

**Minutes of Ecclesiastical Assembly**  
**Of St Brelade's Parish Church**  
**Held in St Brelade's Church Hall**  
**On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**Present:**

Rev. Mark Bond	Chairman
Steve Pallett	Connetable
Peter Norman	Procurer
Eddie Cuthbert	Church Warden
Alan Higginbotham	Almoner
Laurie Dicker	Lay Reader
Ruth White	Minute Taker

Five other parishioners were also in attendance and apologies were received from six others.

Rev Mark Bond welcomed everyone to the meeting and said how lovely it was to be meeting in the newly refurbished hall.

1. **To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

Rev'd Mark Bond read out the Convening Notice. The Minutes of the Meeting held in April 2014 were approved. It was noted that Ecclesiastical Assemblies will now come under the Freedom of Information Act and that the Minutes from these meetings will be published on the Church Website.

Proposed by: Mr John Trafford

Seconded by: Mr Peter Norman

2. **To Receive and Approve the Accounts of Tresor**

Mr Eddie Cuthbert presented the Accounts for Tresor.

**Income** – Cemetery Income down as most of these fees for the church graveyard are only for ashes as most burials are at Cimitiere des Quennevais and therefore all those fees go into that account and not Tresor. Under Misc. Income, Verger and Sexton Fees – The Verger fees go into church funds; the Sexton fees get paid to the Sextons at the end of each year.

**Expenditure** – Church Maintenance expenditure is well down on the previous year, as all the major work has now been done, in addition the new lighting is LED lighting which is cheaper to run. Rectory Maintenance – this is up due to the repainting of the cottages.

There is a balance left in the account of £13,790 which is for ongoing projects such as the clearing the sea wall of all the ivy and vegetation; re-decoration of all the exterior doors of the

church, lych gates and cemetery gates; redecoration of the Rectory greenhouse. All this work is taking place now and over the next few weeks and will cost approximately £8 to £10,000.

This is Mr Eddie Cuthbert's 9<sup>th</sup> year as churchwarden, and will be his last, so he would like someone to come forward before he retires so that he can train them up.

No questions from the floor.

Proposed by: Mrs Amy Mathys

Seconded by: Mr Alan Higginbotham

Rev Mark Bond thanked Mr Cuthbert for all his hard work. Handling the Tresor account is an important job and we value Mr Cuthbert's expertise and knowledge.

### 3. **Election of Officers**

#### Churchwardens and Almoners

Churchwardens – Mr Mike Smith is doing remarkably well considering his diagnosis and we reluctantly accept his resignation as Churchwarden. Mr Eddie Cuthbert will be staying on as Churchwarden.

Mr John Trafford and Mr Alan Higginbotham have worked as a wonderful Almoner team during the past year.

Mr Eddie Cuthbert was proposed for the role of Churchwarden by Rev Mark Bond; no seconder required

Mr John Trafford was proposed for the role of Churchwarden by Mrs Amy Mathys and seconded by Mr Laurie Dicker.

Mr Alan Higginbotham was proposed for the role of Almoner by Mr John Trafford and seconded by Mrs Karly Weighill.

Mr Peter Le Sueur was proposed for the role of Almoner by Mr John Trafford and seconded by Mrs Amy Mathys.

All the Churchwardens and Almoners were asked to appear at the Royal Court on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June to be sworn in.

The Connetable congratulated the Churchwardens and the Almoners for being elected and on behalf of the Parish, thanked the retiring and current churchwardens and almoners for all their hard work.

### 4. **Connetable's Address**

The Connetable spoke about Trust, how you learn it from your parents as you grow up, you learn it at school and in team sports and then as an adult in the workplace. Trust is also vital within marriage and within the honorary police as the community rely on the police and there needs to be trust between police and community and with fellow officers. Being elected as

Constable has meant that people have trusted Steve to do a good job. He sits in the States Chamber and the people of St Brelade rely him to represent their Parish. He feels humble to be involved in government and takes his role seriously and he hopes that people feel that they can trust him.

Rev Mark Bond thanked the Connetable for his address and said that the nature of church officers is also one of trust; and the relationship between church and parish is one of trust and this has been built up over many years. Both Rev Mark Bond and Connetable Steve Pallett thanked the Procurers and the church officers for all their work and support during the past year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm