

# Churchwardens Measure 2001

### 2001 No. 1

#### 5 Meeting of the parishioners

- (1) A joint meeting of-
  - (a) the persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish; and
  - (b) the persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence,

shall be deemed to be a meeting of the parishioners for the purposes of this Measure.

- (2) The meeting of the parishioners shall be convened by the minister or, during any period when there is no minister or when the minister is unable or unwilling to do so, the churchwardens of the parish by a notice signed by the minister or a churchwarden as the case may be.
- (3) The notice shall state the place, day and hour at which the meeting of the parishioners is to be held [<sup>F1</sup>; and the notice must also include an explanation of the right of appeal under section 5A against the result of the election].
- [<sup>F2</sup>(4) The notice shall, for a period including the last two Sundays before the meeting, be displayed—
  - (a) in the case of the parish church or, where there is more than one church in the parish, each of those churches, on or near the principal door, and
  - (b) in the case of each building in the parish licensed for public worship, in a location readily visible to members of the congregation.]
  - (5) The minister, if present, or, if he is not present, a chairman chosen by the meeting of the parishioners, shall preside thereat.
  - (6) In case of an equal division of votes on any question other than one to determine an election of a churchwarden the chairman of the meeting of parishioners shall not have a second or casting vote and the motion on that question shall be treated as lost.
- [<sup>F3</sup>(7) The Church Representation Rules contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (No. 1) may provide for the procedure to be followed at a meeting of the parishioners for the purposes of this Measure and, subject to any

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provision in the Rules, the meeting has power to adjourn and to determine its own rules of procedure.]

(8) A person appointed by the meeting of the parishioners shall act as clerk of the meeting and shall record the minutes thereof.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1 Words in S. 5(3) inserted (15.7.2020) by The Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2020 (S.I. 2020/406), paras. 1(3), **10(4)**
- F2 S. 5(4) substituted (1.1.2020) by Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019 (No. 1), s. 1(3),
  Sch. 2 para. 22; S.I. 2019/1460, art. 2
- F3 S. 5(7) substituted (19.5.2014) by Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2014 (No. 1), s. 21(2), Sch. 2 para. 15; S.I. 2014/1369, art. 2

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