



PAROISSE DE ST. MARTIN ECCLESIASTICAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

An Assembly of Principals, Officers and Electors of the Parish of St. Martin was held in the Public Hall on Thursday, 27th May 2021 at 7.30pm to: -

- 1) Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly of 13th October 2020.
- 2) Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Churchwardens' Accounts for the financial year 1st May 2020 to 30th April 2021.
- 3) Elect two Churchwardens for one term of office.
- 4) Elect two Almoners for one term of office.

The Rector, Reverend Jonathan Scott, presided over the assembly and was supported on the platform by Church Administrator and note taker Christine Willing. 27 people were present; apologies were received from Peter Germain and Christine De La Haye. The meeting opened with prayer and then the convening notice was read by Christine Willing.

The Rector opened the meeting in prayer. He welcomed all to the meeting and he acknowledged the great debt the church owed to the Parish for the support that is given to the church. The church and Parish officials work closely together. The Municipality had weathered some incredible storms this past year; the church had been opened when possible and had been a beacon, a sanctuary and a place of prayer. Last year it had not been possible to hold an Ecclesiastical assembly so that the Tresor accounts were submitted without approval, as agreed by the Deanery.

Item 1: - Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly of 13th October 2020. Karen Shenton Stone proposed that the minutes were approved; the motion was seconded by Paulette De La Haye and agreed by all present.

Item 2: - Receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Churchwardens' Accounts for the financial year 1st May 2020 to 30th April 2021.

The Rector thanked Peter Canham for his great diligence in preparing the accounts and for his support for the Rector, the Connetable, Churchwardens and Procureurs.

Peter Canham presented the budget. The total expenditure in 2020/2021 was £54,446.18 and income for the same period was £2,301.95. Essentially the Tresor account had remained within budget.

Included in the figures were were two payments for insurance, one for 2019/20 and one for 2020/21 so this reduces the actual spend during this period by £2,985.05.

Included is an expenditure of £800 on Legal and professional fees. This was paid to HLG associates who assisted with the preparation of the fiscal stimulus fund application, the result of which should be known in the near future.

£2,424 was spent on pre-digging a number of graves which it was anticipated might have been needed during the pandemic. In due course these will be sold and some of this expenditure will be recovered.

The Rector briefly outlined the bid of £540,000 that had been submitted for fiscal stimulus funding. It is in three parts:

- To renovate and reorder the church vestry. This project has already been passed by an Ecclesiastical Assembly. To put a toilet and wash basin in the church and make the vestry a more useable space.
- To replace the oil fired boiler with a more efficient and economic electric heating system.
- To treat the exterior of the church building with a product to stop water ingress. The building was last treated about 20 years ago and now needs renewing.

The process to set a budget for 2021/22 will begin at the Rates assembly which will be held in the next month.

Thelma Emberson proposed that the accounts approved; the motion was seconded by Lester Richardson and agreed by all present.

Item 3: - Elect two Churchwardens for one term of office.

Joan Richard proposed that Jackie Edwards be elected as Churchwarden. Since she had assumed the role last year she had proved herself capable and reliable. Since Jackie joined the church she had held many roles and she has a natural ability to work with children. During the pandemic she had remained in contact with the children who had attended S'Marteenies. She has supported the mission of the church, notably introducing the annual prayer walk. Jackie has a strong faith and is committed to the workings of St Martin's Church. Fiona Sangan seconded the proposal, she agreed with all that Joan had said and added her strong feeling that Jackie is the right person to carry out the role. The assembly agreed to the proposal nem.com.

Peter Searle proposed that Thelma Emberson be elected as Churchwarden. He said that he was delighted to support Thelma as a candidate for Churchwarden. She works diligently to ensure that everything needed is done. She has been a member of the church for 9 years, and had become an Almoner after three years, then a Church warden in 2018, she is safeguarding officer, covenants officer and takes an active part in all church rotas. Thelma's work load increased dramatically during the interregnum and with the work involved to appoint a new Rector. She carries out voluntary work in the Parish and, with her financial background is well placed to be a Churchwarden. The proposal was seconded by Jean Crosby who said Thelma is thoughtful, kind and approachable. Thelma had responded well to the challenges of the past year and will make an excellent Church warden. The assembly agreed to the proposal nem.com.

The Rector warned the two Church wardens to attend the Ecclesiastical Court on Saturday 19th June to take the Oath of Office.

Item 4: - Elect two Almoners for one term of office.

The Rector said that Simon Baudains and Helen Witts had both served the Church well as Almoners but had decided that the time was right to step down.

Peter Marett proposed Joan Richard for the post of Almoner. When he originally proposed Joan Richard MBE during the pandemic for the role of almoner for a part term, he did so with every confidence that she would do an excellent job and was proved right. Joan is a dedicated member of the congregation; she is caring, reliable, knowledgeable and organised. She knows the parish and its people well. Paulette De La Haye seconded the proposal, saying that she endorsed what Peter Marett had said. Joan is hard working, approachable and gives her all. She will be a huge asset to the Church team. The assembly agreed to the proposal nem.com.

Peter Marett proposed Fiona Sangan for the role of Almoner. He said that he was pleased that Fiona Sangan had offered her services for the role of Almoner: in fact she carries out many of the duties already. She does an excellent job of ensuring there are links between the two main Sunday congregations of the church. Through her leadership of the flower arrangers, it can be seen that she is organised, inclusive and caring. Fiona has been in attendance at council meetings for some time and her contributions are highly valued and he was sure that this would continue to be the case. Peter said that it was a blessing that Fiona is prepared to join the team of church officers. Jean Crosby seconded the proposal stating that Fiona is an enthusiastic and supportive member of the congregation. She organises the flower arrangers, is considerate and helpful. The assembly agreed to the proposal nem.com.

The Rector warned the two Almoners to attend the Ecclesiastical Court on Saturday 19th June to take the Oath of Office.

The Rector thanked all attending for their support and closed the meeting at 8 pm with all joining together in saying the grace.