

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 26 March 2024 commencing at 19:00 hours.
President of Assembly:	Connétable 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 27 February 2024, were adopted and signed following a proposal by Centenier Michel Bougeard which was seconded by Constables Officer Mark Pilbeam with all in favour.
2. Elect two Electors domiciled in the Parish to serve on Le Cimétiere des Quennevais Committee for a term of three years:	<p>The Connétable called for nominations to fill the two vacant positions to serve on Le Cimétiere des Quennevais Committee for a term of three years.</p> <p>Mr Christopher Cooke, Procureur du Bien Public proposed Mr Kenneth Geoffrey Corbin for election. This nomination was seconded by Mr Arthur Morley, Procureur du Bien Public. There were no other nominations.</p> <p>Mr Arthur Morley proposed Mr Antony Mathieu Bellows for election. This nomination was seconded by Deputy Jonathan Renouf. There were no other nominations.</p> <p>The Connétable congratulated and thanked Mr Corbin and Mr Bellows for their previous service and declared them duly elected as members of the Cimétiere des Quennevais Committee for a further term of 3 years.</p>
3. Elect one Officier du Connétable for the Vintaine du Noirmont :	<p>The Connétable called for nominations to fill the position of Officier du Connétable for the Vingtaine du Noirmont for a term of three years.</p> <p>CO Hugo Silva proposed Mr Jordan Fryer for election. This nomination was seconded by Centenier Michel Bougeard. There were no other nominations.</p> <p>The Connétable declared Mr Fryer duly elected as Officier du Connétable for the Vingtaine du Noirmont for a term of three</p>

	<p>years. The Connétable congratulated Mr Fryer and advised him to appear before the Royal Court of Jersey to take the Oath of Office at 10.00 am on Friday 5 April 2024.</p>
<p>4. Consider a tender for the re-construction of the Elephant Park facility building and if approved authorise thee Connétable and Procureurs du Bien Public to fund the project by a withdrawal of up to £250,000 from the Property Reserve Fund and by a commercial borrowing of up to £250,000:</p>	<p>The Connétable addressed the Assembly suggesting that there had been complaints about the condition of the Elephant Park for many years and that he was resolved to do something about it. It was originally thought that a coat of paint might suffice but in reality on closer inspection as a result of the drains becoming regularly blocked it transpired that the whole underground drainage system required replacement due to the old pitch fibre pipes having become crushed.</p> <p>A visit from the Childrens’ Commissioner highlighted areas of concern and in particular the lack of provision for disabled children.</p> <p>Covid put the project back two years but a Parish Assembly approved on 22 February 2022 an instruction to Riva Architects to draw up a compliant structure to accommodate toilet facilities for girls, boys and disabled and of course a replacement drainage system below ground.</p> <p>Planning permission was received and authorisation was received from a Parish Assembly to prepare detailed drawings for by-law approval in order to obtain tenders from reputable builders on 27 June 2023.</p> <p>Whilst the 3 tenders received were close, that of £480,707.00 from C A Mauger Ltd was analysed and deemed the most acceptable.</p> <p>The Connétable went on to state the playpark element of the project was subject to further discussion with a working party who have experience of the needs of children both able bodied and disabled. They will recommend appropriate equipment fit for all requirements and an environmentally friendly playpark fit for the 21st century. Applications will be made to fund equipment from external sources. The Connétable advised plans were on display including photos of potential play equipment.</p> <p>Mr Christopher Cooke, Procureur du Bien Public advised that a Parish Assembly on 22 February 2022 voted to approve a withdrawal from the Property Reserve Fund (“PRF”) of £14,000 to draw up plans sufficient for Planning Permission submission. A further withdrawal of £25,000 from the PRF was granted at the Parish Assembly on 27 June 2023 to progress the project to the next stage for detailed drawings,</p>

by-laws and tender packs. The total of £39,000 has been exceeded by £14,495 and that approval at a future Assembly to transfer funds from the General Reserve to the Elephant Park project would be sought.

The Connétable invited questions from Parishioners.

There followed a long discussion as to the overall cost of the project, with the assembly being divided as to whether the Parish should be spending more on the facilities or whether the budget should be trimmed back to the bare minimum.

Contributions to the discussion were made by Deputies Jonathan Renouf, Moz Scott, Helen Miles and Montfort Tadier, Procureur du Bien Public Arther Morley, Mr Oliver Ashton, Ms Cirsty de Gruchy, Mr Michael Videgrain, Mr Alan Breckon, Mr Peter Durham-Waite, Mr Tony Bellows and Mr Michael Balston.

Messrs Carlo Riva of Riva Architects and Rupert Myers of HLG Associates sought to assure the Assembly that a thorough planning and tendering process had been adhered to and that ample opportunity had been given to Parishioners to question the proposals and the previous Parish Assemblies and during the Planning consultation phase.

Deputy Renouf considered that more information was required before the Parish Assembly could vote on such a large project. A discussion followed as to what further information would be required and what the delay might do to increasing the cost of the project as proposed and potential effects on funding.

Mr Alistair Layzell proposed a resolution to defer consideration of a tender for the reconstruction of the Elephant Park facilities pending the establishment of a working group to investigate the renovation of the whole park, such working group to report to the Assembly by 31 December 2024 or earlier if possible. This was seconded by Mr Alan Breckon.

The Connétable urged that any delay should be kept to a minimum given the state of the drains.

A vote was taken with 12 in favour and 8 against.

<p>5. Receive a report on progress of the Parish Hall replacement roof project:</p>	<p>The Connétable addressed the Assembly on progress with the Parish Hall roof replacement project. Planning permission had been received and tenders invited. These were being analysed and detailed costs and funding options would be submitted to a Parish Assembly on 30 April 2024.</p>
<p>6. Receive a report on the Rectory refurbishment commensurate with Ecclesiastical guidelines:</p>	<p>The Connétable outlined the need to replace the Rectory roof and upgrade the bathroom facilities during an interregnum of Rectors. Costs and sources of funding were being considered with a view to then being presented to a future Assembly.</p>
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and feedback declaring the meeting closed at 21.01 hours.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>M K Jackson Connétable</p>