



An Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 13 May 2021 at 7pm to conduct the following business;

- 1) To receive and if deemed advisable approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 27 April 2021.
- 2) In conformity with Article 5 of the Loi (1914) sur la Voirie, to elect three candidates to act as members of the Roads Committee.

The candidates are:

- David Cummins
- Peter Hargreaves
- Peter Le Cuirot
- Stanley Payn

JE Le Maistre

Connétable

This meeting is a continuation of the Parish Assembly held in December 2020, which was adjourned after receiving nominations for membership of the Roads Committee.

In light of current Covid restrictions, Parishioners wishing to attend the Assembly **MUST** register in advance, by contacting Grouville Parish Hall preferably by email: grouville@pog.gov.je or by telephone 852225 by 3.45pm Tuesday 11 May 2021.

Attendees will be split between the Parish Hall and the Parish Church.

In the chair the Connétable presided over an Assembly of 254 Parishioners split in two locations, 113 Parishioners in the Parish Hall to the 141 in the Parish Church all wearing face masks.

The Connétable welcomed all in the Parish Hall and in the Church and thanked everyone for their interest in this contested election to elect 3 members of the Roads Committee. The Connétable explained “for your safety, please follow all of the instructions you are given so that we can minimise the risk of covid infection. Please do not loiter or mingle during or after the meeting. At the end of the meeting please adopt safe distancing as soon as you are able to do so. Further instruction will be given later. Once we were aware of the numbers of people who wished to attend. We took advice from the government and their advice was that we could go ahead with this meeting despite not being able to achieve the recommended one metre distancing. We submitted a covid risk assessment to them. The measures we have put in place will minimise any risk to those present. I therefore reiterate that following the instructions is vital.”



The Connétable asked the Parish Secretary to read the convening notice.

The convening notice was read to the Assembly.

- 1) To approve the minutes of the Parish Assembly of the 27 April 2021

The Connétable explained that the minutes were on the Parish website and explained that 2 members of the Honorary Police were elected.

The Minutes were proposed by John Lamy and seconded by David Cummins.

- 2) In conformity with Article 5 of the Loi (1914) sur la Voirie, to elect three candidates to act as members of the Roads Committee.

The candidates are:

- David Cummins
- Peter Hargreaves
- Peter Le Cuirot
- Stanley Payn

The Connétable explained "This is a continuation of the Parish Assembly held on 10 December 2020. At that time, it was not possible to hold a normal Parish Assembly due to the covid pandemic restrictions. We were required by law to hold the meeting in December last year, but we were advised that we could hold a nomination meeting at that time and hold a meeting to take a ballot at a later time when it was safe so to do. We required anyone wishing to attend that meeting to contact us prior to the meeting. We asked all those that had shown an interest in the meeting to contact us if they wished for their name to go forward as a member of the Roads Committee. Four candidates put their names forward for the three vacant places. We arranged a meeting with the minimum number of people in attendance. The four names were duly proposed and seconded by four independent persons in accordance with the law. The four names were duly proposed in the simplest way with no speeches or comments from the proposers and seconders. The four candidates duly proposed are David Cummins, Peter Hargreaves, Peter Le Cuirot and Stanley Payn.

Now is the earliest time that we have been able to consider holding a meeting. The four candidates have already been proposed but normally a few words would be said by the proposer at that time of nomination. This did not happen so tonight the Connétable explained he will invite one representative of each candidate to come forward and speak for up to five minutes on their behalf.

The secretary will ring a bell after four and a half minutes and a final bell at five minutes. The reason for the time limit is to minimise the length of the meeting for all our safety. We have tried to keep arrangements as close as possible to normal and therefore there will be no questions. In my judgement five minutes is plenty of time to cover the remit of the Roads Committee.



