An Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Mary was held at St Mary’s Parish Hall on Tuesday 29 March 2016 at 8pm to conduct the following business:

1. Receive and if approved, adopt the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 24 November 2015.
2. Elect Constable’s Officers to fill vacancies that have arisen.
3. To discuss Parish participation in the 2016 Battle of Flowers and if approved to agree the necessary funding and elect a Chairman to form a committee to manage the entry.
4. Subject to prior approval at an Ecclesiastical Assembly, to approve the installation of grilles to lancet windows of the Church Spire.

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

Apologies were received from Mr John & Mrs Nicki Alcock, Mr Tony & Mrs Jan Gilbert, Mr Daniel Reed

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 24 November 2015 were considered. There being no matters arising, Ms Sue Heppolette proposed the adoption of the Minutes which was seconded by Mr John Le Bailly and carried unanimously.

2. Elect Constables Officers to fill vacancies that have arisen.

The Connétable asked for nominations to fill the positions of Constable’s Officers. Mr Mark Evans stood and proposed Miss Charlotte Bashford for the Vingtaine du Nord. Mr Evans’ proposal was seconded by Ms Sue Heppolette. There being no further nominations, the Connétable declared Miss Bashford Elected, thanking her for putting her name forward. The Connétable welcomed her to the Municipality and warned her to appear before the Royal Court to be sworn into Office at a date to be confirmed.

3. Discuss Parish participation in the 2016 Battle of Flowers and if approved to agree the necessary funding and elect a Chairman to form a committee to manage the entry.

The Connétable advised the Assembly that St Mary has recently been given the exciting opportunity to re-enter the Battle of Flowers after an absence of eight years. This opportunity had been made possible after a generous offer of both premises and sponsorship from Tamba Park with support from Secrets Beneath who will build and deliver the float ready to be flowered. There would also be the opportunity to have further sponsorship from within the Parish. The concept is the minions from the Despicable Me series and the entry would be called Miss St Mary and Friends. The Connétable continued to say she would want to get the community involved and next year possibly...
have a Junior float also. The amount of £6,730.00 was already in the general reserve that could go towards next year’s float. In previous years the Parish used to donate £3,000 per year to the St Mary’s Battle of Flowers Association, with the last entry being in 2008.

The cost of the completed float would be around £15,000 and the Parish contribution would be approximately for £5,500 as Tamba had generously agreed to sponsor the Parish £7,500. Each year since 2010 the Parish had allocated £3,000 towards Community Project funding and in that time the fund had been underspent to the tune of £9,200. The Connétable asked the Meeting to consider bringing back £6,500 from the general reserve (ie from the monies already allocated to community projects) to agree that £5,500 be used towards the float costs and the remaining £1,000 used as a contingency.

The Connétable asked whether the Assembly had any questions and the issue of fundraising was raised. It was confirmed that normally this would be undertaken but that due to the last-minute nature of this opportunity, it would not be possible. Fundraising efforts would concentrate on the 2017 entry or entries.

Mr Derek Maltwood stood and said it was a great community project, but would need to be done properly. He endorsed the funding proposals and proposed Connétable Juliette Gallichan as Chairman for 2016. This proposal was seconded by Mr Mark Evans with all in favour.

After further discussion on the level of contingency and the idea that any funds not required could be used to kick-start a Junior entry in 2017. Mr K Barclay proposed that the Parish commit funding of £5,500 and allocate £2,000 in contingency, to be used with the agreement of the Procureurs. This proposal was seconded by Mr Jim Drew and adopted unanimously.

4. Subject to prior approval at an Ecclesiastical Assembly, to approve the installation of grilles to lancet windows of the Church Spire.

The Connétable spoke with regard to the Ecclesiastical Assembly held prior to the Parish Assembly, to note the agreement to go ahead with the installation of grilles to lancet windows of the Church Spire and for asked the Assembly to endorse the undertaking of said works.

The approval to ratify said works was proposed by Mrs Gillian Arthur and was seconded by Mrs Cynthia Cotillard.

There being no further business, the Connétable formally closed the meeting and thanked all for attending.

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