



## Parish of **St Saviour**

### Parish Assembly

Thursday 21 September 2023 at 6.30pm

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Kevin C Lewis – Connétable Richard Le Quesne – Procureur du Bien Public Martin Roberts – Procureur du Bien Public Reverend Martin Evans
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Marco Vieira – Executive Officer
<b>APOLOGIES RECEIVED:</b>	Stuart Pirouet, Katrina Wyatt, Andy Pryke, Elizabeth Pryke, Suzie Webb, Raluca Kovacs and Edward Trevor.
	Connétable Lewis presided over the Assembly which numbered 16 people.
<b>CONVENING NOTICE:</b>	<p>The Executive Officer read the Convening Notice as follows:</p> <p>An Assembly of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St. Saviour will be held at the Parish Hall on Thursday 21 September 2023 at 6:30pm for the following business: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To receive and approve the minutes from the previous Parish Assembly held on 21 August 2023.</li><li>2. To receive and approve Proposition P21/0923/1 to dissolve the Pension Reserve Account, presently maintaining a balance of £542,592, and reallocate funds to the designated reserve accounts as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— £ 100,000 to the Roads Reserve</li><li>— £ 100,000 to the Property Reserve</li><li>— £ 300,000 to the Vehicles Reserve</li><li>— £ 42,592 to the General Reserve</li></ul></li><li>3. To receive and approve Proposition P21/0923/2 to purchase a multi-purpose road sweeper costing up to £190,000, utilising the Vehicle Reserve Fund.</li></ol>
<b>ITEM 1</b>	The minutes of the previous Parish Assembly held on 21 August 2023 were proposed by Deputy Ferey, seconded by Stephen Wyatt and unanimously approved by the Assembly.



**ITEM 2**

To receive and approve Proposition P21/0923/1 to dissolve the Pension Reserve Account presently maintaining a balance of £542,592 and reallocate funds to the designated reserve accounts as follows:-

£100,000 to the Roads Reserve  
£100,000 to the Property Reserve  
£300,000 to the Vehicles Reserve  
£ 42,592 to the General Reserve

Connétable Lewis addressed the Assembly and outlined the proposition. A copy of the "Dissolving of the Pension Reserve Account" giving full details of the proposal was shared with the Assembly. In summary the proposition reflects the Parish's collective dedication to ensuring its financial resources are aligned with its community's welfare and long-term stability.

It was highlighted to the assembly that the pension reserve fund no longer serves its purpose, this stems from a decision in 2007 whereby it was deemed appropriate that all pensions would be paid from the general account.

Connétable Lewis called for questions from the floor, several questions and comments were raised. The first enquiry was regarding whether the fund attracts tax, to which it was clarified that it does not, however, individuals in receipt of a pension would be taxed in accordance with Income Tax (Jersey) Law 196.

A broader discussion ensued regarding the availability of funds to meet pension obligations and how the average age of 81 was also determined.

A question arose regarding whether any of the funds allocated to the property reserve would be used to improve the drainage at the Parish Depot, the Constable agreed that this would be considered from either the property reserve account or general reserve account.

Once the Assembly members were satisfied with the responses provided by Connétable Lewis asked the Assembly if there were any further questions.

Subsequently, the proposition to dissolve the Pension Reserve Account was put forward by former Procureur Advocate Peter Maurant and seconded by former Procureur Graeme Wits.

Votes: 16 votes in favour 0 against


**ITEM 3**

To receive and approve Proposition P/21/0923/2 to purchase a multi-purpose road sweeper costing up to £190,000 utilising the Vehicle Reserve Fund.

Connétable Lewis addressed the Assembly for a second time and outlined the proposal to acquire a DAF LF230 FA 4x2 16 ton multipurpose road sweeper being a critical investment for the future of the Parish. He went on to say that the vehicle not only excels in road sweeping but also efficiently handles gully emptying and weedkiller spraying. A copy of the "Purchase of new Multi-Purpose Road Sweeper" proposal was shared with the Assembly.

Several questions and comments were raised concerning the acquisition of a new road sweeper. One of the concerns raised was regarding the increased weight of the new sweeper compared to its predecessor and whether it might have an adverse impact on Parish roads. It was pointed out that the weight of the refuse trucks, at 18 tons, is equivalent to that of the sweeper and that the Parish plans to retain the smaller vehicle for use on narrower roads and



	<p>estates. This consideration was part of the evaluation process when acquiring the new sweeper, as the larger size is expected to double its efficiency, especially in the Grands Vaux area.</p> <p>The increased capacity, particularly in Grands Vaux, was deemed essential. It was also noted that staff would receive training, and the new vehicle boasts additional features such as gulley cleaning, which the previous sweeper did not have.</p> <p>There being no further questions the proposition to purchase the multi-purpose road sweeper was formally proposed by Roads Inspector Stephen Wyatt and seconded by Roads Inspector Barry de la Mare.</p> <p>Votes: 16 votes in favour 0 against</p>
<b>CLOSING:</b>	Connétable Lewis thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.05 pm.
	<p style="text-align: right;">   .....  Chairperson </p>



