An Assembly of Principals and Electors of the Parish of St. Peter will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 06 September 2017, at 7.15pm to:

1. Receive, and if deemed advisable, approve the Act of the Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 04 July 2017.

2. Elect a Vingtenier, for Vingtaine Augerez, for a period of three years.

3. Elect an Officer du Connetable, for Vingtaine Coin Varin for a period of three years.

**Item 4 withdrawn**

4. Take into consideration the following application for recommendations to the Assembly of Governor, Bailiff and Jurats of Licences for the year 2017.

   Name ________ Tipsy Limited  
   ___________ First Floor  
   ___________ Tower House  
   ___________ La Route es Nouaux  
   ___________ St Helier  
   ___________ JE2 4ZJ  

   Categories _______ First and Third  

   Business _______ The Tipsy  
   ___________ La Route de Beaumont  
   ___________ St Peter  
   ___________ JE3 7BQ  

5. To receive agreement from the Assembly for the Parish to recommend to the Department for Infrastructure to reduce the speed limit of La Rue des Sapins from 30mph to 20mph.

6. To set a budget for the Parish to proceed with remedial works to the Community Centre play area, pedestrian access to incorporate the parish green and petanque area with shelter.

7. Elect members of the Youth and Community Centre Committee for a period of three years, the positions becoming vacant as the previous members have stood down.
On the proposition of Gerald Harrison, seconded by Nigel Johnson, the minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 04 July 2017, which had been previously handed out, were approved.

Gerald Hedley Le Ruez was nominated for the position of Vingtenier for Vingtaine Augerez and proposed by Richard Vibert, seconded by Richard Urban. Mr Le Ruez has previously been involved with the honorary police but has had a 6 year break, he was a very useful officer and he has decided he would like to return. Mr le Ruez was unable to attend this assembly due to work commitments but it gives Richard Vibert a pleasure to propose him.

As there were no further nominations, the Constable is delighted to invite Gerald Le Ruez back into the Parish. Mr Le Ruez has been warned to be at the Royal Court on Friday 06 October at 10.00am, unable to attend at an earlier date due to being away with work.

Mr Vincent Etienne-Marie Simon Piron was nominated for the position of Constables Officer for Vingtaine CoinVarin, proposed by Richard Vibert, seconded by Joao Camara. Mr Piron has recently moved into the parish and is eager to learn the Honorary Police system.

As there were no further nominations, the Constable thanked Mr Piron for applying to assist the parish and duly warned him to be available for swearing in on Friday 15 September 2017 at 10.00am.

This item was withdrawn from this assembly until further notice.

This item was brought to the attention by parishioners more so in recent years. Rue des Sapins runs from St Peters main road towards St Ouen (Queens Jubilee Homes are on the right hand side before getting to Marks & Spencer’s turn right onto Rue des Sapins).

We recognise since St Mary’s instigated speed limits we have seen an increase in traffic at speed especially in the morning. The end section of Rue des Sapins is currently 40mph- should this be reduced?
The Department for Infrastructure have done speed tests and the following are a few figures to give the assembly a feel for the issues. These were collated from the information provided.

The data was recorded from 10.00 on Friday 14 July 2017 for a week. The total volume for the week is 4,712 and there is information on speed, time and length of every one of these.

4176 were within the speed limit of 30 mph
422 were between 30 – 35 mph
90 were between 35 – 40 mph
18 were between 40 – 45 mph
3 were between 45 – 50 mph
3 were between 50 – 55 mph

15/7 at 09.36 - 45.4 mph
16/7 at 01.39 – 54.7 mph
17/7 at 09.12 – 49.7 mph
19/7 at 05.16 – 50.3 mph
19/7 at 17.55 – 47.8 mph
21/7 at 05.36 – 52.2 mph

536 or 11.37% exceeded 30 mph
114 or 2.419% exceeded 35 mph
24 or 0.509% exceeded 40 mph
6 or 0.127% exceeded 45 mph
3 or 0.064% exceeded 50mph

These are the facts from that week of observation.

Clearly this is a problem on this road, of a view that 65% of drivers do take note, 20% do but forget and 15% of drivers just speed anyway and will continue to do so.

The parish honorary police are dealing with other matters during their week and therefore cannot spend all their time on policing this road.

The roads committee have discussed issues of speed around the parish, in the past have put in speed bumps in various areas but shortly afterwards have been requested to take them away, rumble strips were laid but again complaints regarding noise etc. and had to remove them. Also noted that ramps are sped over by vans.

The statistics show high speeds in the early hours, basically break the above report down shows that 11% exceed the limit.

The roads committee have discussed this report in depth with the Department for Infrastructure to get their opinions. The Parish Roads Committee does not support the extension of 30mph all the way through rather than 40mph at the end. The roads committee do not recommend acceptance or rejection of the reduction in speed.
The Constable asked for any comments from the assembly.

Mr Roger Le Gros stood to address the assembly; he has been using Rue des Sapins for over 70 years, the road is not wide enough for 2 cars to pass and is very dangerous. DFI thought it was a good idea to make the road 30mph from St Peters main road and then 2/3rd’s down at St Peters House to increase this to 40mph. There will be a nasty accident. The speed limit should be 20mph to the yellow line at St Peters House. There are no longer many entrances to fields etc. so large vehicles should not be allowed to use this road, traffic also speeds down Les Routeurs. This proposition was brought forward by Roger Le Gros and seconded by Mr Martin Journeaux.

