

## **MINUTES OF PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 AT 7PM**

**PRESENT:** Le Connétable, Secretary and 15 Parishioners

**APOLOGIES:** Le Recteur, Deputies Jeune and Millar

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 7.00pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, to conduct the following business: -

1. Receive and if deemed advisable approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
2. To consider the following application for the recommendation to the Licensing Assembly:

Name:	The Horsebox (Mobile Unit – Millenium Cross Carpark)
Address:	Northwood, La Rue de Sorel, St John JE3 4AA
Secretary:	Kimberley Le Sueur
Business:	The Horse Box
Address:	Millenium Cross Car Park, Route du Nord, St John, JE3 4AJ
Category:	Sixth

Andrew N Jehan  
Connétable

19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Le Connetable confirmed that the notice had been duly displayed in the Church Box and that Brian Woods, Church Warden had signed to confirm this.

1. Minutes from the Assembly held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023, having been circulated to the Assembly, were approved by Stephen Hewlett, seconded by Richard Urban and unanimously approved by the Assembly.
2. Chris Le Sueur addressed the Assembly and introduced himself as joint owner, along with his wife Kimberley, of the Horsebox. He said the food van would be opening soon and the application was to allow them to sell beer/cider/wine as an accompaniment to a burger or other menu items. They would not offer any spirits. The lease allows them to open between the hours of 8am and 9pm daily and they plan to open most of the year. Their lease also states that they must maintain the site.

Le Connetable asked the Assembly if there were any questions:

Centenier Jonathan Plunkett asked how the beverages would be sold and would they be in closed containers? Mr Le Sueur said they would be tins or bottles – the same as if purchased from a shop or off licence.

Gary Grimshaw asked if this was the first licence application in the Island for a Kiosk like this? Mr Le Sueur said that yes, he thought it was but also confirmed that the licence did not travel with the Kiosk and that was only allowed in the Millenium Car Park. Other events would need a separate application.

Philip Rondel asked if the licence was restricted to the trailer? Mr Le Sueur said that alcohol was sold from the trailer and purchasers then move away to consume, in the same way as if purchasing from a shop.

Judy Jehan asked if customers could purchase alcohol without ordering food? Mr Le Sueur said that the Law was not clear, but the business was not intending to do this and would be monitoring carefully. The area will not be treated as a Bar but would be offering ‘a beer’ to compliment the food business.

Philip Rondel asked if members of the public out for a walk along Route du Nord fancy a beer on their walk can they stop? Yes, as they are applying for a 6<sup>th</sup> Category Licence, but they would be monitoring carefully.

Mrs Kimberley Le Sueur then stood to address the Assembly to confirm that their primary business is food, but they would like to offer an alternative to a soft drink, tea or coffee. They currently don’t have exact details of the licence.

Gary Grimshaw asked if they felt that they would be in competition with nearby pubs with the potential to undercut prices? Mrs Le Sueur said that they don’t offer the same service as a pub and they were primarily offering ‘burger and a beer with a view’ which is not in competition with nearby establishments.

Richard Urban asked what the ‘driver’ was for the application – had they received feedback from previous operators or customers? Mr Le Sueur said that he had experience with regards to licencing and regarded this as something which would prove popular. Mr Urban said that he did not feel that this was in direct competition with the pubs.

Stephen Hewlett asked that if the Assembly made a recommendation to the licensing bench that the licence was approved on condition that alcohol would only be served alongside food purchases – would this be acceptable to the applicants? They confirmed that it would be.

Philip Downes, former member of the Licensing Unit, said that anyone can bring an alcoholic beverage with them to consume in the area with their food. The current proposal would bring more control to the area.

Mary Venturini asked if Mr and Mrs Le Sueur foresaw a different sort of customer to the area? Might it attract, for example, joyriders or unruly behaviour? Mr Le Sueur said that this would be carefully monitored but that they did not expect much difference in the clientele that they already had. Also, that the Van would not be left unattended in the car park at any time. On closing it is towed back to its storage until the next day.

Julian Guegan said that he does not agree that this might be in competition with pubs. It is no different to purchasing a beer/cider/wine in a shop and going for a burger.

Philip Downes added that his experience suggests that the 'Licencing Bench' will be strict with the conditions of this licence for at least the first year as it is the first of its kind.

There being no further questions Le Connetable asked if there was a Proposer for the application.

Philip Downes stood to propose the application of a 6<sup>th</sup> Category Licence for the Horsebox, Millenium Car Park, St John with a condition, requested by the Assembly, that alcohol could only be served alongside a food purchase.

Andrew De La Cour seconded this proposal.

The Assembly then went to a vote with 13 in favour of approving the application, with conditions, and 2 against.

Le Connetable confirmed that the application was approved and warned Mr & Mrs Le Sueur that they need to attend the Licencing Bench on Thursday 22nd June at 10am in the Royal Court. He then thanked everyone for attending and, there being no further business, closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

Signed.....  
Le Connétable