

# PARISH OF GROUVILLE



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### Important Update

Dear Parishioners

I write to you all to provide an important update on the Financial Governance Review that the Parish is currently undertaking, as well the Parish Hall roof project and forthcoming Rates Assembly. As you may already be able to tell, it's been a busy year behind the scenes and these are certainly progressive times for the Parish of Grouville.

As many of you will recall, the Parish Assembly set the rate in December last year, meaning the bills were not issued until January 2023. As such, there was always going to be a knock-on effect for this years' Assembly, even without the additional work of the Financial Review.

Focusing first on the Financial Review, I'm delighted to say that I will be announcing a Parish Assembly in the coming weeks. The Working Group that was formed to undertake this important and independent review have worked tirelessly over the summer and I'm pleased to advise that the fruits of their labour will soon be published. By agreement with the Working Group, a report of their research and recommendations has been compiled by the Parish Secretary on behalf of the Parish. This report will first be submitted to the Group for verification, a process already underway, prior to being presented to the Accounts Committee, as promised in last years' Rates Assemblies. The Parish Assembly will follow soon after the Accounts Committee meeting and will be well publicised in all the usual medias.

The Financial Review Working Group have covered topics including the Maison Le Maistre surplus. Many of you will be aware of this following the Parish Assembly that was specially organised on 15 August 2023, in order to progress the essential Parish Hall roof project, which commenced on 29 August. Under the expert stewardship of W Horn Brothers Ltd, ABS Consultants Ltd and Antony Gibb Ltd, I'm delighted with the progress so far and parishioners can follow the project as we will continue to upload photographs of the progress throughout the project.

The Rates Assembly was held on 20 December last year, with the bills being issued early January 2023. This year, despite the strain on resources that the multiple projects currently underway inevitably create, I am hopeful it will be held much earlier. To this end, I will be looking to provide a further update once the Financial Review report has been presented to our Accounts Committee.

Finally, I cannot express enough my thanks for all the support that you give me and the Team here in the Parish. You can't please all the people all the time, as Connétable I know that better than most, but the overwhelming majority of you provide such understanding and support as we drive the Parish through this period of transition and I thank you all for that.

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