



## PARISH OF ST MARY

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT ST MARY'S PARISH HALL ON 7 April 2015 at 8.00pm

An Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Mary was held at St Mary's Parish Hall on Tuesday 7 April 2015 at 8.00pm to consider the following business:

1. Receive and if approved, adopt the Minutes of the Parish Assembly as held on 4 December 2014.
2. Elect one Vingtenier for the Vingtaine du Sud, the term of office of Mr S.D. Jegou shortly to expire.
3. Elect a Constable's Officer for the Vingtaine du Nord, the term of office of Mr A.J. Gilbert shortly to expire.
4. Discuss an application currently before the Bailiff to vary the conditions of the existing annual entertainment permit issued to La Mare Vineyards Ltd.

The Connétable, Mrs Juliette Gallichan opened the meeting by welcoming all and read the notice convening the meeting.

Apologies were received from Revd. B Rostill, Mr Terry Gallichan

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

The Connétable, then asked for proposers to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on the 4 December 2014 as circulated. In response Vingtenier Michael Rondel Proposed that the Minutes be accepted and this was seconded by Centenier Glynn Bower, with all present being in favour

#### 2. Elect one Vingtenier for the Vingtaine du Sud

The Connétable thanked Mr Simon Jegou for his service to the Parish during his latest term of office which was coming to an end and then called for nominations to elect one person as Vingtenier for the Vingtaine du Sud. Vingtenier Michael Rondel proposed Mr Simon Jegou for a further term and this was seconded by Centenier John Alcock. There being no other nominations, the Connétable declared Mr Jegou duly re-elected as a Vingtenier. The Connétable congratulated Mr Jegou and thanked him for standing for a further term and warned him to appear before the Royal Court to be sworn into Office at a date to be confirmed.

#### 3. Elect a Constable's Officer for the Vingtaine du Nord

The Connétable expressed her thanks to Mr Anthony Gilbert for his service to the Parish during his term of office, which was shortly to expire and called for nominations to elect one person as Constable's Officer. Centenier John Alcock proposed Mr Anthony Gilbert for a further term and this was seconded by Centenier Mark Evans. There being no other nominations, the Connétable declared Mr Anthony Gilbert duly re-elected as a Constable's Officer for the Vingtaine du Nord. The Connétable congratulated Mr Gilbert and thanked him for standing again and warned him to appear before the Royal court on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

4. Discuss an application currently before the Bailiff to vary the conditions of the existing annual entertainment permit issued to la Mare Vineyards Ltd

The Connétable introduced the item and reminded the meeting that it was specifically the terms of the Entertainment permit that were under discussion. At the invitation of the Connétable, Mr Crowley the Managing Director of La Mare Vineyards Ltd. addressed the Assembly and outlined the terms of the existing entertainment licence explaining that this is a separate matter to the alcohol licence and is issued annually by the Bailiff. He explained that there were two elements to the proposed changes; firstly to allow entertainment, namely music, at any event held indoors in the Winery on any day of the week in place of the two days (Friday & Saturday) currently specified. At present, it was necessary to apply for any other days on an arising basis and this was administratively burdensome. He emphasised that the events themselves were already permitted and it was just the entertainment that was being added. He also advised the Assembly that the Environmental Health Department were currently happy with the noise levels.

Secondly, he also advised the Assembly that La Mare presently held up to three weekend marquee events (usually a Corporate or Charity event, or combination of the two) per year for up to 350 guests. These were held on the lawn next to the main house and the intention was to include the music of these events on the Annual Entertainment Permit in future. He explained that he foresaw the requirement for these events declining and confirmed that the Company would not be actively marketing these events in future.

There was an opportunity for questions from the floor and the first concerned the cut-off time for music at the outside events, which one neighbour believed was 11.30. Mr Crowley responded that in fact it was 12.30 with the premises to be cleared by 1am

Mr Mansfield raised concerns with regard to the noise which would be emanating from the premises if amplified music was permitted on 7 days a week. Mr Crowley responded that the company Chairman lived in the house on the premises and did not consider this a problem and also that no issues had been raised by the Environmental Health Department. The Assembly was advised that the Winery premises were soundproofed and that there were double doors to prevent sound leakage when people left the premises. It was acknowledged that when the venue was opened there were initial problems caused to neighbours but that these had been resolved, with strict instructions to staff on such things as when glass could be disposed of.

The cost of obtaining individual permits was queried and as this was £35, Mr Crowley was asked why this was onerous. He explained that it was not the cost but the administrative time and the fact that it took up to 4 weeks to be processed. This meant that it was not possible for events to be arranged at short notice.

The meeting acknowledged that the issue of disturbance was particularly relevant to only a handful of neighbours but that that did not mean it was not important.

A Parishioner asked why they couldn't give the closest neighbours increased notice of events likely to cause disturbance so that they could modify their plans accordingly, if necessary. Mr Crowley agreed that this was a good idea and agreed to take it forward. A parishioner indicated that 2 to 3 weeks' notice for the outside entertainment would be appreciated.

The Chef de Police Mark Evans advised the Assembly that the Environmental Protection Department are there to monitor the noise problems and should be contacted alongside the Duty Centenier should nearby residents have any issues.

The Connétable tested the mood of the Assembly by asking for a show of hands of those in favour of supporting a variation to the Annual Entertainment Permit – there were 12 in favour and 2 against

The Constable undertook to make formal mention in the Minutes of the Meeting, for future reference purposes, of:

- the assurance given by Mr Crowley that it was no longer La Mare’s policy to actively market large outside events at the premises, with the future focus being on inside events;
- the undertaking by Mr Crowley to provide greater notice of any large outside events to near neighbours;
- the assurance that doors are kept closed during inside events to prevent noise “leakage”

The Connétable also said that she would write to the Bailiff’s Chambers with a report of the Parishioners’ views and specifically noting the items mentioned above.

The Connétable thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

Signed..... Connétable                      Date.....