



## PARISH OF ST SAVIOUR

Parish Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St. Saviour held on Monday  
19<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at 7.05 p.m. at La Salle Paroissiale

**PRESENT:** **SADIE LE SUEUR-RENNARD – CONSTABLE (SLeR)**  
**RICHARD LE QUESNE – PROCUREUR - (RLeQ)**  
**PETER MOURANT – PROCUREUR (PM)**  
**PETER DYSON – RECTOR (PD)**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **MARCO VIEIRA – EXECUTIVE OFFICER (MV)**  
**RICHARD BLANDIN – WORKS MANAGER (RB)**  
**ARCHITECTURE LIMITED**  
**TPT HEALTH AND SAFETY**  
**DENIS WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
**P.O.S.H. FACILITIES, RESOURCES AND RECYCLING MANAGEMENT**

**PRAYER:** PD read the opening prayer.

**APOLOGIES** Deputy Jess Perchard  
Deputy Louise Doublet  
Centenier John Richards  
Centenier David Hallam  
Stuart Mottershaw – Rate Assessor  
Cara Miller - La Cloche (Editor)

**CONVENING NOTICE:** MV read the convening notice as follows: -

1. To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Assembly held on Thursday 4 July 2019
2. To propose the introduction of a kerbside recycling scheme in St. Saviour.
3. To propose a sum of up to £250,000 towards the extension of the Parish Depot.

**ITEM 1: APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were presented to the assembly, proposed by Deputy Kevin Lewis, seconded by Procuruer Peter Mourant and signed by the Connétable Sadie Le Sueur-Rennard.

**ITEM 2: KERBSIDE RECYCLING SCHEME:** SLeR addressed the Assembly and briefly outlined the proposed scheme. She explained that a similar system was previously proposed at an assembly in 2009 but unfortunately rejected by the parishioners.

The Parish is looking to introduce a scheme which, if supported by the Assembly, would include the following: -

1. To offer a house to house collection on a fortnightly basis;
2. To collect plastic bottles, metal packaging, paper and cardboard;
3. To provide you with clear bags. The bags will be available at local outlets of the Co-Op, Waitrose, the Parish Depot and Parish Hall.

All collected recyclables will be delivered to the POSH Depot.

Existing recycling points in the Parish have been working well, some people are already on board. Once the waste has been delivered to POSH Depot, the recycling team would sort out the recyclables and deliver to relevant recycling depots in France.

The scheme is estimated to cost £42,500 which is already included in this year's budgets and therefore no additional cost to the rate payer is expected.

SLeR then called for questions from the floor.

Question: A Parishioner stated that in Devon they use plastic tubs which are kept outside and asked why are we going to be using bags?

Answer: A representative from POSH said the bags will be recyclable and that boxes cause storage problems, St. Helier have been using the bags since 2011 and have not experienced problems with the bags as they are quite durable.

Question: With bags being left outside they could get blown away and make a mess; to prevent this, could the bags be put in with the normal rubbish?

Answer: RB said this wouldn't work as there are two separate lorries and the refuse collectors could not be expected to start separating the recycling from the household rubbish. Household rubbish is a weekly collection and recycling would be fortnightly.

Question: Would people be responsible for their bags being blown down the road?

Answer: RB said yes. Parishioners would be responsible.

Question: Would the bags remain free or would a cost be introduced in the future? Would that be guaranteed?

Answer: SLeR said she could guarantee they will be free for the next two years but could not confirm there would be no charge thereafter.

A Parishioner who had lived in St. Helier for 20 years and now lives in St. Saviour stated that she has experience of St. Helier recycling and said it worked well.

SLeR thanked the Parishioner for her input.

Question: Can Parishioners have a special bin?

Answer: SLeR confirmed that a specific bin will not be provided initially however, the Parish may consider it at their one-year review.

Question: How long is the contract with POSH

Answer: MV stated it will be a five-year contract and it is important that a medium-term contract be put in place.

Question: Is there any scope to reduce the contract to a two-year contract to see if it works as there are concerns regarding seagulls etc?

Answer: SLeR said if the proposal is passed and we agree to go with St. Helier, there will be clauses to pull out if the Parish is not happy with it.

A Parishioner commented that St. Saviour is one of the last parishes to recycle.

SLeR said that it was due to the fact that a proposal was rejected by the Parishioners in 2009.

Question: Can assurances be given that we can opt out or perhaps bring a second proposal for two years if this doesn't go through?

Answer: SLeR said she couldn't give that assurance but would endeavour to ensure the scheme is successful.

A Parishioner mentioned that there are two models of recycling in Jersey. She felt that St. Helier is the best model and was pleased that the Parish is choosing to follow suit as it is an amazing first step to address plastic waste.

SLeR gave her thanks.

Question: A Parishioner who resides in the countryside said they have problems with rats and asked if the recycling could be put into solid containers?

