

# THE NORTH BELTISLOE BENEFICE

## (WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN)

The United Benefice of the North Beltisloe comprises of 7 parishes, with 7 churches and Humby Chapel.

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| 1. Boothby Pagnell | St. Andrew         |
| 2. Braceby         | St. Margaret       |
| 3. Ingoldsby       | St. Bartholomew    |
| 4. Lenton          | St. Peter          |
| 5. Old Somerby     | St. Mary Magdalene |
| 6. Ropsley         | St. Peter          |
| 7. Sapperton       | St. Nicholas       |

### **THE CONSTITUTION FOR A COUNCIL FOR THE NORTH BELTISLOE BENEFICE**

1. **NAME:** The Council will be known as the North Beltisloe Benefice Council
  
2. **AIMS:** Its aims are to:
  - 2.1. Support the Benefice Clergy in leading “mission” across the 7 group parishes.
  - 2.2. Facilitate the management of the North Beltisloe Benefice.
  - 2.3. Agree and collect the PCC levies to cover Benefice expenses plus pay those expenses.
  - 2.4. Consider other matters that are associated with the viability of the Benefice's Churches.
  
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** The voting membership of the Council will consist of:
  - 3.1. The Churchwardens from each Parish as elected in their respective AGMs. If a Churchwarden is unable to attend a deputy from the member’s PCC may attend with full voting rights.
  - 3.2. Ordained Ministers who are active members of the Benefice’s ministry team.
  - 3.3. Members of the lay ministry team.
  - 3.4. A non-voting member will be invited from the Humby Chapel Committee.
  
4. **OFFICERS**
  - 4.1. The Rector will be Chairman.
  - 4.2. A Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected annually from the Council members during the Group AGM.
  - 4.3. The period of office for officers will be one year, and will terminate at each AGM. Retiring officers will be eligible for re-election. Officers should not normally serve for more than 5 consecutive years.

5. MEETINGS:

5.1. Council Meetings

5.1.1. Meetings will be held at least three times per year at such dates, times and places as the Council agrees.

5.1.2. A quorum will consist of five voting Council members.

5.2. General Meetings

5.2.1. The Benefice AGM will be held by the end of June after the completion of PCC AGMs at which all electoral roll members of all the 7 Benefice Churches will be eligible to vote.

5.2.2. A special meeting may be convened by the Council Officers or at the written request of at least 3 PCCs or 12 electoral roll members of the 7 Benefice Churches.

6. AGENDAS & MINUTES:

6.1. Advance notice of the agenda for Council meetings will be sent to all churchwardens, PCC secretaries and treasurers (and posted on the Benefice Website) at least two weeks' notice before such meetings.

6.2. Draft minutes of all Council Meetings will be circulated to all churchwardens, PCC secretaries and treasurers (and posted on the Benefice Website) within two weeks of the meeting.

7. FINANCE:

7.1. The Benefice expenses will be met by levies from the 7 Benefice PCCs in such proportions as the Council agrees.

7.2. The Benefice Treasurer will report on the financial position at every Council meeting. Copies of the draft Benefice Accounts for each calendar year will be circulated to all PCC treasurers by the end of following February. The draft Benefice Accounts will be presented for approval at the subsequent Benefice AGM.

7.3. In December of each year the Treasurer will present a Benefice Budget for the following calendar year. After approval by the Council, this Budget will be sent to all PCC treasurers.

7.4. An external examiner of the accounts and a bank will be appointed by the Council.

8. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION:

8.1. This constitution may only be amended or terminated following a two thirds majority vote of those present at a meeting of all electoral roll members of the 7 Churches convened for that purpose.

8.2. In the event of termination, the remaining assets will be returned to the Benefice PCCs in the proportions originally paid by them