

Meetings of Parishioners

There are three types of meetings for all Parishioners:

- (i) Annual Meeting of Parishioners
- (ii) Information Meeting for Parishioners
- (iii) Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners.

There is one type of meeting of Parish Council:

- (iv) Ordinary Meetings of Parish Council

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

- a) There must be an Annual Meeting of Parishioners held each year before the end of February.
- b) The Annual Meeting of Parishioners may be held in March with special consent from the Bishop.
- c) The Parish Council must nominate the time and place of the meeting. The notice period shall be at least 28 days, including four Sundays. The requirements of such a notice are set out in Schedule 1.
- d) The agenda and business for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners is set out in Schedule 1.
- e) Where no Annual Meeting of Parishioners has been held in accordance with this section or the Annual Meeting of Parishioners fails to elect all officers the Bishop may issue a Mandate directing an Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners be held at a date of the Bishop's choosing.

Information Meeting for Parishioners

- a) A Parish Council, with the agreement of the Priest-in-Charge, may hold an Information Meeting for Parishioners after giving reasonable notice.
- b) All parishioners may attend and speak at an Information Meeting for Parishioners as appropriate.
- c) No formal motion may be considered at an Information Meeting for Parishioners.

An Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners

- a) An Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners may be convened at any time by the Priest-in-Charge with the knowledge of the Bishop.
- b) An Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners must be convened by the Priest-in-Charge at the request of:
 - (i) The Bishop; or

- (ii) The Archdeacon; or
 - (iii) The wardens; or
 - (iv) A majority of the lay members of the Parish Council; or
 - (v) Any twenty Voting Parishioners (if they present the request to the priest in the form of a signed petition).
- c) The Bishop may disallow a request for an Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners if in the Bishop's opinion, the business proposed for discussion has already been fully covered by a previous recent Meeting of Parishioners whether Annual or Extraordinary.
- d) The proposed business of the meeting must be set out in any request made under this section.
- e) Notice of an Extraordinary Meeting of parishioners must be given in the same manner as for an Annual Meeting of Parishioners and must contain the business of the meeting. No other business may be considered at the meeting.

Ref: The Parochial Statute 2017 Cl. 17, 18 and 19.