



PARISH OF ST HELIER



Minutes of the Parish Assembly	
Wednesday 27 March 2019 at 7.00 p.m.	
Assembly Room, Town Hall	
12/19	Welcome & Apologies –
	<p>Apologies: Deputy Russell Labey, Jackie Hilton Accounts Committee</p> <p>Deputies in Attendance: Deputies Rob Ward, Carina Alves, Judy Martin, Stephen Ahier, Inna Gardiner</p> <p>Procureurs in attendance: Peter Pearce & Geraint Jennings</p> <p>The Constable gave apologies to anyone who had attended the Assembly believing that there would be a discussion on St Helier House as advertised in the latest edition of the Town Crier. He informed the Assembly that there was still some work to be done before the matter could be presented to an Assembly but that it would be done at the earliest opportunity.</p>
13/19	Item 1: Approve the minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 28 February 2019.
	<p>Proposer: Deputy Stephen Ahier, Secunder: Geraint Jennings</p> <p>The minutes were duly adopted</p>
14/19	Item 2: approve the recommendation of the Roads Committee and Procureurs du Bien Public to formalise the interest of the triangular section of land located at Mont Neron, measuring approximately 160 sq. m (1,722 sq. ft), to the Parish and to ratify the northern boundary of the said land which adjoins the property known as ‘Marchwood’; the Assembly to instruct the Connétable and at least one Procureur du Bien Public to pass a contract of arrangement with the Parish paying all legal costs P01.2019
	<p>Proposer: Barry Le Feuvre</p> <p>Secunder: John Baker</p> <p>The Parish’s Head of Infrastructure Silvio Alves explained the background to the proposition which was that the Parish had been maintaining this section of land for 46 years and claims ownership of the area of land which the Parish has right by positive prescription through peaceful, uninterrupted possession and enjoyment in excess of 40 years. However in order to formalise the ownership it was necessary to ratify the boundary line to the north with the property known as “Marchwood” and the existing boundary line is unclear. The legal costs were estimated to be in the region of £5,600, which would be funded by current budgets.</p> <p>On being put to the vote, the proposition was approved unanimously.</p>
15/19	Item 3: to agree, as proposed by Deputy Ward of St Helier, that the Parish of St Helier should declare a climate change emergency, and aim to be carbon-neutral by 2030, and that the Constable be requested to draw up a plan to achieve this for presentation to the Parish Assembly by the end of 2019 P02.2019
	<p>Proposer: Deputy Rob Ward</p> <p>Secunder: Senator Sam Mezéc</p> <p>Deputy Rob Ward explained the background to Projet P02.2019, which was to declare a climate change emergency for St Helier and aim to be carbon-neutral by 2030. He felt that St Helier should lead the way and take this first step as the major and most populated parish in the Island. The States were due to debate the matter on 30 April and hopefully they will accept the proposition.</p> <p>Geraint Jennings said that he thought the proposition was not as clear as it could be and that the media coverage was not as clear as intended. Therefore he sought clarification from the proposer in respect of whether the plan drawn up will be for the municipality and parish administration services or was it for the Parish to come up with a plan for everything that takes place in St Helier, i.e. services and other companies.</p> <p>Deputy Ward said that in the first instance the former but then hopefully the latter. i.e. Initially anything under</p>

Parish control and then hopefully others will follow our example.

Peter Pearce said that he was concerned about the potential cost and could the Parish officials comment on the cost.

Deputy Ward said that he felt that that was part of the job of the Constable when drawing up the plan, but the matter was far wider than the financial implications, we needed to look at the overall climate environment and an example being could all vehicles owned by the Parish being electric within a certain time frame.

Peter Pearce felt that the job was far too big for one person and that perhaps a Working Party should be set up.

Deputy Ward felt that there were a number of people who would be happy to be involved or join a Working Party. The Constable echoed this and asked that if anyone was interested they contact him or Deputy Ward.

Deputy Ward added that he would not apologise for being ambitious, we need to move on as quickly as possible for future generations. Adding that no one would wait for their house to catch fire before taking action.

Bernie Manning asked if the Parish had a carbon footprint figure and if not how soon could we come up with one. The Constable agreed that a lot more baseline data was required.