Answer: RB said there is nothing to stop Parishioners buying their own bins as long as they are clearly marked "Recycling".

Another Parishioner said they are pleased about the initiative but said seagulls are an issue. Glass has not been collected door to door at Clos Paumelle since 2018 and asked if it will be reinstated?

SLeR and RB gave reasons why glass collection had been stopped. SLeR then confirmed that the glass collections would be reinstated in Clos Paumelle.

Question: When is the glass collection in Clos Paumelle to be reinstated?

Answer: MV said the Parish expects to re-introduce the service from October 2019.

SLeR said that proper bins will be made available at no cost to the Parishioner.

The Parishioner appreciated the answer.

Question: Does recycling need to be in bags or could it be loose?

Answer: RB said it must be placed in the recycling bags.

Question: Parishioner said they were in favour of recycling but was concerned that all cardboard and paper is being exported and that the incinerator doesn't work. Would it make more sense to use the incinerator so it does what it is supposed to do?

It was then suggested that at future meetings the experts could sit facing the crowd.

Answer: A representative from Denis Waste Management said that the principles of recycling were re-use first then energy recovery. Energy from waste is a last resort. This scheme is simple and easy with no need to worry which colour bag to use. DWM commended SLeR for proposing the scheme.

Deputy Kevin Lewis, Minister for Infrastructure stated that oil is only used to bring the waste plant to working temperature, once the temperature is reached the oil supply is switched off. Flumes are clean and efficient – burning cardboard is not cost effective. Energy from waste produces 7% of electricity in Island – 10,000 houses powered by energy recovery.

Question: A Parishioner wanted confirmation that recycling banks will still be available?

Answer: SLeR confirmed they would be.

Question: A member of the Roads Committee asked if the kerbside recycling scheme would be compulsory and is the 5-year contract reciprocated with POSH?

Answer: RB said that it would not be compulsory. The representative from the POSH also added that it needs to work both ways. There is a 9-month clause that could be triggered if service levels provided by POSH were not met. POSH confirmed to the assembly that it had already invested £400,000 to ensure that their recycling facility can take on the additional load and are committed to working with St Saviour to assist them in the scheme.

Question: A Parishioner said that an alternate day to normal refuse collections would be better and would like to use the same bin for both household rubbish and recycling.

Answer: SLeR asked the Parishioner where he would keep his recycling in the meantime. The resident answered that he would keep his filled recycling bags inside the house and then would place the bags in his normal bin on recycling days.

Question: In the five-year contract, is there a short period to review and give Parishioners an opportunity to give their feedback?

Answer: SLeR confirmed that after a period of one year they would request feedback from Parishioners.

Question: How can the scheme be reviewed if we have signed up for five years? Can there be a break clause?

Answer: The representative from Denis Waste Management stated that, as the contract is between two parties, both parties have to agree. He said he would suggest a review period at the beginning of the contract.

Question: Where would the bags be available from?

Answer: SLeR advised the Parishioner as to where they could be obtained.

Question: A Parishioner questioned that, if the information is only in English, how will non-nationals understand?

Answer: SLeR advised that the information on the bag is written in three languages and more relevant information will be available as scheme goes on.

Question: A Parishioner asked if the existing recycling systems works well why is the Parish to spend more money on a new scheme?

Answer: SLeR said some Parishioners cannot get out to recycling banks and are therefore not able to recycle – kerbside recycling will provide such accessibility to all.

A Parishioner stated that recycling should be simple – the recycling banks are not being used to their full capacity and welcomed the scheme.

**VOTE:**

The Connétable asked the Assembly if there any more questions from the residents, to which none were raised. The Recycling Scheme was then proposed by Constable and Seconded by Procureur Mourant.

**Votes: 92 out of 105 in favour  
6 out of 105 against.**

SLeR promised a review in 12 months and contract for 5 years, she then thanked everyone for attending.

**ITEM 3:  
PROPOSE A  
SUM OF UP TO  
3250,000  
TOWARDS  
THE  
EXTENSION  
OF THE  
PARISH  
DEPOT**

The Constable explained that St. Saviour Battle of Flowers Association were needing new premises to build the Parish Float. Various other premises have been looked at but rents are too expensive.

Warwick Farm has been used the last two years but is too far away which has resulted in in lower community support turnout. Only 1 float was exhibited this year, not 2 as in the past.

Copy of the plans and proposition was made available to all residents at the meeting. This is a great community project and this year's float was designed by children at St. Saviour's primary school. If the proposal was accepted the Association would pay a peppercorn rent. However, if it ceased to continue, the Parish would have a shed that could be rented out.

The Architect of the project was introduced and the Constable opened the floor to questions:

Question: Will the shed be for sole use of Battle of Flowers?

Answer: SLeR said she hoped others would use it but as float building takes 12 months of the year it was doubtful.

