

SYNOD 2018 – LATE QUESTIONS FROM THE REVEREND STEPHEN CONWAY

Question

The Reverend Stephen Conway asked,
noting the President's answer to question 6.10:

- a. Is it correct that, despite the fact, the Diocesan Secretary's survey of late 2017 was expressly 'not part of the Synod resolution 27/17 it was the sole source of consultation with parish wardens, parish councils, parish priests and deaneries?
- b. Is it correct that despite the express intent of resolution 27/17 that the joint working group consult all stakeholders that in fact;
 - i no parish wardens were directly consulted by the joint working group,
 - ii no parish councils were directly consulted by the joint working group,
 - iii no parish priests were directly consulted by the joint working group,
 - iv no deaneries were directly consulted by the joint working group, and
 - v that the principle contractor, Mesh Assets, was not directly consulted by the joint working group?

While the Diocesan Secretary's survey of late 2017 was not part of resolution 27/17, the resolution asked for all stake holders to be consulted. The resolution did not include or exclude any forms of consultation.

Refer to the answer given at item 6.10 (below)

Question

The Reverend Steve Conway requested,
that the President answer the original question 6.9 on the Business Paper (Saturday 6 October 2018), specifically in relation to the Parish of Mt Lawley:

Noting that, in Site Visit Action Notes of a site visit to *[the Parish of Mt Lawley]* on 7 November 2017 the Parish Council was advised that: 'Effective from 7.11.17 the parish will incur an additional:

- 1 PDT Administration Fee (20% of Mesh Quote) for any works undertaken on the property after 7.11.17 by non-approved Mesh contractor/s.
- 2 Mesh Non-Compliance Fee (20% of Mesh Quote) for rectification of any non-compliant works undertaken by non-approved Mesh contractor/s after 7.11.17. This fee is to be in addition to the cost of the rectification works (to be carried out by a Mesh approved contractor/s).', and that in correspondence from the Acting Registrar of 18 January 2018 the Registrar indicated that the above was a 'management determination';

would the President advise Synod;

- 1 who made the aforementioned management determination;

The Risk and Compliance Manager

- 2 was Diocesan Council involved in or informed of the management determination;

No

- 3 does this management determination affect all parishes and, if so, how has this determination been communicated to Parish Councils and Wardens;

See answer to question 6.9 part 4

- 4 how many parishes have been charged a PDT Administration fee for works undertaken since 7 November for non-approved Mesh contractors;

None

- 5 how many parishes have been charged a Mesh Non-Compliance Fee for rectification of any non-compliant works undertaken by non-approved Mesh contractor/s after 7 November 2017; and

None

- 6 what has been the total amount charged across all parishes for PDT Administration fees and Mesh Non-Compliance Fees?

Nil

Answers to Question 6.9 and 6.10

6.9 The Reverend Marc Dale (Highgate)

Noting that, in Site Visit Action Notes of a site visit to a parish of this diocese on 7 November 2017 the Parish Council was advised that: 'Effective from 7.11.17 the parish will incur an additional:

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would the President advise Synod:

- 1 Who made the aforementioned management determination?
This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer.
- 2 Was Diocesan Council involved in or informed of the management determination?
This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer.
- 3 Does this management determination affect all parishes and, if so, how has this determination been communicated to Parish Councils and Wardens?
This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer.
- 4 How many parishes have been charged a PDT Administration fee for works undertaken since 7 November for non-approved Mesh contractors?
This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer.
- 5 How many parishes have been charged a Mesh Non-Compliance Fee for rectification of any non-compliant works undertaken by non-approved Mesh contractor/s after 7 November 2017?
This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer.
- 6 What has been the total amount charged across all parishes for PDT Administration fees and Mesh Non-Compliance Fees?
This question does not provide sufficient information to provide an accurate answer. However, I can confirm that there is no PDT Administration fee or a non-compliance fee as referenced in the question.

6.10 Mr Chris Cornish (Highgate)

Noting Synod Resolution 27/17 which requested Perth Diocesan Trustees and Diocesan Council to establish a joint working group to:

- a Consult all stakeholders to identify what changes may need to occur to ease the current implementation burden on local community, and
- b noting the Circular of the Diocesan Secretary of 4 January 2018 which stated that the Diocesan wide survey of late 2017 was "*not part of synod resolution 27/17*",

could the President please advise Synod;

- 1 the number of parish wardens directly consulted by the joint working group;
- 2 the number of parish councils directly consulted by the joint working group;
- 3 the number of parish priests directly consulted by the joint working group; and
- 4 the number of Area Deanery's directly consulted by the joint working group?
The answer to parts 1-4 of this question is that the Working Group used the Diocesan-wide survey of late 2017 as a tool in its deliberations and as such parish wardens, parish councils, parish priests and area deaneries were all consulted.
- 5 If Mesh Assets was asked to provide a report to the joint working group? **No**