STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 263

The Charter Trustees Regulations 1996

Meetings of charter trustees

- **8.**—(1) Charter trustees shall in every year hold an annual meeting which—
 - (a) in the case of the first annual meeting, shall be held within one month following the establishment date; and
 - (b) in any other case, shall be held within 21 days following the annual meeting of the relevant council.
- (2) The election of a chairman and vice-chairman of charter trustees shall be the first business transacted at their annual meeting.
 - (a) (3) (a) The first annual meeting shall be convened by an officer of the relevant council appointed for that purpose by that council.
 - (b) Until the completion of the election mentioned in paragraph (2) above, the chairman or, if the chairman is not present, the vice-chairman of the relevant council shall preside over the first annual meeting but if he is not one of the charter trustees he shall not vote in the first instance at the election.
 - (4) Other meetings of charter trustees shall be held as they determine.
- (5) Paragraph 10 of Schedule 12 to the 1972 Act shall apply in relation to meetings of charter trustees as it applies in relation to meetings of parish councils.
- (6) No business shall be transacted at a meeting of charter trustees unless at least one-third of the whole number of the charter trustees are present at the meeting; but in no case shall the quorum be less than two.
- (7) At a meeting of the charter trustees the chairman, if present, shall preside and, if he is absent from such a meeting, the vice-chairman, if present, shall preside.
- (8) If both the chairman and vice-chairman are absent from a meeting of charter trustees, such one of their number as the charter trustees present shall choose shall preside.
- (9) Paragraphs 39 to 44 of Schedule 12 to the 1972 Act shall apply to charter trustees as they apply to parish councils.
- (10) Charter trustees shall be a body to which the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960(1) applies.