



PARISH ASSEMBLY

Minutes of an Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Mary held at St Mary's Parish Hall on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Agenda

1. To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of a Parish Assembly on 25th August 2021 at 7.30pm
2. To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of a Parish Assembly on 25th January 2022 at 7.30pm
3. Consider, and if deemed advisable, recommend to the Licensing Bench an application for a grant of a license for 2022 by virtue of the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974 as amended

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Director: Mr Michael Harris
Category: Sixth (Category Off Licence)
Address: Milbraie Cottage,
Le Mont de St Marie,
St Mary
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The Connétable, John Le Bailly, opened the meeting by welcoming all and Parish Secretary read the notice convening the meeting. The meeting was attended by 8 parishioners who were eligible to vote

1. To receive and, if deemed advisable, approve the Minutes of a Parish Assembly on 25th August 2021 at 7.30pm

The Connétable explained that, due to an oversight, the minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 25 August 2021 had not been recorded by the then Parish Secretary proposed that these minutes be approved by this Assembly. Mr Michael Blackmore proposed the adoption of the minutes, seconded by Mrs Abigail Harris.

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Mr Jim Drew then proposed the approval of the Minutes, and this proposal was seconded by Deputy David Johnson. The Assembly approved the proposition by a show of hands with 6 attendees voting for, with no objections.

Mr Drew enquired whether the meeting should consider matters arising from the approved minutes as had been customary in previous parish assemblies. The Connétable agreed that this may be a good idea.

Mr Drew then questioned the Payment of the CCTV invoices. If the disputed amounts for the CCTV installation had been made in accordance with his proposition adopted at the parish assembly on 25 January. That this proposition called for these payments to be made **subject to** the appointment of an independent person to investigate how the final bill for the CCTV had exceeded the approved budget by so much.

After some discussion, it was apparent that the payments had indeed been made without the requisite independent inspector having been appointed. However, the Connétable explained that the payment had to be made to keep the parish out of the Petty Debts court. Mr Drew stated that the Connétable had therefore acted outside the authority granted by said proposition. And had therefore acted against the wishes of the Parishioners. He stated that the Constable had committed a criminal offence by doing so.

After further discussion it was noted that the Procureurs had, approached two possible candidates and were waiting for a positive response from one of those candidates. In the meantime, they had commenced the collation of all relevant documentation to ensure that the investigation could come to a swift conclusion once the right candidate had been identified.

The Connétable advised the meeting that he had received guidance that the meeting was advised that the Connétable had spoken to a higher authority (Connétable of St Lawrence), and she had stated that no individual from the Parish should set as independent chair of the enquire. which stated that if the independent review was to be independent it should not include parishioners and it was suggested at the time, Alex Picot the parish auditors should be appointed, this was an opinion from the Chair of the Comite de Connetables. The meeting felt that this was the wrong advice and that the Procureurs should carry on with the process they had initiated.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Following this Deputy Johnson enquired whether there had been any feedback from Mike Fennell– the Chairman of the Community Centre in relation to forming a committee to run the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The Constable responded that he hadn't heard back. The Assembly asked if the Constable would like to be the Chairman of the committee, he said that he would if necessary and that he may have a few people that would like to help.

It was noted that the original two-month deadline set at that meeting for concrete proposals to be brought before a Parish Assembly had nearly passed. The Connétable indicated that an appeal for help for this event has been published in the Parish Magazine. Once he has more information, this will be brought back to a Parish Assembly hopefully in the next two weeks

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A question was raised as to whether alcohol would be stored on the property known as Milbraie Cottage. Mr Blackmore confirmed that the physical stock for the business will be held at premises in St Ouen where sales will be processed; those premises also hold the relevant licence for this activity.

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A show of hands resulted in a unanimous vote for this application to proceed to the Licensing Assembly. The Connétable advised Mr Michael Harris of ABV Average Ltd to appear before the Licensing Assembly in the Royal Court at 10am Thursday 17th March 2022.

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Following this, Deputy Johnson asked to read a tribute to the former Connétable of St Mary, Edwin Le Gresley Godel which had been read out at the States Assembly

'I must advise Members of the news that the former Connétable of St Mary, Edwin Le Gresley Godel, has passed away. Edwin Godel was elected Connétable of that parish in 1984, having previously served as a Constable's Officer, Vingtenier and Centenier in the same Parish. He was returned unopposed at each of the elections that he faced, and he retired from the states in August 2000, having served his Parish tirelessly for a number of decades. He served on a substantial number of committees in the Assembly during his time including the Overseas Aid Committee, the Tourism Committee, the Public Services Committee, the Education Committee and, for one term apiece, the housing and Resources Recoveries Committees. For both the 1993 and 1996 terms he was appointed president of the Etat Civil committee in which capacity he oversaw the arrangements for the census in the Island. He also served on working parties to progress legislation through the Assembly, and in February 2000 he was appointed as chairman of Comite des Connétable. Prepared always to offer his views in an open and forthright way he made submissions to the Clothier Review panel in 2000 and in 2017 following the Assembly's adoption of the Jerriais plan, it is notable perhaps that he took part in a community project aimed at recording native Jerriais speakers an opportunity to talk in the Islands native language and provide testament not only about his time in public office but also about his life in Jersey. Our thoughts currently are with his family"

The Connétable declared the meeting closed at 8.00

Signed:



Connétable John Le Bailly

Date 21-06-22.