

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE BISHOP'S REGISTRY, 250 DARBY STREET, NEWCASTLE ON THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1996 AT 4.00P.M.**

96.01 **THE MEETING** opened with Prayer.

96.02 **PRESENT:** The Rt. Revd. R.A. Herft (Chairman); The Venerable C.L. Ford; The Venerable M.D. Fowell; The Venerable B.J. Hoare; The Venerable L.G. Holmes; The Venerable P.L. Rushton and The Venerable J.E. Southerden; The Very Revd. G.R. Lawrence; Mr. P.W. Mitchell (Registrar); The Revd. Canons P.W. Ashley-Brown, R.S. Catt and W.J. Redden; The Revds. P.G. Barrington and I.S. Palmer; Mr. W.K. Allen, Mrs. J.E. Bradbury; Mr. D.J. Ford; Mr. R.A. George, Mr. J.E. Kilpatrick, Mrs. V. McDonald, Mr. J.C. Price and Mr. L. Tabart.

**APOLOGIES** were received from The Chancellor, Mr. H. Andronicos and Miss N. Boyd.

**WELCOME TO THE ARCHDEACON OF NEWCASTLE.** The Bishop welcomed the Venerable Bruce Hoare to his first meeting of the Council.

96.03 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Bishop reported to the Council about a variety of matters and the report was tabled on pages 1-5 of the business papers.

Archdeacon Rushton moved, seconded by Canon Catt:

*"That the Chairman's report be received and that the Bishop be thanked for it."*

**CARRIED**

**DEPUTY CHANCELLOR**

The Bishop had advised of the appointment of Mr. Paul Rosser, QC, as Deputy Chancellor. The Council noted the appointment with interest. A curriculum vitae in respect of Mr. Rosser was circulated for information of members.

96.04 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 13/12/95** had been circulated and were approved for signature as a correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

96.05 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

(A) **Sharing the Vision 96**

The Bishop spoke briefly about this, indicating that matters were progressing satisfactorily.

(B) **Sesquicentenary Committee**

A report from the committee was tabled on pages 18-21 of the business papers and was introduced by the Dean.