

Minutes of Ecclesiastical Assembly
Of St Brelade's Parish Church
Held in St Brelade's Church Hall
On Tuesday 4th June 2013

Present:

Chairman	Rev. Mark Bond
Connetable	Mr Steve Pallett
Procurer	Mr Peter Norman
Procurer	Mr Arthur Morley
Church Warden	Mr Brian Clarke
Church Warden	Mr Eddie Cuthbert
Treasurer	Mr Robin Harris
Almoner	Mr Alan Higginbotham
Almoner	Mr Norman Moss

Five other Parishioners were also in attendance, with apologies being received from two parishioners.

1. **To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly held on 31st May 2012 and 26th September 2012**

Rev'd Mark Bond read out the Convening Notice. The Minutes of both the Meetings held in May and Sept 2012 were approved.

Proposed by: Alan Higginbotham

Seconded by: Cindy Mulliner

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

Eddie Cuthbert presented the Accounts for Tresor. Some small general church maintenance had been carried out during the year: Repair to the sea wall; Replacement signs around churchyard; Re-doing some of the gravel paths around the churchyard as the gravel is washed away during the rain; Repairs to floodlighting; Money set aside for coverings for church windows (this job is currently being carried out as they have been waiting for the better weather); Cleaning of church after the electricians were in working on the church lighting project; Temporary gardener to help out in Rectory Gardens as no prisoners available to help, Replacement Oil Tank.

Church Insurance has gone up by 34% during the past 12 months due to lead being taken off church roofs in England. Advertising has gone up by 75%.

Norman Moss asked if it would be possible to use a different (or local) insurance company for the church insurance as Jersey does not have the problem of lead being stolen off church roofs. However it has been looked into in the past and is not a viable option. We are on a 5

year contract with Ecclesiastical Insurance which gives us a 25% discount. All the Jersey Parish Churches use Ecclesiastical Insurance. The installation of the Treasury will increase the Insurance but the Window Coverings should reduce it back down.

Work to be carried out during 2013 is repair to the gates leading to the slipway which should cost in the region of £3000 and refurbishment of the Church Hall.

Proposed by: Amy Mathys

Seconded by: John Trafford

3. **Election of Officers**

Churchwardens and Almoners

Both Eddie Cuthbert and Brian Clarke have worked extremely hard this year and are both willing to stand again. Mark thanked Eddie, Brian and Alan and Norman for all their hard work as Churchwardens and Almoners. Mark is pleased to say that he hasn't received any other nominations for either Churchwarden or Almoner so all four were re-elected by the meeting and asked to appear at the Royal Court on Saturday 8th June to be sworn in.

Eddie informed the meeting that this year which will be his 7th year as Churchwarden, will be his last year so he is officially giving the church 12 months in which to find someone else!

4. **Church Lighting**

The church lighting project was successfully carried out in January and February and the new church lighting looks fantastic. You can see the true colour of the granite and read the hymn books and service sheets at weddings properly! So as a result the quality of the worship has improved greatly. Our thanks go to the Parish Procurers, the Connetable and the Parish for all their help, support and assistance.

We would now like to install the same lighting system in the Fishermen's Chapel. The current lighting system is damaged and not repairable and as it was installed in 1988, it has lasted very well. The new lighting would be on silver grey tracks with up and down lighters. It will be installed on the arch rather than on the walls so it won't interfere with the wall paintings. The lighting cable will be wall mounted and run behind the benches. All the plugs and socket wiring would need to be replaced as well. The estimate for this is £4,916. Amy volunteered for the Tea Rooms to pay for this, which was gratefully accepted. There are also some donations leftover from the church lighting project, so the Tea Room would not need to pay for it all. We would like to take this to Ecclesiastical Court on 4th July and carry out the work in the Autumn.

5. Ecclesiastical Court

The following was proposed by Eddie Cuthbert (Churchwarden)

That the church accept Leonard Electric's quotation for the re-wiring and re-lighting of the Fishermen's Chapel and that this proposal be submitted to Ecclesiastical Court for a faculty.

Seconded by Amy Mathys.

A vote was taken unanimously in favour of the resolution.

6. Connetable's Address

Steve Pallett congratulated the Churchwardens and Almoners on being re-elected and said that we have 12 months to persuade Eddie to change his mind! He sends his apologies that he will not be able to attend the swearing in at the Royal Court on Saturday 22nd June.

During his 18 months in office Steve said that he has seen the community spirit at work in St Brelade's Parish and it is lovely to see how much the church is involved in this. A new community group has been set up to assist parishioners. The Parish gave nearly £28,000 to the church for the lighting and Steve is happy to see how well used it has been. The church lighting looks fantastic and it is money well spent and he has only heard positive comments about it.

The Quennevais Cemetery Committee has finally finalised the revised regulations.

A new Petanque pitch has been created at Elephant Park.

Sanctuary House have received a lot of time and effort from the community. However the House is now nearly at States Funding level which is very good.

We in St Brelade have the most beautiful church in Jersey and we do look after it, but the building is only as good as the people and Steve thinks we have the best people who really care for the community. Steve feels honoured to be the head of that community.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm with a visit to the church to have a look at the new lighting system.