



Paroisse de Ste Marie

MINUTES OF A PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT ST MARYS PARISH HALL on Thursday 1st July 2021 at 7.30pm

An Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Mary was held at the Parish Hall on Thursday 1st July at 7.30pm to conduct the following business:

1. To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 23rd September 2020
2. To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly Meeting held on 12th November 2020 to elect one Centenier (3 year period)
3. To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of a Nomination Meeting held on 12th November 2020 to elect 2 Rates Assessors
4. To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Nomination Meeting to appoint a Procureur du Bien Public held on 10th March 2021
5. To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 10th March 2021 to appoint 3 Constable Officers
6. To appoint a Vingtenier Sud for a 3 year period commencing 14 April 2021
7. To appoint 1 Constables Officer for a 3 year period.
8. To re-appoint the Comité Nouveau Cimitière for a 3 year period commencing 8th March 2020.
9. To discuss access at La Ruelle - vehicular restrictions (lockable bollard)
10. To discuss La Rue de la Frontiere to La Rue du Bel Air – vehicular access (lockable bollards)
11. To discuss the width restriction on La Rue ès Boeuf

The Connétable, John Le Bailly, opened the meeting by welcoming all.

Apologies were received by the Rector Tim Neill, Chef de Police Mark Evans, Comité Nouveau Cimitière member Ivor Barette, and Mick Rondel.

The Parish Secretary read the Notice convening the meeting.

The meeting was attended by 25 who were eligible to vote.

Item 1 - To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 23rd September 2020.

The Connétable asked the Assembly for approval of the Minutes that had been made available. There being no matters arising, Daniel Reed (Procureur du Bien Public) proposed the adoption of the Minutes, and these were seconded by Chris Bunt, and Cynthia Cottillard.

Item 2 - To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly Meeting held on 12th November 2020 to elect one Centenier (3 year period).

The Connétable asked the Assembly for approval of the Minutes that had been made available. There being no matters arising, John Alcock proposed the adoption of the Minutes, and these were seconded by Chris Bunt.

Item 3 - To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of a Nomination Meeting held on 12th November 2020 to elect 2 Rates Assessors.

The Connétable asked the Assembly for approval of the Minutes that had been made available. There being no matters arising, John Alcock proposed the adoption of the Minutes, and these were seconded by Glynn Bower.

Item 4 - To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Nomination Meeting to appoint a Procureur du Bien Public held on 10th March 2021.

The Connétable asked the Assembly for approval of the Minutes that had been made available. There being no matters arising, John Alcock proposed the adoption of the Minutes, and these were seconded by Cynthia Cotillard.

Item 5 - To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 10th March 2021 to appoint 3 Constable Officers.

The Connétable asked the Assembly for approval of the Minutes that had been made available. There being no matters arising, Chris Bunt proposed the adoption of the Minutes, and these were seconded by John Alcock.

Item 6 - To appoint a Vingtenier Sud for a 3 year period commencing 14 April 2021

The Constable advised the Assembly that he had received one nomination for the vacant post of Vingtenier Sud - Constable's Officer Annette Johnson.

John Alcock proposed Annette Johnson, and highlighted that she was first elected as Constable's Officer for the Parish of St Mary in March 2018 and continues in post following re-election in April 2021. He then went on to say that Annette makes a valuable contribution to the Parish and that her skill set would fit in for this role of Vingtenier Sud. This was seconded by Chris Bunt, Glynn Bower and Sue Heppolette, with a show of 8 hands approving.

The Connétable thanked Annette for her continued support and commitment to the Parish of St Mary, and advised her that a Royal Court swearing in date would follow on shortly.

Item 7 - To appoint a Constable's Officer for a 3 year period commencing.....

John Alcock proposed Stacey Powys, who has lived in St Mary for 5 years, and mum to 3 children who keep her very busy. Stacey is looking forward to taking on the role and give something back to the Community. This was seconded by Glynn Bower.

The Connétable thanked Stacey for joining the Parish of St Mary, and wished her well, advising that a Royal Court swearing in date would follow on shortly.

Item 8 - To re-appoint the Comité Nouveau Cimitière for a 3 year period commencing 8th March 2020.

The Connétable advised the Assembly that the Comité Nouveau Cimitière was previously elected on 7th March 2017 to 7th March 2020, but had lapsed last year.

The names of the following Comité Nouveau Cimitière members were read out by the Connétable, who advised that they were all in agreement to stand again. Peter Le Liard proposed that the following all be appointed en bloc, this was seconded by Glynn Bower, with approval from a show of 4 hands. The Connétable advised that there were a number of issues to be dealt with in respect of the new Cemetery.

- Le Connétable
- Le Recteur
- Les Procureurs du Bien Publique
- Alan John Moullin
- Terry Martin Renouf
- Cynthia Cotillard
- Mr Robert Mark Evans
- Ivor Barette

Item 9 - To discuss access at La Ruelle - vehicular restrictions (lockable bollard)

The Connétable gave some background on La Rue de Maistre (road/track) which goes onto La Rue de la Vallée, advising that this didn't look like a road, more like a track, and gave access to the National Trust. He then went on to say that it can be difficult trying to access/passing through and when cutting back hedges. Cars block this area (dog walkers) which then makes it difficult for horse riders coming through, he also advised that the Farmers need to have access to the road. A discussion then took place around a possible bollard being put in place to prevent this. Terry Renouf highlighted that the simple option would be to book any cars blocking this access, and that a sign could be put in place to warn of this, as not many people realise that this is a road. Both Centenier's Chris Bunt and John Alcock highlighted that in future in the event of a car blocking the area, a more gentle approach could be taken by calling the Duty Centenier who could deal with this as and when it happens. A couple of suggestions were given, tow the vehicle away if not authorised to be there, and look to turn this road/track into a footpath. It was highlighted that a No Parking Sign would benefit the area to avoid any future cars blocking the area. Following a discussion it was agreed to take the above advice from the Centeniers, and place this item on the agenda for the next Roads Committee meeting.

