



PARISH OF GROUVILLE



Minutes

Minutes of the Nomination Meeting

**Held in Grouville Parish Hall on
Wednesday, 5 April 2023 at 19:00**

PRESENT

Mark Labey - Connétable
Daryn Cleworth - Parish Secretary and Minutes

Open Meeting

Connétable Labey opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance before reading out the following statement from the Parish's Data Protection Officer regarding recording of meetings:

Recording of Parish Assemblies

To assist with the preparation of minutes of Parish Assemblies and other meetings going forward, it is the Parish's intention to record what is said. This will be on a trial basis, initially for six months, beginning with the meeting scheduled for 5th April 2023. An update on our experience of carrying out this procedure will be provided at the first Parish Assembly that takes place after 1st October 2023.

The recording will be made using a dedicated standalone device, which will be placed on the desk in front of the Parish Secretary. The intention will be to record everything said, including that said by the Chair of the meeting, members of the municipality, guests, others acting in an official capacity and all principles and electors when addressing the meeting. Our recording is not intended to capture anything else that is said although we recognise this is a possibility and ask that you bear this in mind if you are having a discussion during the meeting that you would not usually expect to be heard by others or documented in the minutes. In the event a private discussion is recorded, the Parish Secretary will use his discretion and not include anything considered unintended for the minutes.

In any event, the Parish Secretary will continue to take written notes of what is said during meetings and will use the recording of what has been said to validate those notes when preparing the minutes. These will continue to be circulated prior to the meeting at which they are to be approved and signed. Once minutes have been approved, these will represent the official record of the meeting and the recording will be deleted. No copies of recordings will be made. The device will be kept securely at the Parish Hall when not in use.

Our hope is that this initiative will be positively received and contribute to the spirit of straightforward transparency by which we wish to conduct Parish affairs. Please refer to the data protection notice on our website if you have any questions regarding the personal data we will be processing for this purpose. Thank you.

	<p>The Connétable went on to advise the Assembly of the process of nominations for the vacant role of Roads Committee, and informed any prospective proposers that a maximum of 3 minutes will be permitted for speeches. Seconders will have the chance to speak if they so choose. Candidates will be permitted to thank their proposers and supporters.</p>
Apologies	<p>Apologies were received from the following:</p> <p>Bernard Rebours – Out of Island</p>
1. Approval of Minutes	<p>Before moving on to item 1, the Connétable advised that the Assembly had 3 sets of minutes to approve and he advised that the Assembly are simply to approve or not to approve the minutes. Sarah Howard asked what the process was if there was a discrepancy with the minutes. The Connétable advised that, at his discretion, he would allow a period of time for anyone who wished to speak on the minutes but the item agenda was to approve them and not debate them. If required, the Connétable would advise at the time how long he will permit.</p> <p>The minutes of the Nomination Meeting held on 15, February 2023 to elect a Procureur du Bien Public and Centenier were proposed by Adrian Le Gal and seconded by David Cummins. The Connétable advised he would allow 1 minute for anyone wishing to comment on them. There were no comments and the minutes were duly adopted unanimously.</p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 20, December 2022 were proposed by Duncan Page and seconded by Tracy Laurent. Before the matter was taken to the vote, Sarah Howard asked for it to be noted that it was a shame that Bernard Rebours was unable to be present this evening as, from her memory, he confirmed that the refuse contract was like for like with the previous refuse contract. She stressed that this was a detail of some importance that needed to be noted.</p> <p>Mr Mark Dawson said that when compared, the 2 refuse contracts are different but the minutes reflect that they were like for like. He said he didn't understand how this was possible. He added that the Assembly didn't have a copy of the contracts before the meeting and so this was investigated afterwards.</p> <p>Mr Rod Amy said he emailed 5 suggestions previously. He added that there were two things that would merit addition, with 2 bullet points that were unclear and needed amendment. The Connétable reminded Mr Amy that he only had 1 minute, to which Mr Amy replied that he would strongly object to that as, if he is not happy with the minutes and he votes against, what happens next? The Connétable advised that the minutes would be approved or otherwise that evening. Mr Amy continued and asked again what would happen if they weren't approved that evening. The Connétable advised that the Parish would meet with complainants and discuss the minutes and bring them back to an Assembly at a later date. Mr Amy replied that this was not the usual way of doing things and that this was not the proper way to run a meeting. The Connétable called time on further debate with Mr Amy at that point, although Mr Amy did specifically request that the Secretary to lodge his strongest complaint. The Connétable advised that his opinion had been duly noted.</p>

	<p>Mr Mark Houzé said that, regardless of the content of the minutes, can the Connétable and Secretary confirm that many parishioners, the number he didn't know, had raised a number of questions and queries regarding the content of the draft, as well as this final version, and that there had been amendments to the various versions that had been uploaded. The Connétable confirmed that Mr Hargreaves had spoken at great length with the Parish Secretary and as a result of his kind intervention, the Secretary had changed several points already and that was why he was keeping comments as short as they are this evening as already there had been a great deal of work done on them.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2022 were proposed by Duncan Page and seconded by Adrian Le Gal. There were 64 votes in favour of the minutes and 9 against. The minutes were therefore duly adopted.</p> <p>The minutes of the Nomination Meeting held on 14, December 2022 to elect 2 Rates Assessors were proposed by Drew Livingston and seconded by Christopher Osgood and were duly approved unanimously.</p>
<p>2. Elect a one candidate to act as a member of the Roads Committee to complete a term of office expiring 31, December 2023</p>	<p>The Connétable asked for nominations for the role of Roads Committee.</p> <p>Mr Ian Mitchell proposed Mr Eric Gavey, who was seconded by Mr Peter Le Maistre.</p> <p>The Connétable then asked the floor if there were any further nominations, to which there were none. The Connétable subsequently declared Mr Gavey elected as a member of the Roads Committee, before Mr Mitchell interjected and requested the opportunity to speak for the candidate he was supporting. The Connétable, accordingly, invited Mr Mitchell to speak.</p> <p>Mr Mitchell started by saying that Mr Gavey had served as a Roads Inspector for Vingtaine de Longueville for 13 years, being called out day and night by the Duty Centenier to attend to blocked drains, fallen trees and various other things affecting the roads. Eric is a boating man and constantly checks the weather. He has a lot of practical experience, which enables him to pre-empt storms before they occur. Often, he will go out before the Duty Centenier. He is a worthy candidate to serve on the Roads Committee and we are fortunate to have someone to volunteer and give his time to serve the Parish.</p> <p>Eric has run several successful businesses with his wife, including Lawrence de Gruchy Cycle Shop before taking over his irrigation and drainage business that he now runs with his son. He is adept at listening and is understanding to people's needs, and often helps in the past by sponsoring cycling events. He has organised and run cycling proficiency tests at Grouville School, so the children can understand safety on the roads. He serves on the Committee for the l'Ecrehous Residents Association and is involved in the Ramsar Steering Group, something that affects us all in the Parish.</p> <p>Through the running of his business, Eric will be well suited to negotiating contracts and would show patience in obtaining the best possible prices for the Parish.</p> <p>The Connétable thanked Mr Mitchell and advised Mr Gavey that he had been elected as a member of the Roads Committee and warned</p>

	him to appear in the Royal Court on Friday, 14 April 2023 for his swearing in.
3. Meeting Closed	The Connétable closed the meeting at 19:22.