## PARISH OF ST BRELADE

#### **PARISH ASSEMBLY**

	Minutes of an Assembly of Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Brelade held at St Brelade's Parish Hall on Tuesday 28 November 2023 commencing at 19:00 hours.
President of Assembly:	Connétable Mr M K Jackson, presided.
Convening Notice:	The Convening Notice was read by the Assistant Parish Secretary.
1. Minutes of Previous Assembly:	The Minutes of the previous Assembly of Principals and Electors of The Parish of St Brelade held on 31 October 2023 were read by Connétable M K Jackson. Item 3 to vote a sum not to exceed £10,000 from The Office Equipment Reserve Fund account in order to purchase computer equipment and hardware equipment for the Parish main office was reviewed by the Procureur du Bien Public. Mr Adam Hodgkins addressed the Assembly and advised that the Parish used Focused IT as their IT provider providing all IT hardware and software and ensuring that the Parish was data compliant. The need for replacing equipment was explained. The cost had been reviewed and was considered favourable in comparison with others.
	The Minutes were adopted following a proposal by Centenier Michel Bougeard which was seconded by Mr Edward Baker with all in favour.
2. Representation from MCD Limited (Kyoto Prefecture) re 3 <sup>rd</sup> Category (Restaurant) Liquor Licence to	completely refurbished and was due to open on 14 December. The initial capacity had been granted by the Fire Officer for 35 persons however as this did not include provision for 10 members of staff he advised reapplication for a capacity of 45.
increase maximum occupancy from 3 to 45 persons:	
3. Application by Jersey Hockey Clubhouse for 1st Category (Taverner's) Licence:	The Chairman invited Mr Ian Cuming, Director of Jersey Hockey Club to address the Assembly regarding an application by Jersey Hockey Club for a 1st Category (Taverner's) Licence in accordance with Article 5(1) of the Licensing (Jersey) Law, 1974 as amended. Mr Cuming advised the Application was being made in order to increase revenue and enable provision of alcoholic drinks to non members of the Club who under the current licence were unable to consume alcohol on the premises. He also stated he hoped it may increase membership of the Club as non members currently pay 25% more for drinks than members. There was no intention of

extending opening hours or to run as a Public House and all drinks were to be consumed on the Premises.

Centenier Michel Bougeard addressed the Assembly raising a concern regarding late night noise and drunken behaviour which had affected residents in neighbouring estates when the Honorary Police were required to visit the premises.

Deputy Helen Miles expressed concern that currently there are already two 1<sup>st</sup> Category licensed premises in the area. She also enquired what training the staff had undertaken.

Mr Cuming responded he was unaware of the incident however the Club was hoping to mainly attract more people during the daytime and he confirmed the café/bar was run by a competent and experienced team. The Club was generally not open past 10.00 pm unless for a specific Club event.

Mr Arthur Morely expressed concern regarding opening hours and queried the need for a 1<sup>st</sup> Category Licence. Could members of the public not become members if they wished to use the premises, was the establishment a club or a pub. Ms Gemma Minty of the Jersey Hockey Club advised the Club was currently open Tuesday to Friday from 17.00 until approximately 10.00 and during weekends was open from 08.30. It was closed on a Monday. She added people who were occasional customers were not of a mind to become permanent members and a 1<sup>st</sup> Category Licence would enable them to possibly visit more often which could encourage them to apply for membership. She also advised she would be happy to provide the Honorary Police with opening hours and notice of events being held.

Mr Michael Videgrain stated he understood the importance of a Sports Club making money and was in favour as long as the premises were not run as a Public House.

Mr Stephen Pallett stated he was fully supportive of the Club and their reputation was extremely high.

Deputy Helen Miles enquired as to whether any other sports clubs held a 1<sup>st</sup> Category Licence as well as a Club Licence.

Arthur Morley enquired if legal advice had been taken and questioned whether the Licensing Bench would accept the situation. Mr Cuming responded he had had discussions with Mr Andrew Jones of the Economic Development Department regarding requirements and he had not advised negatively.

Deputy Jonathan Renouf requested clarification of opening hours and that the premises would not be operating as a public house.

Ms Gemma Minty clarified opening times as Tuesday to Friday 17.00 pm to approximately 10.00 pm and weekends 08.30 am until the closure of functions up until 1.00 am.

A vote was taken subject to opening hours stated with 15 in favour and 6 against.

The Application was approved for recommendation to the Licensing Bench.

4. Consider approval of sale of strip of land adjacent to a garage at 94 Les Quennevais Park to Mr & Mrs R

The Chairman asked the Assembly to consider the sale of a strip of land to Mr & Mrs R Parkin in Les Quennevais Park.

Mr Stephen Pallett asked if there were any restrictions on usage put in place. The Chairman replied that there were and Mr Parkin who was present confirmed he had no intention of building on the land.

