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MINUTES of a meeting of the **ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD** held at All Saints Academy Dunstable on **SATURDAY 10 MARCH 2018**

The Synod convened at 09.30 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

1. **PRAYERS** were led by the Reverend Jenny Fennell, Rural Dean of Welwyn Hatfield Deanery.

2. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

The Bishop addressed the Synod and a copy of his Address is attached to the original Minutes. The Address may be found on the Diocesan website:

<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/bishop-of-st-albans-sermons/>.

3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Synod held on Saturday 30 September 2017, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the President.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BUSINESS ITEMS**

(i) On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of St Albans moved:

"That paper (DS/18/01) be received".

There were responses from Mr Anthony Archer (General Synod); Mr John Butler (Welwyn Hatfield Deanery); the Reverend Dr Bernard Minton (Dunstable Deanery).

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with TWO against and SEVEN abstentions.

A copy of paper **(DS/18/01)** had been circulated.

(ii) The President noted those people who had recently joined or left the Diocese, taken up new roles within the Diocese, retired or died.

Chair: Mr John Wallace, Chair of the House of Laity, assumed the Chair.

5. **'EMPOWERING THE CHURCH TO TAKE ACTION FOR THE PLANET'**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Mr Andy Lester, Conservation Director of the Christian Campaign Organisation A Rocha UK gave a presentation on 'Empowering the Church to take Action for the Planet'. A PDF version of the presentation may be found on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/10-march-2018/>.

There were responses from the Reverend Andrew Holford (Buntingford Deanery); the Reverend Paul Boulter (Bedford Deanery); the Reverend Barry Pate (Hitchin Deanery); the Reverend David Kesterton (Luton Deanery); the Bishop of Hertford.

6. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 9 February 2018; none were received.

7. PROPOSAL FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR THE READERS' ASSOCIATION

At the request of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Hertford introduced this item, and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No 4, Mrs Kerry Smith (Licensed Reader – Dunstable Deanery) gave a short presentation.

The Bishop of Hertford then moved:

*"That this Synod approves the Constitution for the Diocesan Readers' Association as set out in paper **DS/18/02**".*

There were no responses.

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

A copy of the paper (**DS/18/02**) had been circulated.

Chair: The Reverend Canon Jo Loveridge, Chair of the House of Clergy, assumed the Chair.

8. DIOCESAN DASHBOARDS – PRESENTATION BY THE BISHOP OF HERTFORD AND THE DIRECTOR OF MISSION

At the request of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Hertford introduced this item, and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Director of Mission gave a short presentation.

There were no responses.

9. YOUTHSCAPE LUTON – PRESENTATION BY MR CHRIS CURTIS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Mr Chris Curtis, Chief Executive of Youthscape Luton, gave a presentation.

There were responses from the Reverend Simon Cutmore (Rickmansworth Deanery); Mr Michael Taylor (Hitchin Deanery); Mr John Edmundson (Sharnbrook Deanery); the Reverend Canon Pauline Higham (Hertford and Ware Deanery).

The Bishop of St Albans thanked everybody for their contributions and dismissed the Synod with prayers at 12.39 pm.