

PARISH OF GROUVILLE



An Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish will be held at the **Parish Church** on Thursday 14th October 2021 at 7.30pm for the following business:

- 1) Receive and if deemed advisable approve the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Thursday 12th August 2021.
- 2) To discuss the reduction of speed limit to 20mph on La Rue du Coin, La Rue Soulas and Le Chemin du Radier. To agree that these roads should comply with the directions of the new policy which is being developed to give priority to more vulnerable road users. The final decision to be made by the Connétable and Roads Committee.
- 3) To agree the green lane network should be extended to the bottom of Le Chevre Rue.
- 4) To discuss the merits or otherwise of kerbside collection of refuse, to improve recycling in the Parish and decide upon the course of action that the Parish should take on this matter.

Due to the large number of Parishioners expected please email to register parishhall@grouville.je All voters must be registered electors of the Parish of Grouville.

Minutes of the previous Parish Assembly are available on the Parish website- www.parish.gov.je/grouville or they can be collected from Grouville Parish Hall.

The Connétable opened the meeting. He welcomed everyone to the Church and explained that he wanted to ensure that there was room for all Parishioners to attend this meeting. The Connétable welcomed the guest speaker Emma Richardson-Calladine representing the Government department of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment.

The secretary read the convening notice. The Connétable noted the apologies which were received from: Deputy Labey, Procureur Lamy, Bob Le Brocq, Robert Hurley, Mike and Ruth Labey, Drew Livingston and all of the Honorary Police on duty this evening.

There were 85 Parishioners present.

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held on Thursday 12th August 2021.

The minutes were proposed by Jane Simpson and seconded by Nick Parlett.

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The Connétable explained this is the linking of roads from La Hougue Bie to Samares Manor in St Clement. Questions were invited from the floor.

- I. Q. Is it going to be a designated cycle route?
A. Connetable: Not sure it really depends on what proposals come forward. This has not been discussed with Jersey Tourism but it would make sense.
- II. Q. Will the roads be made access to premises only?
A. Connétable: We will need to see the proposals.
- III. Q. La Rue du Coin is already a cycle route, the road is bendy and busy. How will this be policed?
A. Connétable: It is not easy to police but reducing the speed to 20mph will help.
- IV. Q. In what context to comply with the new policy does this comply? Are there other roads that need to comply? How will this impact on other roads?
A. Connétable: Some roads will be quieter so will link up. Roads are for everybody's use, the link up will be used for all. Once there is more transparency of the policy it will generate a debate. The Roads Committee did discuss Cycle for Jersey's suggestions, but some were deemed not to be practical. There is a desire for more infrastructure for cycles.
- V. Q. How expensive will this be to implement?
A. Connetable: The cost will be minimal, being the cost of the signage.

As there were no other questions the Connétable asked for a show of hands. This was overwhelmingly agreed with only 4 against.

3. To agree the green lane network should be extended to the bottom of Le Chevre Rue.

The Connétable explained this is the network that would join Grouville with St Martin. The Connétable invited comments from the floor, as there were no comments it was put to a vote. After a show of hands Parishioners voted unanimously in favour.

4. To discuss the merits or otherwise of kerbside collection of refuse, to improve recycling in the Parish and decide upon the course of action that the Parish should take on this matter.

The Connétable invited Emma Richardson-Calladine to the front to assist with the questions that Parishioners might have. The Connétable explained that the downside is the cost to Parishioners. The Parish hopes to tender before or just after Christmas. He

explained that there would be approximately 7% increase in rates which will see a rise of approximately £25.00 per year to the average 3 bedroom home. Some people already recycle by using bring banks.

The Connétable opened the floor for questions.

- I. Q. Some Parishes use bags to recycle. Have the Parish investigated the cost of that?
A. Connétable: I have not looked at costs yet and I am aware of this system.
ERC: The St Helier bag system – As far as I am aware they collect 2 colour bags that are mixed. They are sorted and shipped to France. We are looking to collect recyclables in three different boxes: 1 box for paper and cardboard 1 box for plastic and 1 box for tin. We would ensure there is a communal arrangement for flats. This will ensure better quality of recyclables and avoid contaminated waste.
- II. Q. If all recycling is exported our carbon footprint will increase if transported around the world. Where is the environmental benefit?
A. ERC: There is still an environmental benefit. We know that 8 out of 10 homes are not recycling. We see the waste the trucks take to La Collette for incineration.
- III. Q. Why are there two systems, the Parish of St Helier and the Government?
A. ERC: Each Parish is responsible for their own waste. The Parish of St Helier looked at other options, it is the Connétable's choice.
Further comment from questioner: The Parish of St Helier generate income and in turn reduce costs. How can you make a decision on cost with a lack of transparency?
A. ERC: More transparency would help. The department have a supply chain, details are confidential. The department of Infrastructure Housing & Environment have a budget for recycling which is ploughed back into help promote recycling.
Paper/card goes to Abbey Waste and is sent to a contractor in the UK. Plastic bottles go to a 'closed loop' recycler who received plastic bottles and turns them into recycled plastic packaging. Metal goes to EMR at La Collette is melted and is used again and again. This would cost Parishioners approximately £1.50 to £2.00 per month per household.
- IV. Q. Is it true to say that Grouville already recycles as Holme Grown is the recycling centre? Everything there is already recycled.
A. ERC: The Government department of IHE offers recycling bring banks but the Parish are not contributing to that cost wise.
Further comment from questioner: There should be greater transparency if contaminated recycling cannot be used. It must be explained in the recycling contract. More transparency of how the carbon impact of export will look.
- V. Q. Presently the refuse collector will not drive down the lane to collect refuse and glass therefore all residents on the lane put bins on the pavement, bins could be stood there all day. This is unlawful. By offering recycling containers it will make the situation worse with more collection frequency therefore blocking the pavement more often near the school. Is there any provision for the collection of green waste?
A. ERC: Green waste will be looked at but not yet. There is a green waste site offered free for households.
Connétable: There is not an easy solution, but environmental issues outweigh this situation. Not everyone has green waste, but they do have recycling.

