

## **PARISH ASSEMBLY**

An Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of Trinity was duly convened and held in the Parish Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7:00 pm to:

1. Consider authorising the Connétable and Procureurs, on behalf of the Parish, to enter into a transaction to purchase a parcel of land on La Verte Rue.
2. Receive an update on the proposed extension to the Parish Hall and to agree a budget, to be transferred from reserves, for progression of the extension to tender stage.

The Connétable welcomed everyone (52 electors and ratepayers were in attendance) to the Assembly and the Convening Notice was read. Apologies were received from Centenier J Howell, Mrs J Powell, Mrs S Ingram and Mrs M Owen.

It was noted that the Minutes of the previous Parish Assembly held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025 had been made available to the Assembly in accordance with the terms of the Notice. The Minutes of the Assembly on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were adopted on the proposition of Mr C Bray and seconded by Mr P Williams.

### **1. Parcel of land in La Verte Rue**

The Connétable presented the meeting with a map of the parcel of land – Field T817 at the top of La Verte Rue. It was noted that the small piece of land backs onto units 6 to 10 of Les Maisons Cabot and faces onto La Verte Rue. It was further noted that it was a garden area attached to a property on the opposite side of the road.

The Connétable explained to the meeting that the sale of the land to a commercial developer had previously been under consideration by the owner. However, this sale did not proceed as the developer had been unable to obtain planning permission to build a 4 bedroom house.

The Connétable advised the meeting that, subject to the agreement of the Assembly, the Parish sought to purchase the field for a consideration of £180,000, the sum to be met from reserves. If approved by the Assembly, the Connétable would, in the near future, seek a budget to clean up the land, remove some of the self-seeded trees and a dilapidated shed and return the site to a garden area. It was further noted that the land also provided, in the longer term, a potential to add two further retirement bungalows but this was wholly dependent on the foul drainage network in the Parish being upgraded and the approval of a future Parish Assembly.

It was noted that, subject to planning permission the derelict garage at the northern end of the site could be demolished and a small piece of land sold off to provide

parking spaces for the properties immediately opposite. However, this would be subject to further negotiation and further approval from a Parish Assembly.

Questions were received from four people in attendance which included the size and valuation of the field, whether the price could be further negotiated and whether the purchase could be delayed until the drainage infrastructure had been improved.

Mr JLeS Gallichan addressed the meeting and explained that many years ago, the Parish had sought to purchase the field but the owner was not minded to sell it at that time. He stressed the importance of taking the opportunity to secure it for the Parish in order that the Parish had control over it and could protect the area surrounding Les Maisons Cabot from over-development.

There being no further questions and, on the proposal of Mr JLeS Gallichan, seconded by Deputy A Howell, the majority eligible to vote at the meeting agreed that the Connétable and Procureurs should, on behalf of the Parish, enter into a transaction to purchase Field T817 for a consideration of £180,000. It was noted that three members of the Assembly had dissented.

## 2. Extension to Parish Hall

The Connétable referred to the Parish Assembly held in December 2024 when the plans for the proposed extension to the Parish Hall were made available. He reminded the meeting that the proposed work to the office was unavoidable as the Parish was legally obliged to provide wheelchair access and a separate waiting area for juveniles attending Parish Hall Enquiries.

It was noted that the Parish already had planning permission for an extension but the new plans would provide safe access for wheelchair users as well as make better use of the additional space, including a new waiting room and a new reception/office. The existing waiting room would be used as a Centeniers' office for Parish Hall Enquiries and the ground floor meeting room would also be freed up.

It was noted that the planning application had been lodged and the Connétable was seeking a budget of £12,000, from reserves, to meet the costs of preparing the drawings to get to the byelaw/tender stage and to go to market in anticipation of receiving planning permission. It was further noted that the tender process would be managed and administered by professional architects and quantity surveyors.

Following a question, the Connétable explained that the expenditure would have little impact on the Parish reserves.

On the proposal of the Rector, seconded by Mrs A Pryke and with no objection having been received, it was agreed that a budget of £12,000 be transferred from reserves to progress the extension to the tender stage.

There being no further business the Assembly was declared closed at 7.25pm.

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15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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**Connétable of Trinity**

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