



AN ASSEMBLY of the PRINCIPALS and ELECTORS of the Parish of Trinity was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7.00 pm for the following business:

1. To receive and, if deemed advisable, adopt the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 14th July 2022.
2. To receive the Accounts of the Connétable for the Financial Year 2022 – 2023, the said Accounts having been previously verified and approved by the Committee named for that purpose, assisted by a professional accountant.
3. To vote a sum of money towards the upkeep of the Parish by-roads for the current year.
4. To vote a sum of money towards various Charities.
5. To approve a rate that will produce for the Parish, income that is at least sufficient for the presumed requirements for the financial year ending 30th April 2024, as set out in the approved estimates.
6. To agree the sum to be transferred to the Church capital projects reserve.
7. To agree the sum to be transferred to the Vehicle replacement reserve.
8. To approve a sum of money from reserves to erect scaffolding and re-decorate the external fabric of the Rectory. The sum to include sufficient to make any repairs to the roof, if required. To approve a sum of money to restore/replace the road side fence at the Rectory.
9. To re-appoint Alex Picot Chartered Accountants to prepare and audit the Connétable's Accounts for the Financial Year 2023 - 2024.
10. To elect a committee to examine the Connétable's Accounts for the year 2023 – 2024.
11. To elect a Vingtenier for the Vingtaine of Croiserie, there being a vacancy.

12. To elect a Constable's Officer for the Vingtaine of Ville A L'Eveque, there being a vacancy.

Copies of the previous minutes of the last main Assembly together with the Accounts for 2022 – 2023 had been made available in draft from the Parish Hall Office during office hours, from 9am on Monday 10th July 2023, and immediately prior to the Assembly on Thursday 13th July 2023.

The Connétable welcomed Parishioners, Mr Steven Philips (the Parish's Audit partner from Alex Picot & Co) and Deputies Howell, Millar and Jeune to the Main Assembly of the year.

The Convening Notice was read.

Apologies were received from Mr N Le Maistre, Miss A Le Brun, Mrs F Houghton, Mrs A Wilmett and Mr A Mohinta.

1. Minutes of the previous Main Assembly held on Thursday 14th July 2022 having already been made available to the Assembly were adopted on the proposition of Mrs A Pryke and seconded by Mr J Moulin.
2. Mr Phillips of Alex Picot & Co, went through the Parish Accounts for 2022-2023 in detail. On the proposition of Deputy A Howell and seconded by Mrs R Parker, the Accounts of the Connétable for the financial year 2022 – 2023, verified and approved by the Committee named for that purpose, assisted by a professional accountant, were unanimously accepted.
3. The Connétable informed the Assembly that the sum of £148,000 was proposed for the Roads Account for 2023-2024, to be spent on the upkeep of the Parish by-roads. This sum was proposed by Mrs A Pryke and seconded by Centenier D Owen, with all in favour.
4. The Connétable noted that the Assembly's practice was to add £500.00 each year to the total sum donated to charities and therefore asked for the sum of £14,500.00 to be voted towards various charities. This was proposed by Canon G Houghton and seconded by Centenier J Howell, with all in favour.
5. In relation to the presumed requirements amounting to £762,700, the Connétable went through the various increases required for the year ahead. He explained to the Assembly the reasons for an increase in office salaries, refuse collection costs and Honorary Police costs and advised that he was in discussion with the Minister for Home Affairs to reduce the latter cost. He also advised that he proposed to increase the grant to Ebenezer Chapel from £5,000 to £5,500 for 2023-2024. The Connétable explained that, as outlined by the accountant, the Parish finances were continuing to show a healthy position, however an increase in the Parish rate was needed to ensure

that the Parish's needs to function effectively were met and suggested that the Parish rate be increased to 1.15p, an increase of 7.45%.

It was noted at this point that, in accordance with legislation, the Island Wide Rate set by the Government of Jersey had been increased in line with the RPI at 12.7% with an increase from 0.80p to 0.89p per quarter for domestic property, and from 1.15p to 1.31p per quarter for non-domestic property. The Connétable indicated that this would mean an overall increase to parishioners of approximately 9%.

After discussion, Mrs A Pryke proposed that the rate should be set at 1.15p. This was seconded by Mr C Bray, with all in favour.

6. Regarding the sum to be transferred from surplus income to the church capital projects reserve, the sum of £25,000 was proposed by Centenier J Howell and seconded by Mr C Bray, with all in favour.
7. It was noted that there was currently £25,000 in the Vehicle Replacement Reserve for the police car and that during the forthcoming year the Connétable would increase this by £7,500 with money from the General Reserve, rather than from income.
8. The Connétable advised the Assembly that the Rectory was in need of redecoration and requested the Assembly to approve a budget to cover the erection of scaffolding, redecoration of the external fabric and, while the scaffolding was in place, any repairs required to the roof. It was also noted that the roadside fence at the side of the Rectory needed restoring/replacing. Following discussion, the sum of £50,000 was proposed by Centenier J Howell and seconded by Mrs A Le Sueur, with all in favour.
9. Deputy Howell proposed and Mrs O Priestley seconded that Alex Picot & Co be appointed to audit the Accounts of the Connétable for the financial year 2023 – 2024, with all in favour.
10. The Connétable noted that the Committee elected on a yearly basis to examine the Connétable's Accounts consisted of various ex officio members and a number of adjoints. It was further noted that Mr C Jones who was an adjoint on the Committee had recently left the Parish and a replacement was required. On the proposal of Mr P Williams and seconded by Mr J Moulin, Mr Richard Parker was elected to be on the Committee and all the other members of this year's Committee were re-elected 'en bloc' with all in favour. The adjoints re-appointed were Mr B Fossey, Mr N Le Maistre and Mr A Otterwell.

11. Vingtenier – Croiserie

The Connétable invited nominations for the vacancy.

On the proposal of Mr J LeS Gallichan, Snr and seconded by Mr P Williams, Mrs Amanda Wilmett (Ingram) was elected as Vingtenier. It was noted that Mrs Wilmett

had sent her apologies for being unable to attend the Parish Assembly but it was noted that she was warned to attend the Royal Court, sitting at the Parish Hall for the Visite Royale, at 10:30am on Wednesday 2nd August 2023 to take her oath of office.

12. Constable's Officer – Ville à L'Evêque

The Connétable invited nominations for the vacancy.

On the proposal of Mr M Ross and seconded by Centenier J Howell, Mr Anindya Mohinta was elected as Constable's Officer. It was noted that Mr Mohinta had sent his apologies for being unable to attend the Parish Assembly but it was noted that he was warned to attend the Royal Court, sitting at the Parish Hall for the Visite Royale, at 10:30am on Wednesday 2nd August 2023 to take his oath of office.

Before closing the meeting, the Connétable congratulated Centeniers Howell, de Louche, Owen and Simmons, Vingtenier Fossey, Constable's Officers Bray and Cabot and former Centenier Gallichan who had recently been awarded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal.

He went on to thank former Constable's Officer Chris Bray for his 12 years' service as Constable's Officer and presented him with an illuminated address.

The Connétable went on to thank all the Parish staff for their work during the year. He also thanked Mr Steve Phillips, Mr Andrew Myers and the auditors for their assistance with the Parish Accounts. Further thanks were extended to Mrs A Hassell and the other Rates Assessors, the Procureurs, the Chef de Police and Honorary Police and everyone involved with the Municipality for their support and commitment during the year. He also thanked his wife, Angela, and his family for their continuing support.

The Connétable thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7:58 pm.

11th July 2024

P Le Sueur

Date

Connétable