



# Elloe Deaneries Branch

## Bell Repair Fund Rules

1. The fund shall be known as The Elloe Deaneries Bell Repair Fund.
2. The object of the Fund shall be to provide financial assistance to Churches in the Elloe Deaneries branch of The Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers for the purpose of maintaining and/or improving their bell installations.

All references to bells shall mean bells hung for full circle ringing in the Elloe Deaneries.

### Qualifying work

- a. Taking out an existing ring of bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fittings, recasting the bells and erecting the same.
  - b. Taking out, overhauling and re-clapping existing bells, supplying a new frame and fittings and re-erecting the bells.
  - c. Taking out existing bells, overhauling the existing frame and fittings, re-casting or overhauling and re-clapping the bells and re-erecting them.
  - d. Bringing existing bells, frames and fittings into an adequate state of repair.
  - e. Other repairs to bells, frames and fittings.
  - f. The provision of sound control materials.
  - g. The transfer of bells from one tower to another within the Elloe Deaneries Branch and the work entailed.
  - h. Any other work which the Elloe Deaneries BRF Committee deem to comply with the object of the fund.
3. Applications for grants shall be submitted on the Grant Application Form to the Branch Secretary for consideration by the Branch Committee. The Secretary will pass a copy to the members of the Elloe Deaneries BRF Committee for their consideration of making a grant from their Funds.
  4. This Branch Committee shall consist of The Branch Ringing Master, Branch Secretary & Branch Treasurer and one additional member elected at an AGM. Two Branch Officers are required to sign each money transaction.
  5. The Branch Committee shall, at the start of each calendar year, having reviewed the available funds and known impending work, determine the maximum level of grant to be paid from the fund during the year.  
The grant payable shall be assessed as a proportion of the final invoice cost of the project.
  6. In the event of the dissolution of the Fund the assets of the Fund shall be distributed equally among those Churches in the Elloe Deaneries which at the time of dissolution have a ringable set of bells hung for full circle ringing.

7. The Branch Treasurer, on behalf of the Branch Committee, shall prepare a balance sheet and an Income and Expenditure account as at 31 December each year as part of the accounts to be presented to the Elloe Deaneries Branch AGM held in February each year.
8. No alterations, additions or deletions shall be made to these rules except at an Elloe Deaneries AGM or at a Special General Meeting of the Branch called expressly for that purpose. Notice of any proposed changes shall be given to the Branch Committee at least 3 months prior to the Branch AGM or Special General Meeting. 14 days notice of such a meeting and proposed amendments shall be given by the Branch Secretary to each member through their respective towers or email clusters.

RULES AGREED AT A.G.M.      *February 6<sup>th</sup> 2016*

#### Notes to Rules

1. Application Form: A copy of the Elloe Deaneries BRF Application Form may be obtained from the Elloe Deaneries Branch Secretary or downloaded from the Guild Website.
2. Elloe Deaneries Bell Repair Fund "Step by Step" Guide, Guidance Notes and Bell Repair Rules can be obtained from the Branch Secretary or downloaded from the Guild Website.