

PARISH OF ST BRELADE

PARISH ASSEMBLY

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| | Minutes of an Assembly of Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Brelade held at St Brelade's Parish Hall on Tuesday 24 September 2024 commencing at 19:00 hours. |
| President of Assembly: | Connétable M K Jackson, presided. |
| Convening Notice: | The Convening Notice was read by the 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 30 July 2024, were adopted unanimously and signed following a proposal by Centenier Michel Bougeard which was seconded by Mr Peter Durham-Waite with all in favour. |
| 2. 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>Centenier Michel Bougeard proposed Mr Raul-loan Cialai for election. This nomination was seconded by Vingtenier Jane Drew. There were no other nominations.</p> <p>The Connétable declared Mr Cialai duly elected as Officier du Connétable for the Vingtaine du Noirmont for a term of three years. The Connétable congratulated Mr Cialai and advised him to appear before the Royal Court of Jersey to take the Oath of Office at 10.00 am on Friday 27 September 2024.</p> |
| 3. To approve expenditure from the building reserve fund, not to exceed £40,000.00 to progress plans for submission to the planning department for work to be undertaken at the Parish Rectory to include re-roofing, creation of en-suite | <p>The Connétable addressed the Assembly regarding expenditure for fees to take the project to tender stage for the approval of the assembly for re-roofing of the Rectory. The Rectory was built in 1834 with a slate roof, with no insulation. It had been patched up over the years and we have been advised to replace it with similar materials with the addition of insulation.</p> <p>Creation of an additional WC, utility, en-suite bathroom and shower room would be funded by the Rectorat as opposed to the Parish and would comply with the specifications set out for accommodation provided for Clergy by the Church of England.</p> <p>The greenhouse was built in 2006 and was in need of repainting. This would be a charge for the Parish.</p> |

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creation of
ground floor WC
and utility room.**

The split on fee costs of £44,000 would be about £30,000 for the Parish and £14,000 for the Rectorat. This to be apportioned on receipt and acceptance of tenders. The total figure for the completed works would be in excess of £300,000.

The Connétable invited any questions from the Assembly

Mrs Ann Newton asked if the single glazed windows could be replaced to be more environmentally friendly to reduce draft. The Connétable advised that this had not been budgeted for and asked Mr Rupert Myers to comment.

Mr Myers advised that the building was listed and it would not be possible to replace them, however secondary glazing could be considered.

Mr Julian Bernstein commented that the windows would not be able to be opened without removing the secondary glazing which would negate the quality of the job being done.

The Connétable commented that the roof insulation would contribute to making it less drafty.

A question was asked whether smaller premises should be looked at as an alternative?

The Connétable responded that the rectory was part of the consolidated church estate and considered an attractive part of the Parish. Any proceeds of sale would go back to the Rectorat but it would cost a significant sum to find new premises.

The Rectory cottages will be let out in the future to provide a return to offset the ongoing upkeep.

Mr Anthony Bellows commented that there would be a lot of work to be done before selling the property.

Deputy Renouf questioned if the sale of properties all go to the Rectorat why does the Parish pay for the repairs?

The Connétable responded that the Parish is responsible in law to keep the Rectory wind and water proof.

Mrs Catriona Fern contributed that charities may offer to pay for some services free of charge, also prison workers could be utilised.

The Connétable agreed that it was worth following up and would discuss further but with the caveat that prisoners require close monitoring by Prison staff.

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| | <p>Deputy Renouf questioned other expenditure, re Elephant Park etc.</p> <p>The Connétable responded that realistically that would not be addressed until 2025.</p> <p>Mr Anthony Bellows asked when the working group for the Elephant Park would report back.</p> <p>The Connétable replied he expected a report by the end of the year.</p> <p>Mr Balston asked for clarification on the costs of the consultants estimates, what they are going to charge and whether we had incurred any other expenses so far.</p> <p>The Connétable replied that we had incurred some preliminary costs which has been taken out of the allocation to the Tresor made in July.</p> <p>Mr Balston asked how much had been spent.</p> <p>The Connétable replied it was £15,118.10.</p> <p>The Connétable invited a proposition to approve expenditure from the building reserve fund not to exceed £40,000 to progress the plans for submission for by laws approval to the planning department for the work to be undertaken at the Rectory to include reroofing, creation of en-suite bathroom shower room, creation of an additional ground floor WC and utility room which was proposed by Mr Antony Bellows and seconded by Mr Roger Sinnett. A vote was taken with 37 for and nil against.</p> <p>The Connétable confirmed the approval of the proposition and looked forward to taking the project to the next stage and would be inviting parishioners to attend a Parish Assembly hopefully in November.</p> |
| | <p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked the 41 people present for their attendance and advised that the next Assembly would be Tuesday 29 October and declared the meeting closed at 19.33 hours.</p> <p>Signed : _____ Date : _____</p> <p>M K Jackson Connétable</p> |