Senator Sam Mezéc said that he would like to propose an amendment that being to keep the wording intact but add a section stating “and to endorse the proposition of Deputy Ward and to request the Constable to advise the Parish Deputies and Senators of the decision of the Assembly”. John Baker seconded the amendment.

On being put to the vote, the amendment to the proposition was approved unanimously

Georgia Le Maistre asked if there was talk amongst the other parishes to join in or if there was an opportunity for discussion offering a chance to join in as many large vehicles came in to St Helier from outside the Parish and were polluting our St Helier.

Deputy Ward said that yes, it could be extended but we had to make a start somewhere.

The Constable added that ratepayer/electors in other parishes could ask their Constable to take the matter to their Parish Assembly or ratepayers/electors could call a requête. In addition, he met; the Comite des Connétables on a monthly basis so could inform them of the decision and keep them updated.

Nigel Jones said that he would like to propose a further amendment which was seconded by Alan Macpherson that the date be changed from 2030 to 2025 as he felt the Parish had an opportunity to be more ambitious.

The Constable said that looking at most of the councils listed in the projet they seem to be aiming for 2030 and that if we changed the proposition to 2025 it would not be the same as the one going to the States at the end of April.

Deputy Judy Martin said that we had to come up with a date that was realistic

Deputy Ward said that he would be happy to support a change to 2025 as a target date. He confirmed that he had taken 2030 from the report because he felt at the time that that was a realistic date, but if it could be achieved sooner that would be wonderful.

Geraint Jennings stated that could we not leave the proposition as worded i.e. 2030, then once the working party had had the opportunity to study the data and were ready to come back with the plan they could indicate the date they felt was reasonable to achieve it by, which could be 2025, 26 or 28.

The Constable said that whilst he was happy to accept amendments from the floor it would be unfair on the 18K parishioners who have not attended tonight based on that they were happy with the proposition as worded

Bernie Manning suggested that the Parish aim for 2025 and if we do not complete we should know what we would have to do by 2030.

A lady said that solar panels need to be publicly funded. Her mother has a property with these on but still gets charged even though the electricity does not come off the grid. She believes that is because the States are a shareholder in the JEC and this simple change would encourage others to change their properties if they were not charged by the JEC.

Alan Macpherson asked if any thought had been given to third party contracts and whether the amendment could be worded to include asking contractors used by the Parish to look at what they do.

Deputy Ward said that this was the sort of work the Working party would bring forward and action. All these detailed specifics would come from the Working Party.

Andrew Le Quesne suggested that the amendment be changed so it read between 2025 & 2030.

The Constable said that follows what Leicester has committed to 2025-2030

On being put to the vote, the amendment was approved unanimously to 2025 - 2030.

John Baker said that he applauded the Deputy for bring this proposition to the Parish Assembly and to the States. As a small Island, he felt that this was very achievable but everyone needed to play his or her part, Parish Constables, ratepayers, and the community at large. You only have to look at what some of these other jurisdictions are doing to see how it can be done and St Helier needs to lead the way.

Jeremy Gosselin stated that before speaking he had some preliminary aspects to cover. Why were ratepayers names not contained on the rate lists? As without them how could he check who was entitled to be here. In addition, how early can a proposition be advertised as he only found out about this proposition two days before the Assembly, and therefore in his opinion there was not enough notice given.

He added that mention had been made of large diesel vehicles coming in to St Helier. Two decades ago, the

