

**MINUTES OF A PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON
Wednesday 24th August 2022 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Le Connétable, Rector, Sue Morin and 26 parishioners

APOLOGIES: Nick Lane, Maxine Fergusson, Peter Pallot, Liz Breen, Janet Park, Ian Touzel, Nigel Philpott, Trevor Pointon, Martin Farley, Deputies Kirsten Morel, Hilary Jeune, Elane Millar and Andy Howell, Martin Whitley, Ron Le Herissier

Le Connetable then read the convening notice:

1. Receive and if deemed advisable approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Thursday 21st July 2022.
2. In accordance with Article 5 (1) of the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974, as amended, consider the following licensing application for recommendation to the licensing Assembly:

Business Name: Orderit.je

Business Address: Unit 1C, Barett Commercial Centre, La Route de Mont Mado, St John JE3 4DS

Category: 6th (Off Licence) Category

Company Secretary: Rosscot Chartered Accounts

Company Address: Commercial House, Commercial Street, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3RU

3. In conformity with the terms of Article 32 of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 to elect one person to act as a member of the Rates Assessment Committee to complete a Term of Office which ends 31st December 2023
4. Elect two Officers de Connétable for the Vingtaines of Herupe and Nord, the terms of office of the present holders having expired.
5. To accept, by way of gift, an area of land known as Field J371 from Greenwood Housing Association to create a Community Space/Memorial Garden.
6. Vote a sum of £35,000 from the Special Reserve to enable planning preparations to commence on the project at Field J371, to get us to a position where planning approval can be sought.

Andrew N Jehan
Connétable

15 August 2022

The Connétable then confirmed that the notice had been displayed in the Church Box for the required period and had been duly signed by Brian Woods, Church Warden, on behalf of the Rector.

1. The minutes of the Parish Assembly held on the 21st July 2022, having been circulated, were proposed by Philip Rondel seconded by Ronald Le Herissier and approved by the Assembly.
2. Conan Hughes, Managing Director of Orderit.je introduced himself and gave details of the proposed operation at Unit 1C Barette Commercial Centre. They are currently operating an online delivery service from a warehouse at Bellozane but have outgrown these premises. There will be no customers visiting the site all orders will be online and delivered. Le Connétable asked the Assembly for any questions. Michael White asked how long the business had been operating? Mr Hughes confirmed that it had been set up two and half years ago. Philip Rondel asked what the operational hours would be? These would be 9am until, no later than, 10pm. Last orders are accepted online until 5pm. There being no further questions the Connétable asked for a proposer and a seconder for the licence application. Beverley Barette proposed the application and James Reddy seconded. There was full support from the Assembly. Le Connétable congratulated them and wished them well with the new venture.
3. Le Connétable started by thanking Ian Averty for the eight years he has given the Parish as a Rates Assessor. He then asked the Assembly for nominations to fill the vacancy. Peter Donne-Davis stood to nominate John Le Bas. John has experience in property and is known to be meticulous in research which will be a good asset for a Rates Assessor. This proposal was seconded by Martin Whitley. There being no other nominations John Le Bas was duly elected and warned to attend the Royal Court on Friday 2nd September at 10am to be Sworn In.
4. Le Connétable advised that the terms of office for two Officers du Connétable have expired in the Vingtaines of Herupe and Nord. Manuel Pereira has served the Parish in this role for eighteen years and is currently our longest serving officer. He continued to serve after moving out of the Parish and has proved to be an asset to the Honorary Police in St John over the years. Le Connétable and the Parish wish him well. Michael White has completed one term as an Officers du Connétable and has proven to be a keen and enthusiastic member of the team. The Assembly were asked for nominations. Martin Whitley stood to nominate Ian Averty. Ian has served the Parish for many years in different roles. He is well known and reliable. Peter Donne-Davis seconded his proposal. Philip Rondel then stood to propose Michael White to complete a second term of Office. Having served with Michael he confirmed that he was an excellent choice. This proposal was seconded by John Woodward.