The Roads Committee consists of the Constable, the Rector and three elected members. For those who may not be aware, the main responsibilities of the Roads Committee are, the maintenance of the bye roads including the repairs and resurfacing of those roads, the main roads are the responsibility of the Government of Jersey. The Roads Committee will also deal with any matter that concerns roads including Branchage, drainage and planning applications when they may have an impact on our roads. The Roads Committee are not responsible for the speed limits on bye roads. It is the Minister of Infrastructure who has responsibility for speed limits throughout the Island. The Roads Committee can make recommendations to the Minister but would only do this after the proposals have been put before a Parish Assembly. The Roads Committee are also responsible for the refuse contract, but they work along-side the Procurers when negotiating the refuse contract as it is a major item of expenditure.

I am aware that many Parishioners would like curb side collections. The refuse contract is approaching renewal and I have made a commitment that I will hold a Parish Assembly prior to the renewal to discuss this matter. Any decision of a Parish Assembly must be carried out.”

The Connétable invited the first speaker of the candidates chosen in alphabetical order to come forward.

The Connétable invited a representative of David Cummins.

- Peter Le Maistre spoke for 4 minutes and 56 seconds on behalf of David Cummins.

Members of the assembly clapped and the Connétable thanked Peter.

The Connétable invited the representative of Peter Hargreaves to speak.

- Sarah Howard spoke for 5 minutes precisely on behalf of Peter Hargreaves.

Members of the assembly clapped and the Connétable thanked Sarah.

The Connétable invited the representative of Peter Le Cuirot to speak.

- Michael Labey spoke for 4 minutes and 51 seconds on behalf of Peter Le Cuirot.

Members of the assembly clapped and the Connétable thanked Michael.

The Connétable invited the representative of Stanley Payn to speak.

- Adrian le Gal spoke for 5 minutes precisely on behalf of Stanley Payn.

Members of the assembly clapped and the Connétable thanked Adrian.

The Connétable explained “The speeches have now concluded and for those of you who are not familiar with who can vote at a Parish Assembly anyone on the rates list can vote even if they do not live in the Parish and anyone living in the parish who is on the electoral roll. No one can vote twice. Our staff have checked the registers, and no one has been given more than one ballot paper.



Before inviting you to cast your votes I thank you all for coming. It has been an historic Assembly with a two-venue meeting and numbers that far exceed anything I have ever seen. Thank you to the candidates for working so hard and for all of you attending. It is good to see so many people taking an interest in our Parish if you want to keep informed about parish activities, please visit our website where you can get automated notifications of matters concerning this Parish or join the Parish Facebook group. The result of this election will be published on those channels as soon as possible.

You should have all received ballot papers. You can vote for up to three candidates. Please mark your choice or choices with a cross. Once you have voted please do not wait for the result. We will only allow candidates and their immediate supporters to remain. They are all at the Parish Hall where the count will take place. For those in the church please follow the directions of the Rector Helen Gunton who will direct you to the ballot box. Please leave safely and resume social distancing as soon as possible.

For those here in the hall please place your vote in the ballot box at the back of the hall. I will invite you to leave one row at a time through the back door placing your vote as you leave. The Honorary Police will be there to ensure you do not loiter outside.”

At 7.36pm The Assembly began to cast their votes in the Parish Hall and the Church.

When all Parishioners left the Parish Hall chairs were removed and tables were set-up for the count. The ballot box was brought to the Parish Hall accompanied by an Honorary Police Officer.

The candidates and or supporters were at the back of the hall whilst the two ballot boxes were emptied, and the count commenced.

The ballot papers were checked and double checked by staff members, the Connétable and a volunteer. It was adjudicated by the Recteur.

The following results were announced by the Connétable;

Name	Votes
David Cummins	202
Peter Hargreaves	79
Peter le Cuirot	209
Stanley Payn	182

Therefore, the Connétable thanked all candidates for the work they have done and offered commiserations to Peter Hargreaves.

The Connétable congratulated the newly elected members of the Grouville Roads Committee named as David Cummins, Peter Le Cuirot and Stanley Payn. He advised that the secretary will be in touch to arrange the swearing in.

The Assembly was officially closed at 7.30pm.

