



## PARISH OF ST MARY

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT ST MARY'S PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 8PM

An Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Mary was held at the Parish Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 8pm to conduct the following business:

1. To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019.
2. To elect one Vingtenier for the Vingtaine Nord for a period of three years, the term of office of the present holder to expire on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
3. To elect a St Mary Planning Committee for a period of two years.
4. To approve the New Cemetery Regulation Handbook.

Apologies were received from Alan Moulin, Canon Rev Tim Neill, David Munns, Daniel McCann, Michael Cotillard, Emile Drean, Liz O'Connor, Martin & Liz de Gruchy, Jim Drew.

The meeting was attended by 18 people who were eligible to vote.

The Secretary read the convening Notice for the Assembly and it was duly signed by the Connétable.

#### **Item 1 – To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

The Connétable advised that copies of these Minutes had been circulated to the Assembly for approval. There being no matters arising, Deputy David Johnson proposed the adoption of the Minutes and they were seconded by Cynthia Cotillard.

#### **Item 2 - To elect one Vingtenier for the Vingtaine Nord for a period of three years, the term of office of the present holder to expire on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019.**

The Connétable advised the Assembly that Vingtenier Michael Rondel will be retiring in December after a long career with the Honorary Police, having joined the service in 1987. He thanked Mr Rondel for the immense amount of work he has completed for the Parish and how good it has been to work with him. The Connétable then asked the Assembly for a round of applause for Mr Rondel.

The Connétable advised he had received the proposal of one candidate for the role to replace Mr Rondel, Christian David Le Cornu. He stated that Mr Le Cornu has been serving as a Constable's Officer since 2015. The Connétable requested if there were any more candidates who would like to step forward. No further nominations were received. The Connétable requested a proposer for Mr Le Cornu – this was given by Chef de Police, Mark Evans and seconded by Centenier Glynn Bower.

The Connétable thanked Mr Le Cornu for stepping in and elevating to the office of Vingtenier Nord and wished him much success in the role.

The Connétable advised the confirmed date for swearing in in the Royal Court will be advised in due course by the Parish Secretary.

**Item 3 - To elect a St Mary Planning Committee for a period of two years.**

The Connétable explained to the Assembly that the election of a Planning Committee is a result of the recent Island Plan 2021-2030 Consultation. A request has been made to all Parishes to locate land suitable for re-zoning for housing. He added that parishes already with Planning Committees include, St John, St Ouen, St Martin, St Peter and Trinity. The purpose of this Committee is to discuss areas of land that are suitable for re-zoning and any other minor issues that arise should arise at a later date. The amount of land required will be proportionate to the number of parishioners and it will be stipulated that the land will go to first time buyers. The land to be reviewed would be land unlikely to be brought by private property developers. The Connétable further added that he had requested volunteers to come forward in St Mary Matters (Edition 4) and has now listed the volunteered members of the Committee in a Nomination Document which was distributed to the Assembly. The names were as follows:

John Le Bailly (Connétable)  
Robert David Johnson (Deputy)  
Daniel Reed (Procureur)  
Derek Maltwood (Procureur)  
Major Bernard Baldwin

John de Gruchy  
Christopher Bunt (Centenier)  
Emile Drean (Roads Inspector)  
Michael Cotillard  
Daniel McCann

Deputy David Johnson stated that now the Consultation period for the Island Plan 2021-2030 is now closed there is no requirement for parishes submit any comments. The committee should commit to identifying sites which are not suggested in the report as a result of the consultation. Deputy Johnson also requested that all proposed sites by the Committee be brought to a Parish Assembly for approval before submitting. The Connétable noted this request and stated that the Committee will act as an intermediary and coordinator with other parishes.

Daniel Reed proposed that the Committee creates a questionnaire for parishioners.

Sue Heppolette queried that no women were listed on the Committee. The Connétable responded that no women had volunteered and requested that Ms Heppolette join. Ms Heppolette agreed. Marilyn Evans also volunteered to join the Committee.

Other members of the Assembly requesting to join the Committee included Michael Fennell and Ivor Barette. These names (listed below) were then added to the Nomination Document.

Michael Fennell  
Marilyn Evans (Roads Inspector)

Ivor Barette (Roads Inspector)  
Susan Heppolette (Constable's Officer)

This membership of the Planning Committee was proposed by Stephen Cole and seconded by Centenier Glynn Bower.

The Connétable stated that the quorum for the Committee meetings would be as follows:

Connétable or Deputy  
One Procureur du Bien Public  
Five Committee members

The proposer for this quorum was Mark Evans and the seconder was Christian Le Cornu.

It was agreed that the membership of this Committee would commence on 7<sup>th</sup> November and the term of office would be two years.

**Item 4 - To approve the New Cemetery Regulation Handbook.**

The Connétable advised the Assembly that draft copies of this handbook had been distributed at the meeting and also published on the Parish website. He further advised that the Parish had been undercharging for burial fees over a number of years and these new charges have been proposed in conjunction with **Mallard's** Funeral Directors. As a result the regulations have been revised and costs increased as per the following:

	<b>Parishioner</b>	<b>Non-Parishioner</b>
Grave	£450	£900
Cremated Ashes Plot	£100	£200
Child/Baby Plot	No Charge	
Re-seed/Top up of grave after burial	£200	£200
Re-seed/Top up of plot after cremated ashes	£50	£50


The re-seeding charge will not be applied if curbs are to be added to the grave. New monuments/memorials would now be charged at 10% of cost.

The Connétable further added that charges will go up as costs occur and would not come back to an Assembly for approval.

Michael Fennell advised that there were spelling errors in the handbook. The Connétable advised it would be proof read again before publication.

The approval of the New Cemetery Regulation Handbook was proposed by Ivor Barette and seconded by John Alcock.

The Assembly closed at 8.30pm.

Signed 

Connétable

Date..... 5/12/19 .....