There being no further nominations Le Connétable confirmed that Michael White was re-elected and warned him to appear before the Royal Court on Friday 2nd September at 10am to be sworn in. He also confirmed that Ian Averty was duly elected to the role of Officer du Connétable and warned him to attend the Royal Court on Friday 23rd September at 10am to be sworn in.

5. A proposal was brought to the Assembly to accept an area of land known as J371, Rue des Buttes from the Greenwood Housing Association by the Parish, by way of a gift. Le Connétable advised that Greenwood was formed 50 years ago. It purchased J371 in 2010 with the intention of it being used for a community space and an additional parking area for the school and the precinct. The proposed plans by the Parish, should the gift be accepted, are to have community space together with better access to the Cenotaph, a petanque pitch and a parking area. Le Connétable advised that he had taken the proposal to the States Island Plan debate earlier in the year and they were agreed with 43 votes in favour and 0 against.

Le Connétable asked for a proposer to take the acceptance of the gift forward. Andrew Bisson proposed and Micheal White seconded. The Assembly unanimously agreed.

6. Following the acceptance of the gift, above, Le Connétable then asked the Assembly to approve a sum of £35,000 to enable planning preparations to commence to get the Parish to a position where planning approval can be sought. He advised that he and the Procurers are hopeful that the full £35K won't be needed but that should a lower amount be voted through then any additional amount would need to come back to an Assembly and the focus is on getting the project up and running. The Special Reserve in the Parish Accounts was set up for this type of scheme.

Andrew Bisson asked what the £35,000 was going to be used for? This is to get the Architects plans drawn up. We have access to Traffic Engineers and Drainage surveys from previous applications, some of these may be of use and, if so, will be utilised. We do need quality plans to take forward to Planning. Le Connétable assured the Assembly that the Procurers would only allow to spend what's needed.

A set of plans and a design is needed before a full costing for the project can be done. The emphasis for the project will be on 'Park' and not 'Car'. The Cenotaph will remain in place and additional parking will be included but not as many as previously requested.

Maxine Fergusson said that the wording of Item 6 on the agenda implied that more expense will be needed. Le Connétable confirmed that the amount had been calculated from estimates and he was hopeful this would be enough. He re-iterated that should more funds be needed it would need to come back to an Assembly for approval. Le Connétable told the Assembly how this project has been in the pipeline for decades and how he fully intends to bring it to fruition. There are a number of ways the project can be funded but until plans are approved and costings obtained, we cannot move forward. Liz Breen asked who the Architects are? Le Connétable confirmed that Ian Marett of Morris Architects has been engaged.

Mary Venturini asked how many parking spaces would be included? Le Connétable confirmed that it would be a maximum of 30 but hopefully closer to 20. St Johns Primary is the only school on the Island where the parking available is in the active playground. It is also hoped that more parking can be formed on the IHE area of land behind the Church.

Cardin Pasturel asked if there was a maximum budget to complete the project? Le Connétable advised that until we have a design, we cannot cost the project. We want to enhance the Cenotaph and the granite wall needs extensive repair as part of the plans. Recycling, where suitable, and adequate pricing will be key and when in place will be brought back to an Assembly for approval.

Mary Venturini asked if it would be possible to ensure that the car park will not be used for Commuters travelling into town on our, very good, bus service. Le Connétable would like to see a bike rack installed near the bus shelter to encourage people to cycle to bus stop. The Parish is in discussion with the private owner of the precinct area to allow for policing of the car park areas to take place.

David Morris asked who will be responsible for the spending of the money? Le Connétable, Procurers, Comite Paroisalle, Comite Rurale and the Climate Change Group would all be involved in the plans and proposals.

There being no further questions Le Connétable asked for a proposer for Item 6. Philip Rondel proposed, and David Morris seconded the proposition. The Assembly approved with 30 votes in favour and 1 against.

The being no further business Le Connétable thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Signed.....Date.....
Le Connétable