

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 27 January 2026 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 25 November 2025 were adopted as read and signed following a proposition by Centenier Michel Bougeard, which was seconded by Mr Michael Videgrain with all in favour.
2. Elect one Officier du Connétable for the Vingtaine des Quennevais :	<p>The Connétable called for nominations to fill the position of Officier du Connétable for the Vingtaine des Quennevais for a term of 3 years.</p> <p>Mr Malcolm Tucker was proposed by Centenier Raoul Gear and seconded by Mrs Deborah Tucker.</p> <p>The Connétable congratulated and declared Mr Tucker duly re elected as an Officier du Connétable for a three-year term. He was advised to attend to appear before the Royal Court to take the Oath of Office on Friday 20 March 2026 at 10am.</p> <p>The Connétable thanked Mr Tucker for his service and continuing to support to the Parish.</p>
3. To approve expenditure from the Property Reserve Fund not in excess of £50,000 to enable the replacement of underground drains at the Children's play park:	<p>The Connétable introduced the item as a long-running project, with delays primarily due to efforts to reduce the overall expenditure. He explained the existing drains are believed to be pitch fibre and approximately 60 years old, with deformation/collapse causing recurrent blockages and repeated call-outs at cost.</p> <p>The proposal represents the first stage of a wider program associated with a toilet block refurbishment and broader play park works.</p> <p>The Connétable summarised the scope of the proposed works, including:</p> <p>Excavation and replacement/upgrade of pipework, including installation of junctions and 150mm pipework to increase capacity.</p>

	<p>Installation of new manholes and covers.</p> <p>Extending the line to serve connections for future works, including provision for later connection from the toilet block refurbishment.</p> <p>Backfilling and reinstatement of affected areas.</p> <p>Deputy Jonathan Renouf raised a question about where the pipe would run and whether works extended beyond the park. The Connétable confirmed the works are within the park; the new route would run down the western side of the toilet block to a manhole behind it before joining the public foul sewer near the railway track.</p> <p>The Connétable suggested that the Parish expects a contribution from Pisces Gym.</p> <p>Deputy Helen Miles questioned why the Parish was doing this now as the new toilet block is not yet built/connected and Pisces would be the primary current beneficiary.</p> <p>Deputy Helen Miles also asked who owns the Pisces Gym. A significant discussion took place regarding whether the Parish owns the Pisces building and whether this should be clarified before committing funds.</p> <p>Mr Christopher Cooke, Procureur du Bien Public, stated the building was constructed on Parish land with private funding via a trust structure around 1975–1976. Provisional advice from an individual described as an original trustee/lawyer suggested the building may have reverted to the Parish following the demise of the original boxing club/trust.</p> <p>Rates/occupancy responsibilities were also discussed, and it was indicated that the operators pay occupier rates, while the Parish pays the owner element.</p> <p>It was noted the current operating club arrangement requires regularisation (tenure/rent/terms).</p> <p>Concerns were raised that Off The Rails café contributes fats/wastewater and may affect drainage. The Connétable advised they are not part of the new scheme and will have separate arrangements.</p> <p>Mr Michael Balston queried whether the connection could be made to the existing toilets, if toilet block works are delayed.</p>
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	<p>Mr Michael Videgrain felt uneasy and suggested a 2 month delay coming back to the Assembly with a full draft proposal.</p> <p>Following debate, the Assembly agreed a conditional approach rather than immediate commitment of funds. Conditional approval of expenditure from the Property Reserve Fund, not exceeding £50,000, for the replacement of underground drains at the Children's Play Park, subject to conditions and a report-back to a subsequent Assembly before funds are committed.</p> <p>Conditions to be reported back (as captured from discussion):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarification/verification of legal ownership/tenure of the Pisces building. 2. Confirmation and documentation of Pisces contribution, referenced as an intention for two-thirds contribution repaid over a period. 3. A second quotation / further price checking (and/or confirmation of costs) for the drainage works <p>Proposed by Deputy Jonathan Renouf and seconded by Centenier Bougeard.</p> <p>A vote was taken with 9 in favour and nil against.</p> <p>The Connétable confirmed the Parish would proceed on this premise and return with the requested information before committing expenditure.</p>
	<p>The Connétable thanked Mr Christopher Cooke (senior Procureur du Bien Public) for his significant contribution to the Parish, his term of office ending 12 March 2026.</p> <p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked the 13 people present for their attendance. The meeting was declared closed at 20.08 hours.</p> <p>Signed : _____ Dated : _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">M K Jackson Connétable</p>

