



PARISH OF ST HELIER



Minutes of the Parish Assembly	
Wednesday 29 September 2021 at 7.00 p.m.	
Assembly Room, Town Hall	
57/21	Welcome and Apologies –
	<p>Apologies: The Constable, Dean, Sarah Richardson and Deputy Rob Ward</p> <p>Deputies in Attendance: Deputy Stephen Ahier</p> <p>Procureurs in attendance: Peter Pearce (Chairperson). Geraint Jennings</p> <p>Parishioners were advised that the Parish Assembly was being broadcast electronically</p>
58/21	Item 1: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 25 August 2021;
	<p>Proposer: Jane Pearce Seconder: Deputy Stephen Ahier</p> <p>The minutes were adopted</p>
59/21	Item 2: To elect a Constable’s Officer for the Canton de Haut de la Vingtaine de la Ville;
	<p>FLORENTINA BOSMAN</p> <p>Proposed: Steve Jewell</p> <p>Seconded: Steven Le Falher</p> <p>There being no further nominations Florentina BOSMAN, was elected as Constable’s Officer for the Canton de Haut de la Vingtaine de la Ville. Procureur Pearce thanked Florentina for allowing her name to go forward as Constables Officer and formally warned her to appear before the Royal Court at 10am on Friday 1st October to take her Oath of Office.</p>
60/21	Item 3: To approve a recommendation of the Roads Committee and Procureurs du Bien Public to accept a section of land alongside Cransworth Apartments, La Vallée des Vaux, measuring approximately 55 sq.m, for the purpose of creating a new public footpath and increasing the width of the carriageway. The Assembly is to instruct the Connétable and at least one Procureur du Bien Public to pass a contract, with owner paying all reasonable legal costs associated with the transfer P.05/2021;
	<p>Proposer: Procureur Geraint Jennings Seconder: Barry Le Feuvre</p> <p>Silvio Alves, Head of Infrastructure, outlined the Projet.</p> <p>Deputy Ahier asked for clarification as to whether any of the land being used for the development was currently owned by the Parish. Silvio Alves confirmed that it is not Parish owned land.</p> <p>On being put to a vote, the application was approved unanimously.</p>
61/21	Item 4: To consider an application by Shipwright Limited, holder of a first category licence in respect of premises known as The Shipwright, 2 Peirson Road, for a Bailiff’s Annual Entertainment permit; to provide entertainment events, including small bands and DJ’s and to take advantage of charity events and yearly events in the summer at People’s Park.
	<p>Proposer: Andrew Michalski, Seconder: Kelly Williamson.</p> <p>David Robinson, Director of Shipwright Limited spoke on behalf of the application, stating they wish to apply for a P49 licence, to provide entertainment and to take advantage of the footfall generated by functions at People’s Park and, for charity events that they hold for Jersey Lifeboat, Holidays for Heroes, the British Legion and Jersey Brain Tumour Association.</p> <p>The applicant’s believe their business would benefit from having live bands of more than 2 people on a stage. The applicants explained, in the time they have been publicans; moving from the Old England and recently having been 3 years at the Shipwright, they have held functions that have not received a single noise complaint</p>

from residents in the area. They feel this is not going to be any different in regards to people outside the building or entering or leaving the premises than it is already.

The applicants want to work closely with the residents in the area, as they hold the community in the highest regard not only for the reputation of the Shipwright but also potential future customers. They are looking to have the 6 charity events that they hold already and wish to take advantage of footfall from events at People's Park. Events are not going to take place every week or even every month; they will be trading within their normal trading hours, with music finishing at 11pm. The applicants would like to provide different entertainment from that which they are currently permitted to do.

The building is concrete and double glazed. They already have measures in place, including signage for their patrons to respect the neighbours and thick heavy-duty insulation curtains. They are proposing changes to their front door and the plans are currently with Randalls, awaiting permission for a second doorway to insulate from noise and weather. The applicants have put a barrier outside to reduce noise and are willing to listen to any other ideas that any member of the local community may like to put forward. The applicants as publicans are on hand at all times while events are taking place.

Mr Falla stated that he lived in Alexandria House, 50 metres from the premises. He explained that he had been asked by the tenants to come and oppose the application for live music. The residents are not so opposed to music, but the premises in their view is not conducive to live bands. He couldn't believe about the application, until he heard about tonight's meeting.

Mr Falla explained that residents had to listen to music the previous weekend from People's Park and stated that the Shipwright created more noise than the big concert being held on the Park. The residents in the area have concerns about the pub door being open, although they have been advised it might be closed in future. He stated that many smokers use pubs and, that at half time during a football match there can be 30 or so people out in the road making a noise. Mr Falla reported that during the Euro's football tournament there had been a man out on the pavement beating a drum and another with a device making a whistling noise. It is unbelievable that such an application is being made; the residents have had enough and do not want any more noise.

Mr Falla stated that not only were his flats effected; St Johns Court was also involved. He stated that between the two premises, 140 people live there, including hospital shift workers and people with young children for whom the noise is unacceptable

Mr Michael Graham from St Johns Court echoed the views of Mr Falla stating that at closing time they can hear fighting, shouting and swearing.

The applicants stated this was not emanating from their patrons it was coming from premises in Cheapside. Mr Graham said it was coming from the Shipwright, as the premises in Cheapside do not close until 1am. Residents living in the area like to enjoy fresh air and have their windows open, but they can't because of the noise. He said he had been advised that the premises were seeking to put an extra door and whilst he may say let us try it; he knows that once approved there is very little they can do about the noise. They have previously called the police, but nobody is interested

Deputy Ahier asked the applicant to clarify; they were not seeking to extend their opening hours. The applicants said it was their intention to continue to close at 11pm

Procureur Jennings asked the location of the entertainment and for clarification that it was contained within the building and not outside. He asked if it was close to windows and the level of insulation when people are entering and exiting the premises.

Mr Robinson said the entertainment took place on a mezzanine, which is above the door level. They have a second skin on the door to keep in the warmth and the sound of any music. The speakers are placed behind the bar area and are not facing the door, all music is played away from the front of the building. The front door is closed at all times, they are looking to change the door as when it is shut it looks like the pub is closed. Procureur Jennings stated it would have been helpful for the Assembly to see plans of the new door.

The applicants said they had never had a fight on their premises or any noise complaint in their years as publicans, they are trying their best and the last thing they want to do is upset local residents, as they want to build up trade. They welcome any ideas that residents put forward. The premises will not be a nightclub.

	<p>Mr Falla stated that when the premises were built in the 1980's, it was supposed to be a wine bar, but it never was. He stated residents are fed up with noise and live bands will make it worse</p>
	<p>On being put to a vote the application was approved 7 votes in favour and 3 votes against</p>
	<p>The date of the next scheduled Parish Assembly is Wednesday 27th October 2021</p>