

**MINUTES OF PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY
11th DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.45PM**

PRESENT: Le Connétable, Deputy Howell, Deputy Millar, Deputy Jeune, Chief of Police Robin Smith, Jennifer Bridge 56 Parishioners

APOLOGIES: Rev. Beverley Sproats, Trevor Tirel, Kevin Armstrong, Colin Queree, John Woodward, Gregor Allen, Deputy Kirsten Morel

Le Connétable welcomed all to the meeting and was delighted to welcome Robin Smith, Chief of Police, who attended as a guest of Le Connétable to present the Coronation Medals to some Honorary Police members after the meeting.

Le Connetable read the convening notice:

Parish Assembly

An Assembly of Principals and Electors of the Parish will be held in the **Parish Hall at 7.45pm on Wednesday 11th December 2024**, to conduct the following business: -

1. Receive and if deemed advisable approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 16th October 2024.
2. In accordance with Article 5 of the Loi (1914) Sur la Voirie, elect three members of the Comite des Chemins, the term of office of the present holders being due to expire.
3. In accordance with Article 4 of the Loi (1914) Sur la Voirie, elect 2 Inspecteurs des Chemins for each of the Vingtaines of Herupe, Nord and Douet, the term of office of the present Inspecteurs being due to expire.
4. In conformity with the terms of Article 32 of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 to elect two persons to act as members of the Assessment Committee, the current terms of office having expired.
5. Elect a Vingtenier for the Vingtaine du Nord the term of office of the current post holder due to expire.
6. Elect Constable's Officers for various Vingtaines

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Following the closure of the Assembly a reception will be held to make a small number of presentations. It would be appreciated if you are able to join us

Le Connetable confirmed that the notice had been duly displayed in the Church Box and that Gregor Allen, Church Warden had signed to confirm this on behalf of Reverend Beverley Sproats.

1. Minutes from the Assembly held on Wednesday 16th October 2024, having been circulated to the Assembly, were approved by Andy Jennett, seconded by Richard Markham and unanimously approved by the Assembly.
2. Before asking for Nominations for the Roads Committee the Connétable updated the Assembly on a number of issues which had been resolved over the last three years by the current Roads Committee.
There have been major works carried out in Le Canibut and on Petit Cote Lane, the refurbishing of the Precinct ramps and a couple of major draining projects namely Rue du Sorel and Rue du Pont.
This time last year we thanked various Parishioners, including Roads Committee members and Roads Inspectors for there sterling work around Storm Ciaron.
Two members of the current Committee aren't seeking re-election this time. Peter Pallot who has given around 40 years of service to the Parish in many different roles. We will be thanking Peter shortly, but I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Peter for his sound advice throughout the time I have worked with him on the Roads Committee.
Thanks also to Eddie Le Cornu. Eddie has been a great support to me and the Roads Committee throughout my time working with him.

He than asked for nominations for the vacant positions

Nicholas Orson Lane – nominated by Stephen Hewlett and seconded by Ron Le Herrissier.

Alan Coutanche – nominated by Ron Le Herrissier and seconded by Deputy Hilary Jeune

Kevin Armstrong – nominated by Peter Pallot seconded by Deputy Hilary Jeune.

There being no further nominations the three nominees were duly elected.

3. Le Connetable began by thanking the current team for all their efforts over the last three years. He is particularly grateful that they have often taken up his invitation to join the regular Roads Committee meetings.
Also, their team efforts were highlighted in their response to Storm Ciaron, but their efforts aren't limited to major events, the response to flooding in October was another good example. Our Roads Inspectors go above and beyond and are regularly seen clearing drains to avoid issues in inclement weather. Le Connetable mentioned one Roads Inspector, Stephen Masters, who has not always enjoyed the best of health but has continued to do his best for the Parish.

He then asked for nominations for the vacant roles.

Vingtaine du Herupe

Colin Queree nominated by Peter Pallot and seconded by David Morris

Eddie Le Cornu nominated by Peter Pallot and seconded by David Morris

Vingtaine Douet

Ralph Morin nominated by Ron Le Herrissier and seconded by Steve Masters

Alan Baudin nominated by Ron Le Herrissier and seconded by Steve Masters

Vingtaine du Nord

David Gallichan nominated by Nicholas Lane and seconded by Eddie Le Cornu

Kevin Gray nominated by Ron Le Herrissier and seconded by David Ward

There being no further nominations the Connétable confirmed the six Roads Inspectors Duly elected.

4. Two current Rates Assessors terms of office have expired.

Paul Berks has been an Assessor since 2006 and last year took on the role of Chairperson following the retirement of Peter Donne-Davis.

Will Simpson has completed eight terms of office and is one of the longest serving Rates Assessors in the Island.

Le Connétable asked for nominations.

Paul Berks nominated by Julian Guegan and seconded by Peter Donne-Davis

Will Simpson nominated by Julian Guegan and seconded by Peter Donne-Davis

There being no further nominations Le Connétable confirmed them duly elected.

5. Before asking for nominations for the role of Vingtenier Le Connétable wished to place on record his sincere thanks to Ian Syvret. Ian has been a solid and reliable member of the team for fourteen years, who will be missed.

Le Connétable then asked for nominations for the vacant role of Vingtenier.

David Morris – nominated by Paul Berks and seconded by Sarah Veal

There being no further nominations Le Connétable announced David duly elected.

6. Two terms of Office of current serving Constable's Officers have expired. Le Connétable asked for nominations to fill these positions.

Robin Le Boutillier was nominated by Maxine Fergusson and seconded by Steve Hewlett

Gary Grimshaw was nominated by Maxine Fergusson and seconded by Steve Hewlett

Both of the above Officers were re-elected for these roles to complete a further term.

To complete the above Agenda items Le Connétable warned all newly elected Officers to attend the Royal Court on Friday 20th December at 10am to be Sworn In.

Before closing the formal part of the evening Le Connétable placed on record his sincere thanks to everyone who helps make St John such a special Community. To the men and women who give their time freely in a whole range of ways, both within the Municipality and the wider Parish Community. It is also important that thanks are extended to the partners of volunteers as without the support of family members it wouldn't be possible for our Parish to function.

He thanked Sue and the Parish Team for all their hard work, often going above and beyond, their efforts are truly appreciated.

He told the Assembly ‘the four words that Sue dreads the most from me are ‘I’ve got an idea’!!!! Well with my thanks to the team and special thanks to Gary Grimshaw they have made my latest ‘idea’ a reality and later this month you will receive a St John Parish Calendar due to the generous sponsorship of Le Masuriers.’

In closing the meeting Le Connétable took the opportunity on behalf of Judy and himself to wish the Assembly and their families a very happy Christmas and very best wishes for 2025.

Following the meeting Retirement gifts were presented and Robin Smith, Chief of Police, presented King Charles III Coronation medals to qualifying Officers.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed.....
Le Connétable