

PAROCHIAL ORDINANCE 1969-1985 (AMENDING) ORDINANCE 1986
NO. 13 OF 1986

AN ORDINANCE.

To amend the Parochial Ordinance 1969-1985 by the inclusion of the interpretation of the term "Parishioner" and to provide for alterations in the procedure relating to Annual, General or Special Meetings of Parishioners and the uniform election of officers.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS it is desirable that the term "Parishioner" be included in "Interpretations" of the Parochial Ordinance, AND WHEREAS it is desirable that amended procedures be established for the confirmation of minutes of any meetings of Parishioners whether Annual, General or Special AND WHEREAS it is desirable that provision be made for the uniform election of officers of the Parish.

NOW THEREFORE the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled decree and enact as follows:-

SHORT TITLES

1. (a) This Ordinance may be cited as the Parochial Ordinance 1969-1985 (Amending) Ordinance 1986
- (b) The Parochial Ordinance 1969-1985 is in this ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance
- (c) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance may be cited as the Parochial Ordinance 1969-1986.

AMENDMENT

2: The Principal Ordinance is amended as follows:

(a) Section 3 of the principal ordinance is amended by the insertion of a new subsection (n) as follows, and the renumbering of subsections (n) to (v):

"(n) "Parishioners" means members of this Church who are active participants in the life and worship of a local congregation within the ecclesiastical district."

(b) A new Section 71A be inserted as follows:-

"71A Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of any meetings (Annual, General or Special) of Parishioners shall be read and confirmed at the next meeting of the Parochial Council."

(c) Section 77 is amended by the deletion of sub-section (a) and the insertion of a new subsection as follows:-

"(a) The reading by the Chairman of a certificate signed by the Secretary of the Parochial Council that the minutes of the previous Annual Church Meeting and any Special Meetings of Parishioners have been read and confirmed."

(d) Section 78 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by the deletion of subsections (a), (h); (k), (l), (m); the insertion of new subsections (a) and (h) as follows and renumbering of subsections (n) and (o):

"(a) The reading by the Chairman of a certificate signed by the Secretary of the Parochial Council that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any Special Meetings of Parishioners have been read and confirmed."

"(h) The election of the following officers who shall be under the direction of the incumbent:

(i) An Education Secretary other than a Clergyman, to liaise between the ecclesiastical district and the Diocesan Education Organisation.

(ii) A Media Correspondent, preferably experienced or skilled in journalism, who will direct news of parish activities to the media.

(iii) A Mission Secretary to liaise between the ecclesiastical district and Diocesan Mission Organisation.

(iv) A Youth Officer, other than a Clergyman, to promote ministry to and by youth within the ecclesiastical district and to liaise between the ecclesiastical district and Diocesan Youth Organisation."

(e) Section 87 is amended by the deletion of subsections (k), (l) and (m) and the insertion of new subsection (k) as follows:

"(k) To read the Minutes of any Meeting of the Parishioners of the Church of which they are Wardens within 30 days and to report to the Parochial Council whether or not the

minutes are correct and to report any irregularities to the Secretary for discussion at the next meeting of the Parochial Council.

(f) A new Section 87A be inserted as follows:-

"In addition to the powers and duties of Churchwardens specified in the preceding Section the Parish Wardens shall have the following duties:

- (a) To report to Parochial Council on any expenditure necessary to keep the residence of the clergy of the District in good order and repair.
- (b) To ensure that a record of Pastoral Care Visitors and Thanksgiving Offerings is kept."

(g) Section 91 is deleted and replaced with a new Section 91 as follows:

"Meetings of Council

The Council shall meet at least once in every three months, provided that the first meeting shall be held not later than one month after the Annual General Meeting of Parishioners and at this first meeting the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Parishioners shall be read and confirmed and a certificate, signed by the Secretary, shall be issued to that effect. The date of subsequent meetings shall be determined by the Council."

(h) Section 98 is amended by the addition of subsection (f) as follows:

"(f) To issue a certificate verifying that the Minutes of any Meeting (Annual, General or Special) of Parishioners have been read and confirmed by the Parochial Council.

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

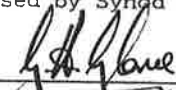
3. This Ordinance shall come into effect upon receiving the assent of the Bishop.

I hereby certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.



Chairman of Committees

I hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the 11th day of September 1986.


Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.


Bishop