

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*Statutory Provision: The Repair of Benefice Buildings Measure 1972;
Scheme of Diocesan Synod made 5th March 1988*

Terms of reference

1. By a Scheme made by the Diocesan Synod on 5 March 1988, the St. Albans Diocesan Board of Finance was designated as the Parsonages Board for the Diocese of St. Albans for the purposes of the furtherance of the work of the Church of England by the exercise of its functions under the Repair of Benefice Buildings Measure 1972, and the functions of the Board under the Measure were delegated to the Property Committee constituted as provided in the Scheme.
2. The Scheme further extended the Committee's terms of reference to include the following powers:
 - i) The Committee may execute works of interior decoration of parsonage houses by agreement with the incumbent.
 - ii) The Committee may execute works of improvement, demolition or erection of parsonage houses in pursuance of the powers conferred by sections 1, 2 and 2A of the Parsonages Measure 1938 by agreement with the persons on whom those powers are conferred.
 - iii) The Committee may request a Diocesan Surveyor to inspect any buildings (other than a parsonage house) in the Diocese used as a residence by any clergyman or lay worker of the Church of England serving in the Diocese and to report to the Committee on such inspection.
 - iv) The Committee may execute works of repair, interior decoration, improvement, demolition or erection of any building in the Diocese held for charitable purposes connected with the Church of England, by agreement with the persons having the management or control of such buildings and in particular the Committee shall have power to so act on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Finance in respect of all properties vested in the Board as part of its corporate property, subject to directions given by the said Board from time to time in respect of such properties.

Constitution

Ex-officio: The Archdeacons of the Diocese
The Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the time being of the Board

Appointed: Two persons clerical or lay, nominated by the Bishop of the Diocese
Three Clerks in Holy Orders and three lay persons appointed by and from the Board.

- Elected:** Three Clerks in Holy Orders elected by and from those beneficed or licensed within the Diocese
- Three lay persons elected directly by the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod (who need not necessarily be members of that House)
- Co-opted:** The Committee shall have power to co-opt, in addition to the membership prescribed above, not more than two persons, clerical or lay.
- Chairman and Vice Chairman** The Board shall from time to time appoint a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Committee, after consultation with the Bishop, from the nominated, elected, appointed or co-opted members of the Committee, provided that the Chairman must be a member of the Board. The Board shall also determine the period for which they respectively shall hold office.

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