

MINUTES OF PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Le Connétable, Le Recteur, Deputy Howell and 32 Parishioners

APOLOGIES: Deputy Elaine Miller, Judy Jehan, Trevor Tirel

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 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023, to conduct the following business: -

1. Receive and if deemed advisable approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 19th July 2023.
2. In conformity with the terms of Article 32 of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 to elect three persons to act as members of the Assessment Committee. One position due to one term of office having expired, and two positions to fill vacancies on the Assessment Committee which have arisen. These two positions will be to complete terms of office due to expire 31 December 2025.

Andrew N Jehan
Connétable

8th December 2023

Le Connetable confirmed that the notice had been duly displayed in the Church Box and that Reverend Beverley Sproats had signed to confirm this.

1. Minutes from the Assembly held on Wednesday 19th July, having been circulated to the Assembly, were approved by Richard Dupre, seconded by Philip Rondel and unanimously approved by the Assembly.
2. Before asking for nominations, Le Connetable formally thanked Peter Donne Davis for his years of service.

Peter has served on the Rates Committee since 2006, taking over from John Baker who had left the Parish.

I think I am the fifth Constable that Peter has served and I know, just like me, my predecessors all valued Peter's contribution.

The Rates Committee is a very important part of Parish life, responsible for ensuring we get the correct amount of quarters.

Quality and consistency are two key areas and Peter has delivered on both of these. He has done an excellent job in sharing his knowledge to all members of the Committee.

In addition to chairing our Parish Committee, Peter has also been a valued member of the Island Committee as well as being a very well-respected member of our Municipality here in St John.

Peter has enjoyed the full support of his wife, Pat, and we would also like to extend our thanks to her for that.

Peter was presented with a plaque commemorating his years of service and Pat received a bouquet of flowers.

Le Connetable then asked the Assembly if there were any proposals for the available positions. Will Simpson stood to propose John Le Bas, Jayne Luce and Joanna Brown. John is a serving member of the Rates Committee who completed the term of Ian Averty and is now standing for his first full three-year term. Both Jayne Luce and Joanna Brown are new to the role. Paul Berks seconded the proposal for all three new members.

The Assembly were then asked if there were any further nominations. As there were not, Le Connetable confirmed that all three were duly elected and warned them to appear before the Royal Court on Friday 19th January at 10am to be Sworn In.

Before closing the meeting Le Connetable extended a few words of thanks.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone involved in the recent Storm Ciaron clear up. Its easy to forget how strong the wind was and how dangerous it was. Possibly the hardest part of the day was encouraging people not to leave their houses during the peak of the storm.

I apologise now if I have missed anyone, but we thought it would be a good idea to recognise peoples efforts.

We had many offers of help from around the Parish, thankfully we didn't need to call on many people due to the efficiency of those who we had out there.

The Admin Team here at the Parish Hall.

Sadie Ruellan and Toby Smith – after clearing their road they went on to clear a number of lanes within the Parish, keeping in touch with the Parish Hall throughout. If it wasn't enough when St John was clear they went on to help in St Mary so many thanks to both of them.

Our Roads Inspectors and Roads Committee, out on the day before the storm ensuring we were prepared as much as possible, and again out on the day of the storm clearing drains, branches and the like and after the storm identifying landowners for the clear up. Our Honorary Police, again on the eve of the storm, got themselves as prepared as possible. In particular a team of three, ably led by Centenier Andy Bisson, assisted by Centenier Francois Le Luyer and CO Chris Rudd. The team patrolled the Parish giving regular updates on the roads telling us if passable or not – using RAG status. This really helped us to priorities things.

Ian Averty and his team from CI Tree Services. I spoke with Ian two days before the storm to ask him to be on standby and was reassured by his firm commitment to the Parish. We are incredibly grateful to Ian and his team, starting out as early as they

could and working non-stop alongside everyone. Ian, please convey our thanks to your team.

Dave Anderson from Brian Blandin Limited. Again, I spoke to Dave on the Tuesday and he was happy to commit to the Parish. In addition to doing a first class job in clearing so many roads for us, Dave worked alongside Ian and his team to ensure roads could be open as soon as possible.

Whilst we remained in regular contact throughout with Dave, he has also kept Parishioners updated on our Facebook page. I am sure that six weeks later Dave is fed up with the site of trees, but again we are incredibly grateful for his efforts that went well above and beyond what we could of expected.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who volunteers within the Parish throughout the year – Honorary Police, Rates, Roads, Comite Rurale, Climate Group, Adopt a Lane etc.

To Sarah, our Editor and everyone who contributes to the Parish magazine, Richard and Rosemary and their delivery team and of course the businesses who advertise, without all of these people there wouldn't be a publication.

We also have so many clubs and associations in the Parish that rely on volunteers, whatever you do – Thank You!

Thanks to Beverely and her team at the Church.

Thanks to Sue and the Admin team at the Parish Hall

I would also like to thank Julian and Trevor, our Procureurs, who are always very helpful but have been particularly helpful to me over the last few, difficult, weeks.

Finally on behalf of Judy and myself may we wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and we wish you health and happiness for 2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.

Following the meeting Le Connetable invited the Assembly to join him for festive refreshments.

Signed.....
Le Connétable