	<p>Labour party advocated that everyone should purchase diesel vehicles when buying new ones and now people are complaining about them. He argued that you should not just look at the good side but had to look at the bad side as well. Recycling is not the be all and end all. He felt that the proposition could be an open-ended one. Many of the new policies being introduced across the island are hitting the lowest paid parishioners. He felt that the proposition should contain more detail.</p> <p>The Constable said that by Law, there is a lead in time in which you had to advertise the Assembly but we try to get the notice out as early as we can. In relation to more detail, he felt that should not be discussed in depth on the night as these are the things the Working Party need to work on and will bring back as part of the plan. However, he did confirm that it was not his intention to bring back anything that would be an extra cost to parishioners.</p> <p>Deputy Ward said that we should not look to do things piecemeal as climate change does not just affect the lowest paid but also everyone worldwide.</p> <p>Peter Pearce stated that he was concerned as a Procurer about writing an open cheque. For instance what does an electric dustcart cost, what capacity and weight can it take, will it require more rounds. Likewise electric vehicles in Parks what is the potential cost.</p> <p>Deputy Ward said that writing a cheque would not affect climate change and that the cost to the world long term would be far greater than any cheque the parish signs.</p> <p>The lady who spoke earlier asked if property owners could be asked to make their properties greener i.e. solar panels. They charge very high rents but do not invest in green initiatives on their properties, that way the poorer people in society may benefit.</p> <p>Bernie Manning recommended that the Assembly vote yes for the proposition and when the Constable comes back with the plan/report later in the year we can study the detail and then decide.</p> <p>John Baker agreed adding that we did not need to get in to the detail, as that was the role of the Working Party. He added that perhaps the Parish could look to see if anything could be done with food waste, suggesting that 50% could be used for composting. He felt that this was a commodity that we could produce, then sell, and thereby generate an income.</p> <p>The final wording of the proposition read as follows;</p> <p>to agree, as proposed by Deputy Ward of St Helier, that the Parish of St Helier should declare a climate change emergency, and aim to be carbon-neutral by 2025-2030, and that the Constable be requested to draw up a plan to achieve this for presentation to the Parish Assembly by the end of 2019, and to endorse the proposition of Deputy Ward and to request the Constable to advise the Parish Deputies and Senators of the decision of the Assembly.</p> <p>On being put to the vote the proposition was approved by 37 votes for & 1 against</p>
16/19	<p>Item 4: consider an application by Casual Dining Bidco Limited holder of a Provisional First category licence in respect of premises at Elizabeth Terminal (The Shipyard Restaurant), for a Bailiff's Annual Entertainment permit (P49) to provide various entertainment on a regular basis</p>
	<p>Proposer: James Morris</p> <p>Seconder: Jane Needham</p> <p>Jane Needham Solicitor presented the application stating that she had been instructed by her clients Casual Dining to make the application in respect of premises to be known as the Shipyard. The company currently holds a first category licence in respect of a small kiosk and general concourse and a provisional first category licence for other areas. The existing first category would be revoked once the provisional has been approved. The company was looking at providing entertainment to both ferry passengers and the general public and the type of entertainment envisaged was the occasional live band or DJ until 1.30am if permissible, classical concerts, a comedian, screen events, plays where adults and children may perform and children's parties.</p> <p>She gave examples of the types of entertainment that could be providing on a daily basis and confirmed that when this was not taking place that Sky News & Sky Sports would be screened without audio, but with gentle background music being played. In addition, there was also a children's soft play area.</p> <p>Geraint Jennings stated that although this seemed a very tempting entertainment programme but on some nights it seemed to be a kin to a nightclub, so how could the applicant allay fears of parishioners.</p> <p>M/s Needham said that that was not the intention hence the different range of events the company had planned and they were looking at flexibility.</p> <p>Peter Pearce said that he understood that the licence covered all the public areas, so where would the entertainment be?</p> <p>M/s Needham confirmed that it would be inside the restaurant area.</p> <p>Peter Pearce asked if there were any plans for entertainment in the alfresco area. It was confirmed that there</p>

	<p>was not.</p> <p>John Baker a resident of Castle Quay said that it all looked very good, however there were approx. 2000 residents at Castle Quay and surrounding flats and his concern was with noise levels and asked if the noise was to be contained within the building and what other restrictions could be put in place if necessary.</p> <p>M/s Needham said that all of the entertainment would take place indoors and she envisaged that all the doors would remain closed with the possible exception of during the morning or afternoon on a very hot summer's day.</p> <p>James Morris (Ports of Jersey) confirmed that this would be indoor entertainment only and that it was not the intention of the company to upset anyone and that they would be as considerate as possible.</p> <p>On being put to the vote, the proposition was approved unanimously.</p>
	<p>The date of the next scheduled Parish Assembly is Wednesday 24 April 2019</p>