

Supervisory Committee Connétables de Jersey

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 9th November 2020
at the Parish Hall, Grouville and virtually.

Present:

Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Chairman (attended virtually)
Connétable de St Héliér - A. S. Crowcroft, Vice Chairman
Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman
Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert
Connétable de Ste Marie - J. M. Le Bailly
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard and the Connétable de St Ouën - R. A. Buchanan.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

Non-exempt (public) under Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011

Mr A Queree,
former
Connétable of
St Ouen

1. The Comité recalled, with sadness, the death of Mr A Queree and paid tribute to his service as Connétable of St Ouen from 1984 to his retirement in 1994 and as Vice Chairman of the Comité from February 1989 to 1994. Mr Queree had also served as a Roads Inspector, Vingtenier and Centenier and was elected a Jurat of the Royal Court (1996-2004). One minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

Minutes

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2020, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Rates (Jersey)
Law 2005 –
shareholders
and Parish
Assembly
membership

3. The Supervisory Committee, with reference to its minute no. 6 of 12th October 2020, was reminded that amendments to the definition of 'owner' in the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 were made in the 2011 Rates year following approval by the States of P.153/2010. The issue of voting at a Parish Assembly was addressed in the report to the draft Regulations, as outlined below, and it was also noted that only one person had a vote on behalf of joint ratepayers (as set out in Article 23(1) of the law).

The company was deemed to be the 'owner' as -

- This simplified the administrative process (otherwise the shareholder was the owner of the flat but the company was the owner of communal areas)
- The company could nominate a representative to attend and vote at the Parish Assembly

The Company was also deemed to be the 'occupier' as -

- This simplified the administrative process (as for owner above)

- Whilst a shareholder considered they had granted a ‘lease’ on a flat, in practice it was actually a ‘licence’ and so the ‘tenant’ was not an ‘occupier’ as defined in the 2005 law
- A person residing at the property, who was a licence holder, was a member of the Parish Assembly if registered as an elector under the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002.

Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 – assessment of domestic property used for non-domestic purposes

4. The Supervisory Committee, with partial reference to its minute no. 7 of 12th October 2020, received, for information, the guidelines agreed by Assessors in 2005 which set out the assessment of domestic and non-domestic under the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005.

Establishment of a digital register of all commercial and residential properties (P.93/2020)

5. The Supervisory Committee, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 12th October 2020, noted that an acknowledgement had been received on behalf of the Chief Minister advising the Chairman’s letter would be brought to the attention of the Council of Ministers.

Chairman Date