

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE ENGLISH CLERGY ASSOCIATION**

Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 2pm

Held at St Giles-in-the-Fields, London

(by kind permission of the Rector and Churchwardens)

1. The Revd Richard Hall opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Apologies were received for absence from a number of members, a list of whom is attached hereto together with a list of members present at the meeting.
3. The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 16th May 2017 and the Special General Meeting of the same date having been distributed, one correction was received in Paragraph 9 of the AGM Minutes with the date 2020 being substituted for 2010. It was then resolved that these Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record thereof.
4. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
5. In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, the Chairman presented the Association's Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2017 on behalf of the Council. He stated that we were in a good financial position, the Council had met three times in the year and were active in pursuing the objectives of the Association. There being no questions, the Accounts were received.
6. The Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Trustees of the Benefit Fund for 2017 were put before the meeting by way of information. The Honorary Almoner explained that grants of £32,280 had been disbursed during 2017 compared to £32,140 in the year before.
7. The Council proposed Dr Peter Smith as Chairman and there being no other nominations and having indicated his willingness to serve, Dr Peter Smith was duly appointed for the following year (ex officio member of the Council). Proposers and seconders having been received the following were severally re-elected to their respective offices (the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Almoner being ex-officio members of the Council)

The Revd Richard Hall	Hon. Almoner
The Revd Canon Peter Johnson	Hon. Treasurer
The Revd Mark Binney	Hon. Registrar

8. A Proposer and seconder having been received Mr Anthony Jennings was re-elected as a Member of Council for a further three years.
9. There were no candidates proposed as a Vice-President
10. After being duly proposed and seconded, the appointment of Critchley's as independent examiners of the accounts was confirmed.
11. A debate was initiated by Mr Ken Ellis, a member of the Association, concerning the need to train clergy in Property Management. This suggestion was warmly received. It was felt that the Association could examine the possibility of sponsoring a day's training perhaps with the involvement of the Church Buildings Council. It was agreed that a Working Party would be convened including Mr Ellis to take this further. It was also suggested that an article in Parson & Parish would also be appropriate.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 2.40pm