

PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE



Minutes of the Parish Assembly	
<p>Held on Monday 27th January 2020 at 7.00 p.m.</p> <p>Assembly Room, St Lawrence</p>	
	<p>Welcome and Apologies: 28 people present</p>
	<p>The Connétable welcomed all present and the Rector led the Assembly in prayer.</p> <p>Apologies: Senator John Le Fondré, Procureur Bruce Harrison, Rodney Pallot, Pat Sabey</p> <p>Deputies in Attendance: Deputy Kirsten Morel Deputy Gregory Guida.</p>
	<p>Convening Notice:</p>
	<p>An Assembly of Principals and Electors of the Parish of St Lawrence will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday 27th January 2020, at 7pm to: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive, and if deemed advisable, approve the Act of the Parish Assembly held on 12th December 2019. 2. Consider, and if agreed, to request the Minister for Infrastructure to reduce the maximum speed limit on the following roads within the Parish, as recommended by the Roads Committee as part of the Road Safety Action Plan. <p>La Rue des Varvots, La Rue de la Golarde, Le Mont Sorsoleil, La Ruelle, La Rue Rouge Cul, La Longue Rue, La Rue des Bessieres, La Rue de la Ville au Bas, Le Pissot, La Rue de Haut, Le Mont Cambrai, Rue de Bas (Vingtaine Haut de la Vallée), Ruelle de St. Clair, Le Mont Misere, Le Mont du Bu de la Rue, La Ruelle Pinel and Le Chemin des Moulins from La Route de St. Aubin to Ruelle de St. Clair.</p> <p>Copies of the proposals are available at the Parish Hall and on the Parish Website.</p> <p>Deidre Mezbourian 21 January 2020 Connétable</p>
1.	<p>Receive, and if deemed advisable, approve the Act of the Parish Assembly held on 12th December 2019.</p>
	<p>The Connétable asked for a proposer and seconder for the minutes. They were proposed by Deputy Kirsten Morel and seconded by Mr Winston Le Brun. On a show of hands, all were in favour with none against. The Minutes having been approved were signed by the Connétable as President of the Assembly.</p>
2.	<p>Consider, and if agreed, to request the Minister for Infrastructure to reduce the maximum speed limit on the following roads within the Parish, as recommended by the Roads</p>

Committee as part of the Road Safety Action Plan.

La Rue des Varvots, La Rue de la Golarde, Le Mont Sorsoleil, La Ruelle, La Rue Rouge Cul, La Longue Rue, La Rue des Bessieres, La Rue de la Ville au Bas, Le Pissot, La Rue de Haut, Le Mont Cambrai, Rue de Bas (Vingtaine Haut de la Vallée), Ruelle de St. Clair, Le Mont Misere, Le Mont du Bu de la Rue, La Ruelle Pinel and Le Chemin des Moulins from La Route de St. Aubin to Ruelle de St. Clair.

The Connétable provided the Assembly with a background as to why the Road Safety Action Plan had been considered.

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the Parish Roads Committee regularly receives requests to lower maximum speeds around the Parish.

Many of those requests are accompanied by emotive comments such as “someone will be killed if you don’t do anything” and “it’s an accident waiting to happen”.

Other reasons given are that pedestrians do not feel safe walking, cyclists do not feel safe cycling, horse riders are put at risk and wildlife is killed by people driving “too fast”.

The Connétable continued that the St Lawrence Roads Committee welcomed the approach taken in 2016 by the then Infrastructure Minister, Deputy Eddie Noel, who took a proposition to the States Assembly to introduce a Road Safety Action Plan, which built upon some legislative changes but which also included an Island wide review of speed limits, to be undertaken in conjunction with Parish Roads Committees.

Following the elections in May 2018, Deputy Kevin Lewis became the Infrastructure Minister and he had endorsed and continued with the implementation of the Road Safety Action Plan.

The policy is that lower speeds will be introduced where vulnerable road users need to be protected and where there are clear road safety benefits.