The application was proposed by Deputy Helen Miles and seconded by Mr Stephen Pallett. The Assembly voted 22 in favour and none against.

5. Vote a sum of money from the Motor Vehicle Fund not to exceed £55,000 to purchase a replacement Honorary Police Vehicle:

Chef de Police Mr Michel Bougeard addressed the Assembly regarding the Police vehicle. He stated the vehicle was nine years old and in need of constant repairs. A replacement van from TrustFord had been sourced for just under £51,500.

Mr Christopher Cooke asked if it was a vechicle of choice and did other Parishes have similar.

Mr Stephen Pallett questioned the reliability of Ford.

Ms Cirsty Moseley questioned whether an electric vehicle had been considered.

Chef de Police Michel Bougeard replied that an electric vehicle was not considered suitable at this time as the Honorary Police Vehicle as it often remains stationary for long periods of time on callouts and therefore ran the risk of developing a flat battery from use of lights and communications. Requirement for battery charging facilities would also be necessary adding to the cost. He added an unsuitable vehicle would be a waste of Ratepayers money.

The Chairman agreed it was early days for electric vehicles and technology will have moved on more by the next replacement vehicle due in three years. He also advised that the old van would be used by the Parish Roads Team.

Deputy Helen Miles (Home Affairs Minister) advised that the Government were looking at ways to relieve the Parishes of the burden of police expense and there was a possibility the cost of new vehicles may be considered.

	Chef de Police Centenier Michel Bougeard proposed the purchase which was seconded by Mr Michael Videgrain. The proposal was carried by 20 voting in favour and no votes against.
6. Elect one person to act as a member of the Rates Assessment Committee for a term of three years, commencing 1 January 2024:	The Connétable called for nominations to elect a person to fill one position in the Parish Rate Assessment Committee for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2023, in conformity with the terms of Article 32 of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005, as amended.  Mr Paul Hesten proposed Mr Roger Bignell. The proposition was seconded by Arthur Morely.  There were no other nominations.
	The Connétable thanked Mr Bignell for entering into his 6 <sup>th</sup> term of office, congratulated him and declared him re-elected as a member of the Parish Rates Assessment Committee for a term of three years, commencing on 1 January 2024, warning him to appear before the Royal Court of Jersey on Friday 8 December 2023 at 09.45 hours prompt to be administered the Oath of Office.
	There being no further business the Connétable thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 20.15 hours.
	Signed: Date:  M K Jackson Connétable





22 November 2023

Licensing Clerk Judicial Greffe Royal Court House Royal Square St Helier JE1 1JG

Our ref: 20231122/4580/RH

### Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974

# **Licensing Report**

Premises:

Jersey Hockey Club, Les Quennevais Sports, Don Farm, St Brelade,

JE3 8LZ

Subject:

Application for 1st Category (Taverner's) Licence.

An inspection of the above premises has been undertaken relevant to fire precautions and it is considered the premises will be suitable for the proposed use provided the existing active and passive fire safety measures are maintained.

#### OCCUPANCY:

The internal occupancy has been assessed as follows (including staff).

- 130 persons (standing) or;
- 65 persons (seated)

The overall occupancy that includes the external areas was previously set at 170. This department only sets the occupancy for the internal spaces; however, we have no concerns with this occupancy provided that the internal numbers are managed accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Ryan Hall GIFIreE

**Station Commander - Fire Safety Protection** 

Cc. Mr Ian Cuming



22nd November 2023

Our ref:

WK/020235432

Dear Connetable

Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974 - Application for 1<sup>st</sup> Category Licence Premises: Clubhouse Bar & Eatery, Jersey Hockey Clubhouse, La Route des Quennevais, St. Brelade, JE3 8LZ

The application by Jersey Hockey to all intents and purposes is for the granting of a 1<sup>st</sup> Category Taverner's.

In accordance with the terms of Article 23 of the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974, an inspection was carried out at the above premises on 17th November 2023.

The state and condition of the premises was found to be generally satisfactory for the grant of the licence.

We have not received an occupancy figure given by the Chief Fire Officer for the premises. However, as far as concerns this Department the degree of sanitary accommodation is presently sufficient to accommodate up to 200 persons if users are also able to access the toilets in the changing rooms.

However, I would respectfully suggest that in the event that the Chief Fire Officer suggests a lower occupancy, then the lower figure should be used.

We recommend that should they undertake building works they include an additional female / unisex toilet in the same location on the ground floor.

Yours sincerely



#### Alison de Bourcier Director of Environmental Health and Trading Standards

cc Mr Jason Troy, Licensing Clerk, Judicial Greffe, Royal Court House, Royal Square, St Helier, JE1 1JG Jersey Hockey, , ,