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North Beltisloe Group of Parishes

Ten parishes forming a united benefice in South Lincolnshire

# THE CONSTITUTION

# FOR THE COUNCIL

# OF THE

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## (WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN)

The new United Benefice of the North Beltisloe Group comprises of 10 parishes, with 10 churches and Humby Chapel.

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| 1. Bassingthorpe with Westby | St. Thomas a Becket |
| 2. Bitchfield | St. Mary Magdalene |
| 3. Boothby Pagnell | St. Andrew |
| 4. Braceby | St. Margaret |
| 5. Burton le Coggles | St. Thomas a Becket |
| 6. lngoldsby | St. Bartholomew |
| 7. Lenton | St. Peter |
| 8. Old Somerby (includes Gt. Humby) | St. Mary Magdalene (& Humby Chapel) |
| 9. Ropsley (includes Lt. Humby) | St. Peter |
| 10. Sapperton | St. Nicholas |

THE CONSTITUTION FOR A COUNCIL FOR THE NORTH BELTISLOE GROUP OF PARISHES

1. NAME: The Council will be known as the North Beltisloe Group Council.

2. AIMS: lt's aims are to:

2.1. Support the Group Clergy in leading "mission" across the 10 group parishes,
2.2. Facilitate the management of the North Beltisloe Group of Parishes,
2.3. Agree and collect the PCC levies to cover Group expenses plus pay those expenses,
2.4. Consider other matters that are associated with the viability of the Group's Churches.

3. MEMBERSHlP: The voting membership of the Council will consist of:

3.1. One PCC member from each Parish to be elected annually at its AGM. lf a Council member is unable to attend a deputy from the member's PCC may attend with full voting rights.
3.2. Stipendiary Ministers of the Group will be permanent members.

A non-voting member will be invited from the Humby Chapel Committee.

Non-voting members may be co-opted for specific tasks.

4. OFFICERS:

4.1. The Rector will be Chairman.
4.2. A Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected annually from the PCC nominated members at the Group AGM.

5. PERIOD OF OFFlCE: The period of office for officers will be one year, and will terminate at each AGM. Retiring officers will be eligible for re-election.

6. MEETINGS:

6.1. Council Meetings

6.1.1. Meetings will be held quarterly at such dates, times and places as the Council agrees.

6.1.2. A quorum will consist of six voting Council members.

6.2. General Meetings

6.2.1. The Group AGM will be held in June after the completion of PCC AGM's at which all electoral roll members of all the 10 Group Churches will be eligible to vote,

6.2.2. 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 10 Group Churches.

7. AGENDAS & MINUTES:

7.1. Advance notice of the agenda for NBG Council meetings will be sent to all churchwardens, PCC secretaries and treasurers at least three weeks notice before such meetings.

7.2. Draft minutes of all Council Meetings will be circulated to all churchwardens, PCC secretaries and treasurers within three weeks of the meeting.

8. FINANCE:

8.1. The NBG expenses will be met by levies from the 10 Group PCCs in such proportions as the Council agrees.

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

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

8.4. An external auditor and a bank will be appointed by the Council.

9. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION:

9.1. 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 all 10 Churches convened for that purpose.

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