



AN ASSEMBLY of the PRINCIPALS and ELECTORS of the Parish of Trinity was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.00 pm for the following business:

1. To receive and, if deemed advisable, adopt the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
2. To receive the Accounts of the Connétable for the Financial Year 2023 – 2024, 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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 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 update the Parish Hall (refurbish the hall floor; purchase and install a dishwasher and water boiler; and purchase and install a projector and screen).
9. To approve a sum of money from reserves toward the Parish Celebrations for Liberation 80.
10. To re-appoint Alex Picot Chartered Accountants to prepare and audit the Connétable's Accounts for the Financial Year 2024 - 2025.
11. To elect a committee to examine the Connétable's Accounts for the year 2024 – 2025.
12. To elect a Constable's Officer for the Vingtaine of Rozel, there being a vacancy.

13. To elect a Roads Inspector for the Vingtaine of Croiserie, there being a vacancy.
14. To consider and, if agreed, authorise the Parish to enter into a lease of the Riley Field to the Trinity Football and Social Club for such length and such other terms as is deemed appropriate by the Connétable and Procureurs.

Copies of the previous minutes of the last main Assembly together with the Accounts for 2023 – 2024 had been made available in draft from the Parish Hall Office during office hours, from 9am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024, and immediately prior to the Assembly on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

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

The Convening Notice was read.

Apologies were received from Deputy M E Millar, Deputy H Jeune, Centenier J Howell, Mrs J Dawson, Miss A Le Brun and Mr C Mullins.

1. Minutes of the previous Main Assembly held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 having already been made available to the Assembly were adopted on the proposition of Mrs A Pryke and seconded by Mrs A Le Sueur.
2. Mr Phillips of Alex Picot & Co, went through the Parish Accounts for 2023-2024 in detail. On the proposition of Deputy A Howell and seconded by Mrs M Dunford, the Accounts of the Connétable for the financial year 2023 – 2024, 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 £165,000 was proposed for the Roads Account for 2024-2025, to be spent on maintenance of the Parish by-roads. The Connétable further informed the Assembly that should any specific expenditure be required during the forthcoming year, he would bring the matter to a future Assembly. This sum of £165,000 was proposed by Centenier D Owen and seconded by Mrs A Pryke, 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 £15,000.00 to be voted towards various charities. This was proposed by the Rector and seconded by Mr JLeS Gallichan, with all in favour.
5. In relation to the presumed requirements amounting to £824,200, the Connétable went through the various increases required for the year ahead. He explained to the Assembly the reasons for proposed increases in the Comité des Connétables' office costs and IT costs (particularly software licences). He also advised that the proposed

increase to Honorary Police costs was primarily due to training requirements, radios that needed replacing and laptops for the Centeniers which were now required as the States of Jersey Police were planning on discontinuing the SmartLink software. The Connétable explained that, nevertheless and, 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 continued to function effectively and suggested that the Parish rate be increased to 1.20p, an increase of 4.35%.

It was noted that, in accordance with legislation, the Island Wide Rate set by the Government of Jersey had been increased in line with the RPI with an increase from 0.89p to 0.92p per quarter for domestic property, and from 1.31p to 1.37p per quarter for non-domestic property.

It was further noted that the proposed increase had been supported by the Connétable's Examining Committee. After a short discussion, Mr JLeS Gallichan proposed that the rate should be set at 1.20p. This was seconded by Mr B Rondel, 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 Mr C Bray and seconded by Centenier D Owen, with all in favour.
7. It was noted that there was currently £32,500 in the Vehicle Replacement Reserve for the police car and that during the forthcoming year the Connétable proposed to increase this by £7,500 with money from the General Reserve, rather than from income. Mr A Dunford proposed this move which was seconded by Mr N Le Maistre, with all in favour.
8. The Connétable advised the Assembly that the Parish Hall required some expenditure (i.e. refurbishment of the floor, a new dishwasher and water boiler, a projector and screen and refurbishment of the main entrance doors). Following discussion, the sum of £20,000 was proposed by Mrs A Pryke and seconded by Deputy A Howell, with all in favour.
9. The Connétable reminded the Assembly that in May 2025, the island would be celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the island's Liberation Day. The Connétable hoped that the Parish would be able to provide an afternoon tea and family day. The sum of £10,000 to cover these costs was proposed by Mr C Bray and seconded by Centenier D Owen, with all in favour.
10. Deputy Howell proposed and Mr R Parker seconded that Alex Picot & Co be appointed to audit the Accounts of the Connétable for the financial year 2024 – 2025, with all in favour.
11. 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. On the proposal of Mr N Le Maistre and seconded by Mr JLeS Gallichan, all 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, Mr A Otterwell and Mr R Parker.

#### 12. Constable's Officer – Rozel

The Connétable invited nominations for the vacancy.

On the proposal of Lady C Finlay and seconded by Mr N Le Maistre, Mr Charles Mullins was elected as Constable's Officer. It was noted that Mr Mullins had sent his apologies for being unable to attend the Parish Assembly and it was noted that a swearing in date would be arranged on receipt of satisfactory police record checks for Mr Mullins.

#### 13. Roads Inspector – Croiserie

The Connétable invited nominations for the vacancy.

On the proposal of the Rector and seconded by Mrs M Dunford, Mr John Deans was elected as Roads Inspector. The Connétable congratulated Mr Deans on his election and warned him to attend the Royal Court at 10:00am on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to take his oath of office.

#### 14. Lease of Riley Field

The proposal for the lease of the Riley field by Trinity Football and Social Club ("the Club") had been made available in advance of the Assembly and was also available at the Assembly. Mr Neil Spacie outlined the Club's proposals and explained the difficulties that the Club had due to the current condition of the pitch. He further explained that a security of tenure would put the Club in a good position to apply to the Football Foundation for grants. Mr Spacie made it clear that the Parish was only being asked for a lease of the field and not for any funding to progress its planned improvements. He also made it clear that members of the public would still be able to use the field. Following a short discussion, the Club was congratulated on the work that was being proposed and, on the proposal of Mr J Deans and seconded by Advocate B Lincoln, the meeting unanimously agreed that the Parish should enter into a lease of the Riley Field to the Club for such length and such other terms as deemed appropriate by the Connétable and Procureurs.

Before closing the meeting, the Connétable thanked Mr Steve Phillips, Mr Andrew Myers and the auditors for their assistance with the Parish Accounts. Further thanks were extended to the Parish staff, the Rates Assessors, the Procureurs, the 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.

10<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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**Date**

P Le Sueur

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