card readers in recent months, for donations, as cash is no longer a popular option. There is an initial outlay in terms of cost, but most systems end up paying for themselves. Anne will contact Fotheringhay Church to find out more about the usage and costs of their card reader. • <u>Offertory</u> – the offertory bags will start to be circulated again; offertory cards will be re-introduced for use by members of the congregation who pay their monies in other ways. 	<p>JJ</p> <p>AEC</p> <p>PH</p>
10/22.08	<p>Safeguarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Safeguarding Officer for the Benefice is Elizabeth Mace. The intention is to appoint a Deputy Safeguarding Officer for the benefice soon. 	
10/22.09	<p>Deanery Synod Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip attended the 29th June meeting and circulated the notes from that meeting. There is some concern that not all congregations are back up to pre-Covid capacity (although attendance for Platinum Jubilee celebrations was generally good); the age profile of some congregations is very mature and this group is becoming less active in terms of church activities; there are in excess of 50% of parishes without a vicar; some parishes are struggling with sufficient fundraising to pay the parish share. • Philip reminded the P.C.C. of the opportunity to raise any questions or issues to the Deanery Synod, via Philip. • 13th October – next meeting of the Deanery Synod. Sid will attend. 	<p>SC</p>
10/22.10	<p>Health and Safety Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Health and safety check</u> - Roy Kerr is kindly going to do some maintenance on the lawnmower and the next health and safety check will tie in with this. • <u>Ramp for accessibility</u> - a new rubber one has been identified, 	<p>TK</p>

	<p>although dimensions still need to be checked (post meeting note – the cost for two ramps, total width 800 mm is £183 including VAT).</p>	PH
10/22.11	<p>Social Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Tear Fund Quiz</u> – 19th November 2022. This is being organised by Sid and Pauline Davidson. Posters and flyers to go out soon. There will be a Ploughman’s meal and a raffle (for church funds). This date coincides with a visit to St. Peter’s by some representatives from Tear Fund, who will be welcome to sign up to the Glapthorn based Tear Fund quiz. ● <u>Quiz “Celebration of the life of the late Queen Elizabeth II”</u> – this is being finalised by Sid and will be made available for purchase at the Tear Fund Quiz evening and possibly any other fundraising event held before Christmas. ● <u>Wreath making/ Christmas craft afternoon</u> – Tracey will speak to her contact regarding the possibility of this for 2022. ● <u>Church architecture and history talk with refreshments</u> – Philip has made contact with an art historian who would be prepared to do this in Spring/early summer – Philip will go ahead and propose a date for 2023. ● <u>Other opportunities for consideration in 2023</u> – Northampton Male Voice Choir (£350 per concert); Oundle Rusty Players; Peterborough Flute Orchestra; Oundle School musicians; Oundle Choral Society; Art Exhibition with local artists. Possibly a Christmas tree display (Aldwinckle and Benefield are hosting these in 2022). 	<p>SC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>TK</p> <p>PH</p>
10/22.12	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transport for the visit to Elton Church on 6th October, and the rota for helping the Churchwarden were discussed. 	
10/22.13	<p>Date of next P.C.C. meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday 17th October 7 p.m. – at the Hilton’s house – one item agenda on lighting. ● Wednesday 11th January 2023 7 p.m. – full P.C.C. meeting in Church. <p>Stephen Webster closed the meeting with a prayer.</p>	