An Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Mary was held at St Mary's Parish Hall on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 8pm to conduct the following business:

1. Receive and if approved, adopt the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 28th November, 2017
2. Elect Constable’s Officers to fill vacancies that have arisen or that will shortly arise
3. Elect one Vingtenier for the Vingtaine du Sud
4. Discuss in principle enhancements to War Memorial
5. Discuss in principle works on informal footpath opposite Rectory
6. Elect Parish Registrar

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 Glynn Bower, Mr Michael Rondel, Mr John Alcock, Mr Peter Le Liard, Mr Martin Stodart, Mr Terry Gallichan and Mr John Le Bailly

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 28 November 2017 were considered. There being no matters arising, Mr James Drew proposed the adoption of the Minutes which was seconded by Mrs Cynthia Cotillard and carried unanimously.

2. Elect Constable’s Officers to fill vacancies that have arisen or that will shortly arise.

The Connétable asked for nominations for Constable’s Officers and the Chef de Police Mr Mark Evans stood to propose the re-election of Mr Anthony Gilbert and Mr Stephane Heliou and the election of Mrs Annette Johnston for the Vingtaine du Nord. This was seconded by Ms Susan Heppolette.

There being no other nominations, the Connétable declared Mr Gilbert and Mr Heliou re-elected and Mrs Johnston elected. She thanked them for standing and warned them to appear at the Royal Court on Friday 23 March 2018 at 10am.


The Connétable asked for nominations for the position of Vingtenier and Mr Anthony Gilbert stood to propose the re-election of Mr Simon Jegou. This was seconded by Mr Derek Maltwood. As there were no other nominations, the Connétable declared Mr Jegou re-elected, thanked him for standing and warned him to appear at the Royal Court on Friday 13 April, 2018 at 10am.
4. Discuss in principle enhancements to the War Memorial.

The Connétable described two possible enhancements which could be made to the War Memorial during 2018 in order to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the end of the Great War. She reminded the meeting that some funds had already been set aside for this. She explained that in 2014 in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War, all parishes had arranged to illuminate their churches and War Memorials with a red light. She went on to say that she had received many positive comments about the lighting of the Memorial and that she had been making preliminary enquiries about installing some subtle permanent lighting.

A second idea she was exploring was to place a pair of small wrought iron gates in the gap at the front of the Memorial, incorporating the year 1918 on one and 2018 on the other. She advised that she had had initial discussions with the Historic Environment Team and that both options were considered appropriate although planning permission would be required. If the gates were black in colour, it would be possible to repaint the existing railings to match. The Connétable also mentioned that she had considered whether the sword on the Monument should be cleaned but was not convinced about this as the patina emphasised the age of the Monument. This view was supported by the Meeting.

A discussion took place regarding these ideas and the feeling of the Meeting was that both had merit. Mr Mark Evans proposed that the Connétable should explore the idea of installing subtle lighting as well as a pair of gates for the entrance to the Memorial. The design should be brought back to the Parish Assembly for approval. This was seconded by Mr James Drew, with all in favour.

5. Discuss in principle, works on informal footpath opposite Rectory.

The Connétable provided a brief background regarding the informal footpath noting that on La Route de Ste Marie, opposite the Rectory, there was a bank with a couple of trees and some tree stumps. The bank was supported by a low roadside. Over recent years, it had become an informal path for people walking along that stretch of road. The Connétable, suggested that a more formal footpath should be constructed. It would not be possible to construct the path so that wheelchairs could use it, as due to the gradient of the slope some steps would be necessary but hopefully buggies could negotiate the steps. It would require some engineering, as on the edge of the path is a high wall between Parish property and the driveway of the houses adjacent which would need to be kept intact and also several tree stumps would need to be removed. The path would require funding although the Connétable suggested that this could be part-funded from the windfall sundry income of nearly £3,000 received during the year from the States. This had been paid in lieu of an anticipated payment of parish rates, which had not been agreed.

Mr Derek Maltwood proposed to undertake further inquiries about the informal pathway and proceed to a Planning Application. This was seconded by Mrs Cynthia Cotillard, with all in favour.
5. Elect Parish Registrar

The Connétable thanked Mrs Shirley de Gruchy who had been Registrar since 2000 and her deputies, Miss Barbara de la Haye and Mrs Cynthia Cotillard.

The Connétable asked for nominations for a new Registrar.

Mrs Shirley de Gruchy proposed Mrs Tracey Samphier and this was seconded by Mr Mark Evans.

As there were no other nominations, the Connétable declared Mrs Samphier elected as the new Registrar and thanked her for standing. The Connétable warned her to appear at the Royal Court on Friday 23 March 2018 at 10am for swearing in.

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

Signed................................ Connétable

Date...........................................