Item 10 - To discuss (La Ruelle) La Rue de la Frontiere to La Rue de Bel Air – vehicular access (lockable bollards)

The Connétable highlighted to the Assembly that La Ruelle is two way, very narrow, and has no pull in areas, (field entrance on the corner) and went on to say that a suggestion had come to his attention to make it one way, allowing cars to turn down from La Rue de Bel Air, onto La Rue de la Frontiere making it safer for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. He also advised that if lockable bollards were in place, it allowed pedestrians and horses to travel through, but on reflection, a one way was likely to be a better option. The Connétable asked the Assembly for their opinions, Centenier Bunt appreciated the safety aspects, and asked for reasons why this was necessary, highlighting that cars speed through as can see straight down even though a two way. One of the property owners (who has lived on the lane 20 years) highlighted that her driveway wall/fence post had continuously been damaged due to the speed of cars/tractors travelling up and down there, and that her driveway was being used for reversing by cars and tractors as there is nowhere else to pull over. The tractors passing through were causing issues as a result to their width.

The same Parishioner also advised that it was not practical to physically note down car registration numbers, and informed the meeting that she had looked into placing a camera (however, not an option due to legalities/restrictions) to capture evidence who was damaging her property as she was incurring costs as a result of the damage each time. This is a 15mph Green lane being used as a “rat run” at speeds of 40/50mph.

Centenier Bunt asked the Connétable if he was aware of the traffic volume on this lane, and suggested taking some data to test traffic on this lane.

Further concerns were also raised for children coming off the bus and walking along the lane. Another neighbour on the lane proposed to make this lane one way, making safer for children. The narrow width of the road caused problems with tractors which are getting wider and wider, Centenier Bunt highlighted the possibility of banning tractors from using this lane. Suggestions were put forward to place speed bumps, road signs, one way and access to premises only, and a footpath/painting on road, were all proposed. Centenier Bunt highlighted that he was personally against having footpath/road painting.

DR (Procureur du Bien Public) talked through examples that St Helier have in place, whereby roads are set up as access to residents only, Centenier Bower recommended placing street furniture, the Connétable advised that this would be difficult to move and to maintain during branchage, Centenier Bower then went on to say that placing the furniture in areas where the branchage did not take place could work.

The Constable thanked John Rogers an ex member of the TTS Senior Management for his input, John Rogers advised that ahead of making any firm decisions the trailing out of any concept was critical, saving on costs in the long run, and would allow the Parish to get the blend right. Further discussions went on recommending access to premises only.

The Constable agreed that collecting data to measure the traffic volume on La Ruelle as recommended by Centenier Bunt was a good idea, thus giving an official reading of speeds.

Centenier Bunt made a suggestion that the Roads Committee make this lane “access only”, and in the meantime he would take some speed readings.

The Constable advised the Assembly that the Roads Committee (of which 2 were present) will consider all feedback from this meeting with further discussions being held at the next Roads Committee Meeting (on a date yet to be confirmed), to then take back for approval.

The Connétable expressed his thanks to all on this item.

Item 11 - To discuss the width restriction on La Rue à Boeuf

The Connétable informed the Assembly that he was aware of the condition of the above road and how it was annoying a number of residents in the area, and not safe for walkers/horse riders with width restrictions being highlighted to him. A discussion took place around La Cheve Rue, this being a very busy by road used by all, and is very expensive to maintain for the Parish. A number of Parishioners stressed how unnecessary it was for heavy vehicles to go down there when there are other main roads, but was being used as a short cut to St Lawrence. The Connétable advised that by placing a width restriction of 2 metres from La Cheve Rue would eliminate heavy vehicles. TleS (Roads Committee) highlighted that speed limits were recently discussed at a Roads Committee, with further discussion following on from here. Deputy Johnson also raised that he had been approached in respect on the safety on this road.

A discussion took place on the width restriction on this road, with the possibility of a sleeping policeman/roads humps being placed in the road. A Parishioner highlighted that she walked this road 3 times a day, and confirmed there were cars that past her every day with no consideration to pedestrians. Centenier Bunt advised Parishioners to keep a note of car registration numbers, and the time of day, in order to look at this area.

The Constable informed the meeting that he had been in touch with Granite Products advising that their heavy vehicles use an alternative route, he went on to say that this worked for a short period of time, but has been made aware that they have reverted back to using this road again.

A discussion took place on heavy trucks using this road. Roads Committee member PleL highlighted that the forthcoming budget had allocated to spend monies on the Road, and personally would like to see the speed and width restriction reduced, as he too, together with Parish Officials recently experienced the traffic that comes through with no respect to pedestrians.

One Parishioner advised that she had counted 88 vehicles between 7.30am to 8.30am, with another Parishioner advising she had counted over 100 vehicles within one hour. Parishioner's feel this is being used as a 'rat run' drivers are going too fast, this included large vehicles, trucks, and tractors driving up the wrong way.

One parishioner asked if consideration could be given to turn the road in to a Green Lane? The Constable advised this was currently under review to reduce to 15mph.

John Rogers talked about the weight restriction on the road, and how if there was a limit on roads, this could make a difference on width of vehicles travelling up and down there.

The Constable advised the Assembly that all suggestions this evening had been noted and would be addressed at the next Roads Committee meeting.

There being no other business the Constable closed the meeting at 9pm.