To that end, his officers are working with Parish Roads Committees across the Island, to review all speed limits in their Parish.

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the Parish had already undergone that process, with two public meetings held at the Parish Hall on the 2nd and 4th of May 2019, at which time Transport officers explained what the Assembly would hear this evening. Parishioners had been asked to complete a questionnaire, which was also available on-line.

The completed questionnaires were then analysed by traffic engineers from the Transport Department and presented to the Roads Committee late last year.

The Connétable informed the Committee that at the start of the collaborative work with the Transport Department, the Roads Committee made the decision to put proposed speed limit changes to a Parish Assembly, in order that final decisions are made in an open, transparent and democratic manner.

The Connétable advised the Assembly that all Parishioners are entitled to vote and have their say on the proposals and that if any of the recommendations are supported by the Assembly, those decisions will be passed to Deputy Lewis, the Transport Minister, for his final approval, at which time he will begin the process of enshrining changes in the law.

The Connétable then introduced Mr Dave Malpas, Transport Planner for the Government of Jersey Transport Team and invited him to speak to the presentation and explain the reasons for the proposed changes. Mr Malpas gave the presentation (a copy of which is attached to these minutes).

Following a number of questions, the Assembly was asked to consider, and if agreed, to reduce the maximum speed limits on:

La Rue des Varvots and La Rue de la Golarde from 40mph to 30mph.

In favour - 19

Against - 0

Abstain – 2

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the motion had been carried.

The Assembly to consider, and if agreed, to reduce the maximum speed limits on:

Le Mont Sorsoleil, La Ruelle from 40mph to 30mph.

In favour - 17

Against - 2

Abstain - 2

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the motion had been carried.

The Assembly to consider, and if agreed, to reduce the maximum speed limit on:

La Rue Rouge Cul from 40mph to 15mph.

In favour - 17

Against - 0

Abstain – 0

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the motion had been carried.

The Assembly to consider, and if agreed, to reduce the maximum speed limit on:

La Longue Rue, La Rue des Bessieres from 40mph to 30mph.

In favour - 21

Against - 0

Abstain – 0

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the motion had been carried.

The Assembly to consider, and if agreed, to reduce the maximum speed limit on:

La Rue de la Ville au Bas, Le Pissot from 40mph to 30mph.

In favour - 23

Against - 0

Abstain – 0

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the motion had been carried.

The Assembly to consider, and if agreed, to reduce the maximum speed limit on:

La Rue de Haut from 30mph to 20mph

In favour - 20
Against - 3
Abstain – 0

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the motion had been carried.

The Assembly to consider, and if agreed, to reduce the maximum speed limit on:
Le Mont Cambrai from 40mph to 30mph

In favour - 22
Against - 0
Abstain – 0

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the motion had been carried.

The Assembly to consider, and if agreed, to reduce the maximum speed limit on:

Rue de Bas, Vingtaine Haut de la Vallée from 30mph to 15mph

In favour - 19
Against - 5
Abstain – 0

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the motion had been carried.

The Assembly to consider, and if agreed, to reduce the maximum speed limit on:

Ruelle de St. Clair, Le Mont Misere, Le Mont du Bu de la Rue, La Ruelle Pinel from 40mph to 15mph

In favour - 22
Against - 1
Abstain – 0

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the motion had been carried.

The Assembly to consider, and if agreed, to reduce the maximum speed limit on:

Le Chemin des Moulins from La Route de St. Aubin to Ruelle de St. Clair from 40mph to 30mph

In favour - 22
Against - 0
Abstain – 1

The Connétable informed the Assembly that the motion had been carried.

Before closing, the Connétable offered her thanks to all who had attended the Assembly and had asked questions or made comments on the proposals. She then thanked the officers of the Transport Department for their help and collaboration on the Speed Limit Review.

There being no further business the Connétable declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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Signed:.....

Date.....

Mrs Deidre Mezbourian, Connétable, President of the Assembly