- VI. Q. Waste paint cans used to be put into a separate skip at La Collette but now it goes into household rubbish. Why is that?
A. ERC: There is no need to separate at present.
- VII. Q. What are boxes made of?
A. Emma: Plastic. Each household will receive three stackable boxes with lids. Apartments will receive shared recycling bins. We will work with the chosen contractor to find out the details. They come from a UK supplier and have a lifespan for indoor and outdoor use. If the Parish require more in the future the cost will be split in half between Government department of IHE and the Parish.
- VIII. Q. We are a household of 3 adults and recycle everything we can so our household will result in less/no collections. Therefore, would the cost be less? The Parish does not have costs. Where is the due diligence? I am surprised there is not a recycling group in the Parish. A.
A. Connétable: We will go out to tender. We will approach 5 contractors. The contractor will still have to go around the whole Parish to collect. There is already an environmental group in the Parish. Kerbside collection will make it easier for people to recycle.
- IX. Q. This is suspicious as it seems recycling by stealth. Why are each Parish ticking off individually? It should be put forward to the States. Take that back to the Minister and vote against.
A. Connétable: It is not ER-C job to defend the Minister. This was a widely published meeting, it is the Parishioners decision, a personal choice on how to vote.
- X. Q. Is the tender just for recycling or both refuse and recycling collections? How about fortnightly general waste collection? Why is food waste collected weekly?
A. ERC: I believe both collections are going out to tender. There is an industry standard to consider including health and safety and hygiene. Therefore food waste should be collected weekly.
- XI. Q. Roads Committee member. We are lucky to have an incinerator on island. With the increased volume of waste exported will this have an effect on our incinerator. A. Emma: No, the incinerator has been designed to adjust input so there is no detriment to the incinerator.
- XII. Q. Is there a separate contract for kerbside recycling and one for general rubbish or just one?
A. Connétable: We will tender for the complete work.
ERC shared some of the thoughts of the pupils of Grouville School: Good idea to have a recycling truck. If you do not have a car, you cannot recycle easily at the moment so it is good. It is good to do as a family and make an effort. If the truck comes it may wake you up. Recycling service must be free to encourage more people to do it. Stop pollution. Save wildlife.
- XIII. Q & A. Roads Committee member. In response to a previous question it wouldn't make sense to collect the refuse fortnightly because we would not find a refuse collector to do it.
- XIV. Q. Will all boxes be collected on the same day? What is the frequency?
A. Connétable: We have not looked into this level of detail yet. Our current thinking in line with another Parish is two weekly paper and card and monthly plastic and tin.
- XV. Q. Roads Committee member. Everyone wants to live in a healthy island and everyone wants to recycle. Families could be teaching children to take recycling

to bring banks. Some can't get to a recycling depot. Maybe a volunteer group could be set-up to look after people and recycle for them. We could set up more bring banks to make it more convenient for Parishioners. This is a good opportunity to do something different and for free. We need to educate Parishioners. Why pay more money?

- XVI. Statement. A Parishioner is confused by the voting slip which stated "*To discuss the merits or otherwise of kerbside collection of refuse, to improve recycling in the Parish and decide upon the course of action that the Parish should take on this matter*" It does not say vote.

There were no other questions so the Connétable asked for a show of hands. As it was too close to call the Connétable called for a ballot. Voting slips were prepared before the meeting for each of the items on the agenda. As the previous two items were voted for unanimously by a show of hands the paper was used for item four on the agenda only.

The Connétable asked for votes to be posted in the ballot boxes situated at the exit points in the church as Parishioners left the building. Once the votes were counted, overseen by the Recteur they will be published on the Parish website and on the Parish Facebook page and Twitter.

The votes were counted in the Matt Le Maistre room in the side chapel of the church by members of staff. At 9.35pm the results were published; 40 in favour of recycling and 39 against. Therefore, the Connétable declared the motion carried.