

Minutes of Ecclesiastical Assembly
Of St Brelade's Parish Church
Held in St Brelade's Church Hall
On Tuesday 24th May 2016

Present:

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

Two other Parishioners were also in attendance and apologies were received from three others.

Rev Mark Bond welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the Convening Notice.

1. **To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly held on 26th May 2015**

The Minutes of the Meeting held in May 2015 were approved.

Proposed by: Mr Alan Higginbotham

Seconded by: Mr Laurie Dicker

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

Mr Eddie Cuthbert presented his 9th Accounts for Tresor.

Income –Investment slightly down. Cemetery Income increased dramatically as we had a lot of funerals last year.

Miscellaneous Income is monies coming in which are then paid out again – eg verger fees then paid out to cleaners; and sexton fees are paid to them at the end of the year.

Overall Income is up from £12,000 in 2014 to £16,000 in 2015.

Expenditure – Church Maintenance expenditure is up as floodlighting now included under maintenance ; £2000 was spent on a Quinquennial inspection, the last one was carried out in 2009 (this report showed that all the maintenance is up to scratch); £1800 was spent on the re-painting of all the church exterior doors; verger holiday cover paid £750.

Rectory Maintenance - £24,500 was spent which includes £1900 on an inspection from Le Sueurs into the condition of the Rectory, along with an electrical survey. Work carried out

during the year was a new bathroom (@£4,400); external windows repaired and redecorated (@£11,000 including scaffolding) [The greenhouse roof is still to be painted, only the sides were done]; The old fuseboard was replaced (@£3000).

The church had an inspection from the insurance company last year, which resulted in a reduction in the annual premium of £900.

Closing balance in the Tresor account of £7,140, with no further big expenditure expected except for the replacement of the Rectory kitchen windows. The Le Sueur survey said that the Rectory Roof needed re-doing but it looks ok for now. The roof on the Old Stables is being redone as full of leaks – they have to use old Jersey Pantiles for this.

This is definitely Mr Eddie Cuthbert's last year as churchwarden, so he would like someone to come forward before he retires so that he can train them up.

Question from the floor: Will the greenhouse need scaffolding for the repainting? The answer is Yes and this will cost approximately £500, but Eddie is having difficulty in finding a painter willing to do it.

Proposed by: Mr Norman Moss

Seconded by: Mr Alan Higginbotham

Rev Mark Bond thanked Mr Cuthbert for all his hard work.

3. **Election of Officers**

Churchwardens and Almoners

Churchwardens – Eddie had thought that last year would be his last year as churchwarden, however the 2nd phase of the roof on the church hall is still to be done, so he is staying on this year to see this project completed. John Trafford is also willing to stay on as Churchwarden.

Mr Alan Higginbotham and Mr Peter Le Sueur have worked as a wonderful Almoner team during the past year.

Mr Eddie Cuthbert was proposed for the role of Churchwarden by Mr Steve Pallett, Connetable; and seconded by Mr Laurie Dicker.

Mr John Trafford was proposed for the role of Churchwarden by Mr Steve Pallett, Connetable; and seconded by Mr Laurie Dicker.

Mr Alan Higginbotham was proposed for the role of Almoner by Mr Steve Pallett, Connetable; and seconded by Mr Laurie Dicker.

Mr Peter Le Sueur was proposed for the role of Almoner by Mr Steve Pallett, Connetable; and seconded by Mr Laurie Dicker.

All the Churchwardens and Almoners were asked to appear at the Royal Court on Saturday 11th June to be sworn in.

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

4. Connetable's Address

The Connetable spoke about Volunteers and how important they are to church life; parish life and the wider Jersey community. It is especially noticeable in his role as Assistant Minister in the Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture Department. The recent Junior Rugby Club awards was packed with children and adults and all those adults were dedicated volunteers; He also attended the 10th Jersey Scouts 40th anniversary weekend which only thrives due to the dedication and hard work of the volunteers. Steve said how he loves his Parish work and this is where his heart is, where he can make a difference and help people; but he also has a responsibility to States work and hope that he gets the balance right between the two.

Rev Mark Bond thanked the Connetable for his address and everyone for attending.

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