Mr Alan Dix, ex roads committee stood to address the assembly. He has had a lot of dealings with this road and was present at the meeting with DFI when the committee asked for the speed limit to be 30mph all the way through. We do not need 20mph restriction but do need 30mph, we also need speed checks increasing but understands that manpower is short so cannot blame the honorary police however if the police do more checks this would curtail the speed limits. This proposition was brought forward by Alan Dix, seconded by Keith Capern.

Mr Terry Avery said he was open to 20 or 30mph as there is a severe problem on this road and understands the police are unable to do their job efficiently. Could we not talk with the roads committee to instigate road side video/ speed cameras as problems do go on 24 hrs a day, a speed camera is needed and the parish should pursue this.

Chef de Police Richard Vibert stated that penalties for speeding need to be increased, people do not worry about the fines, no further penalties for 2nd/3rd offences. The police have instructions on how to deal with things, to be able to take people to court, things need looking at for speeding. You can have as many cameras as you like but without higher penalties this is not going to work.

The Constable added, if licences were suspended this would impact people more than penalties, speeding can kill and we are aware of this, whilst one can argue the people speeding are the cause, drivers also who cannot see them coming when pulling out can also be the cause. If anyone wishes to feel motivated enough to email the Deputy Kristina Moore regarding these issues please feel free to do so.

Mr Nigel Johnson, member of the roads committee addressed the assembly. The average speed from the report given shows 29mph. 30 or 20mph is not going to happen; traffic calming is needed to ensure reduction. This is the option that is needed but DFI will not pay for this.

Mrs Whittaker stood, she has several issues - There is a significant increase of pedestrians using this road, dangerous for them to walk along,-the road is not wide enough for both vehicles and pedestrians, perhaps a one way system could be considered to prevent log jams that are caused when diversions in place and finally where the 30mph starts, people are accelerating north at high speed. A pedestrian path is needed.
Several parishioners commented on the reduction of the speed on this road. Comments of if we agree 30mph then peoples average speed would still probably be 36mph which is too fast therefore we need to agree a 20mph restriction. There are young children in the area, people with families, dog walkers and all are at risk when using this road.

HGV drivers should be banned, tractors, coaches etc. Should be delivery vehicles only.
A summary was given that whether 20 or 30mph 85% of people will still speed, traffic calming measures are needed.

The Constable addressed the assembly to ask to vote for proposal one made by Mr Le Gros or proposition 2 made by Mr Dix.
A show of hands was given and for the first proposal: 39 For, none against, as only 60 in the assembly the second proposition was dropped.

The Constable will write to DFI with the request from the assembly to reduce the limit on Rue des Sapins to 20mph all the way through. He will also write with further comments brought up in the assembly regarding HGV vehicles, traffic calming etc.

At the main assembly in July 2017, an amount of money was approved in the property contingency fund to be used by the parish.
The existing playground is 15-20 years old and recently been condemned by Health & Safety. The petanque pitch is popular. We also need to attract people to the village green. A new playground is required, the wood paling needs changing as a wall is required, an opening to visually see the green and use of the petanque area too.
We have obtained 3 quotations to include the provision of a playground with equipment and rubberised floor (this is the expensive item).
The Constable is asking for £75,000 with 10 % contingency, this is because the current playground quote is based for older children and we need to be able to provide for younger children.
The Constable has approached the Tenants of the Marsh for a donation so if any monies received from them then the amount from the parish fund would be decreased.

The Senior Procureur confirmed that £100,000 was placed in the property contingency fund and this was agreed in the July assembly. This will not affect the rates set in anyway.

Confirmation that the area being discussed is the whole area outside the community centre, seating and up to the parish green. The centre has seen a drop in the tea room income as parents are not staying with their children as no play area. The parish needs a facility for the community. The village green will only be affected by putting some steps in near the current ramp.
A question was asked will this affect the covenant-. In the event of the field being required, the area would be reverted back to the church.
Tom Du Feu clarified the original agreement dates back to April 1972.
A small shelter for the petanque pitch has been requested, this will consist of a 3 sided chalet style temporary structure.

The Constable assured the assembly that at this point he is requesting approval of the amount of £75,000 plus 10% contingency to be approved and the funds to come from the parish contingency fund. If received the parish will be in contact with planning, discuss with the Rector, Churchwardens and will return to an assembly with designs for approval. This will not impact any other votes or the rates.

A show of hands was given with 50 For, 1 Against with 4 abstentions.

Kerry Sharman was nominated for the position of Treasurer for St Peters Youth & Community Centre for a further period of three years. This will be his second term of office. His position was proposed by Mark Capern, seconded by Colin Le Marquand.

Mark Capern proposed Colin Le Marquand as a committee member for St Peters Youth & Community Centre for a three year term; he was seconded by Keith Capern. Colin is a youth club leader and therefore would act as the link between the centre and the youth club.

Martin Le Guillou was nominated for the position as a member for St Peters Youth & Community Centre Committee, proposed by Mark Capern, seconded by Colin Le Marquand. Martin is a local builder so his expertise will assist in the maintenance of the centre.

No further nominations were given for these positions.

The Constable was delighted to have all these people on board. Chairman Mark Capern also wished to record his thanks to previous members Oliver Michael and Bill Aston for their previous hard work.

As there were no further business the Constable thanked everyone for coming.

This concluded the business of the Assembly.

06 September 2017

J M Refault
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