

**Minutes of an Assembly held in The Parish Hall
on Wednesday 14th July 2021 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Connétable Andrew Jehan, Reverend Beverley Sproats, Secretary & 30 Parishioners,

APOLOGIES: Philip Rondel, Nicholas Crocker

Le Connétable welcomed everyone and read the convening notice.

An Assembly of Principals and Electors of the Parish will be held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th July 2021, to conduct the following business: -

Receive and if deemed advisable approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 15th July 2020

Receive and if deemed advisable approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 9th December 2020

1. Elect two new Officiers du Connétables to fill existing vacancies, where required.
2. To consider a request for the sale of a strip of land owned by the Parish bordering Pre Saline, Ville des Chenes to Mr & Mrs Lindsey for the sum of £60,000.00 and, if agreed, to authorise the Connétable and Procureurs to pass contract.
3. Should Item 2 be approved agree this sum to be used to implement 'Road Safety Initiatives' in the Parish.

Andrew N Jehan FCILT, FloD, FCMI
Connétable

6th July 2021

Le Connétable informed the meeting that the Official Notice had been duly signed by the Rector, confirming that it had been displayed in the Church Box for the statutory period in accordance with the law.

Le Connétable then advised the Assembly that due to the amount of interest shown with regards to Item 2 on the agenda and the concerns about the increase in COVID-19 cases in the Island a decision had been made earlier in the day to postpone Item 2 and, therefore, Item 3 on the Agenda until a later date when we were in a better position to accommodate higher numbers. It had been anticipated that up to 120 people might attend and this was not acceptable in the current climate.

Le Connétable then asked if there were any comments relating to the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2020, a copy of which was available for all to view. He then drew attention to Page 1 where it is stated that 'accounts had been approved by a separate Auditor' and that a change should be made to state 'that accounts had been prepared by a separate Accountancy firm'

Christopher Taylor asked about a line on Page 2 which says that Stephen Hewlett had sought advice from the Attorney General and stated that this was not in the minutes which had been produced from the meeting and that, although he wasn't there, he had been well advised that this had not been said. Le Connétable advised that he had now seen four versions of typed minutes and, because of this, had reverted back to the handwritten minutes, by two administrators, from the evening of 15th July 2020. He then read out the handwritten version. Mr Taylor suggested that these notes had been altered.

Maxine Ferguson said that she did not recall the Attorney General being mentioned, however there was a question at a subsequent meeting where a question had been asked about the Attorney General.

John Woodward recalls that a question was asked as to whether the Attorney General had been contacted to which Stephen Hewlett responded 'I have taken legal advice' – confirming that he had taken advice, but not from the Attorney General.

Stephen Hewlett advised that Susan Rodrigues, retired secretary, had previously confirmed what Mr Woodward had said and was prepared to stand up in Court. He confirmed that he had taken legal advice, but not from the Attorney General but did mention the Attorney General in relation to the Court Case.

Le Connétable suggested adding a note to the minutes where it says Mr Hewlett had spoken with the Attorney General but – open bracket 'not in relation to funds' close bracket - Mr Hewlett agreed.

Rev Beverley Sproats said that these draft minutes were closer to the original meeting, however, there were still some changes. Rev. Sproats advised that she would not approve the minutes but did acknowledge that we need to move on and that although there should be some changes, that should not stop them from being approved.

Le Connétable asked for a proposer to the minutes with the two slight amendments. Michel Larose proposed the minutes and Lord Louth seconded. A vote was taken with 10 in favour and 2 against. The minutes were duly approved by the Assembly.

Le Connétable then asked the Assembly if there were any questions relating to the minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2020. There were none. The minutes were proposed by Lord Louth and seconded by John Woodward. Unanimously approved by 4 attendees.

Item 1.

Before asking for nominees Le Connétable gave a vote of thanks to Phil Rondel who had recently retired after serving 6 years as an Officier du Connétable. During the pandemic Phil worked particularly hard for both young and old and his help and assistance was very much appreciated. There was a round of applause from the Assembly.

The Connétable then asked if there were any nominations for the positions of Officiers du Connétable

Mrs Trina Jane Rudd stood to nominate Mr Christopher Edward Rudd. Mr Rudd's nomination was seconded by Mr Michel Larose.

Mr Peter Smart stood to nominate Mr Robin Plumb. Mr Plumb's nomination was seconded by Mr Christopher Taylor.

There being vacant positions both candidates were duly elected to the position of Officiers du Connétable. Le Connétable congratulated them both and warned them to attend the Parish Hall at 10am on Friday 23rd July to be sworn in virtually, due to current Coronavirus restrictions.

There being no further business Le Connétable thanked the Assembly for attending and the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed

Date