Question: An amateur photographer asked if he could use the shed for his photography?

Answer: SLeR said that some space could be made available.

A Parishioner said that they are a supporter of the Battle of Flowers but was struggling with the proposition as it stands. They were not aware that £100,000.00 was already set aside and pointed out that within a 23-page report, only 5 ½ lines were attributed to the proposition and no rationale to support it.

The following questions were asked: -

1. What legal arrangements are there for sub-letting?
2. Who pays for the ongoing maintenance of the property? £13,500 per year is lost revenue so the true cost will be far greater.

Answer: The Architect said that the £100,000 had already been voted for the shed at a prior assembly. Trees had been removed and the cost for ground work was £105,000 which would cost before the shed is erected. Once the shed is painted very little maintenance is required.

SLeR said she supports Parishioners and reiterated if the Battle of Flowers folded, the Parish would get rent from the shed and that they have looked at alternatives.

Question: A Parishioner asked if alternatives could be raised and discussed at the meeting?

Answer: SLeR said they have tried ringing around farmers looking for other buildings but without success.

Question: Where is the rationale?

Answer: SLeR stated that the building would be for the community and £100,000 was agreed at a previous meeting. SLeR is attempting to raise community spirit for the Parishioners to come together.

A Parishioner said that when she saw the proposition she initially thought that the money could be spent somewhere else but after hearing what SLeR had said she has now changed her mind and she is now convinced to go with the shed.

SLeR thanked her for her comments.

Question: What is the square footage of the facility?

Answer: The Architect advised it would be 17.6 x 5.5 x 10 – 137 sq. metres

Question: What is the length of a normal float?

Answer: 35 ft long 12 ft wide with 1.5 metres to walk around the float.

It was commented that, if the Battle of Flowers are proposing to build an adult and a junior float, the shed needs to be bigger.

SLeR confirmed that the required space would be available to accommodate a float, however would look into the matter.

Another Parishioner said that the Connétable sold the proposal for two floats but there is only enough room to hold one float. Another Parishioner agreed with this statement.

Question by a Parishioner: We need to move forward; the youngsters need to have money spent on them. The youth of today are not interested in the Battle of Flowers. They need areas to play. She asked what percentage of Parishioners worked on float?

Answer: SLeR stated that there are eight and a half thousand electors living (more accurate figure of 15,000) in the Parish, of which, 50-60 people work on the float. However, in previous years, when it was built at Rue des Pres there were over 200 people over the BOF week. SLeR asked the Parishioner what would the youth of today like?

The Parishioner said it was not for discussion tonight but suggested a working party be appointed to decide what to spend the money on. She stated that Parishioners were being asked to vote for an extra £150,000 for a maximum of 300 people from the Parish; on this basis she was not prepared to vote for the extra funding.

Question: The Chef de Police said the Battle of Flowers promoted a good community spirit and then went on to say that he was concerned as to where the Police pound was moving to?

Answer: The Architect said there would be a smaller pound on the south side of the shed. Chef de Police said that space for 12 vehicles would be required. At present there are 7 vehicles already in the compound.

SLeR stated that the law is to change and that we won't have to keep the vehicles.

A Parishioner commented that the shed would be an asset and the sooner it is built the cheaper it will cost.

A Parishioner proposed the following amendment to the original proposition as follows:

- To rescind the original agreed amendment to spend up to £100,000 on the shed;

SLeR advised the Assembly that the Parishioner had been a Procureur of the Parish at the time of that original proposal.

There was much discussion on this point with many suggesting that the money be used for social housing and agreed the proposition made by the previous Assembly.

Many at the Assembly thought the meeting was to discuss recycling and that the proposed extension would be used for recycling.

SLeR advised the Parishioners that they had misinterpreted the notice and acknowledged that, in future, more detail would be provided.

A longstanding member of the Battle of Flowers Association stated that they had lost a lot of helpers when they no longer had a permanent building. Not everything is money orientated; they work hard and are passionate about the Battle of Flowers and how special it is to Jersey.

It was suggested that, as there was great passion on both sides, it might be best to defer the meeting and have further discussion another evening with better information and more plans?

SLeR said that it costs a lot of money to hold a Parish Assembly which is why there were two items on the itinerary.

There was much discussion whether to continue to debate this proposition or to withdraw it.

At this point the Rector commented that he felt all those present were in favour of supporting the Battle of Flowers and how important it is in the community, but that several valid concerns had been raised about the present proposal that needed to be taken into account.

It was agreed that the proposal and amendment be postponed, not withdrawn, to be discussed at a later Assembly. This was unanimously agreed by the assembly with 69 of the 105 people being in favour to defer and 15 in favour of continuing with the discussion that evening.

Parishioners would like to see more facts and plans for any future meetings.

**CLOSING**

SLeR thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above a dotted line.

Constable

