

Minutes of Ecclesiastical Assembly
Of St Brelade's Parish Church
Held in St Brelade's Parish Hall
On Tuesday 10th May 2017

Present:

Rev. Mark Bond	Chairman
Steve Pallett	Connetable
Eddie Cuthbert	Church Warden
John Trafford	Church Warden

A total of 25 Parishioners were present at the Meeting.

Rev Mark Bond welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the Convening Notice.

1. **To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly held on 24th May 2016, in the Church Hall.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held in May 2016 were approved.

Proposed by: Mr Eddie Cuthbert

Seconded by: Mrs Amy Mathys

2. **To Consider Selling Field 87**

Rev Mark Bond provided the meeting with background information: along with all the Parish Churches in Jersey, Mark is a Rector and not a Vicar. This is because the 12 Rectors have land which was originally provided in order to provide an income for the Rector, however this income is no longer required as the Rectors' salaries are paid by the Church of England. The Rectorat Committee manage the land.

When Field 192 at La Moye was sold for housing, the Rectorat Committee purchased Field 87 (which is alongside Route De Cimetiere). The States now wish to purchase this field back for development of the new Les Quennevais School. The field was originally purchased for £51,000 and the States are offering to buy it back for £72,000. It is currently a Green Zone. If we do not agree to sell the field, the States have the right to compulsorily purchase it. The Field is to be sold for Educational purposes and not as Building Land.

The Rector advised the Assembly that although the Planning Inspector turned down the original application for the school, this was based on the design of the school, and not the location, and therefore the States still wished to buy the land. The Rector also advised that there is a Contractual Term which states "In the event the development of the school has not been completed within 10 years, there is the option to buy it back at the selling price".

A proposal was made by Senator Sarah Ferguson: In the event that the land is eventually used for housing (if the school was knocked down and houses were built on it), then the value of the land would be protected and the Rectorat would have some come back.

A further proposal was made by Mr Mike Videgrain: In the event of the school not being built on the land, that the land will come back to the Rectorat Committee and not be built on at all.

In answer to a question from the floor, The Rector advised the Assembly that the field has been valued at £15,000 per vergee. This valuation is above Agricultural value, but below Building value. Concern was voiced that we should be selling the field as building land – would not the caretaker’s house be on the premises? The Connetable said that (as far as he is aware) the caretaker’s house is not onsite. The Connetable also advised the Assembly that it is part of the Island Plan that if the school does not go ahead on this site, then it will revert back to a Green Zone. The timescale for the building is to start it at the end of 2017 and complete it by 2019/2020.

There are no Covenants over the Field.

Concern was raised that the field is being undersold. The Connetable advised the Assembly that if we did not sell at this price, then the field would be compulsorily purchased, possibly for a lower amount. BNP Paribas, who are representing the various vendors selling land for the school, recommend that we sell at this price.

Mrs Terri Bond said that it doesn’t seem right to be trying to get more money for the land from the States of Jersey, when they are buying it for educational purposes, for the benefit of our children – it is more gracious and Christian to accept the price they are offering us, rather than have them compulsorily purchase it from us.

The Rev Mark Bond advised the Assembly that permission for the sale of the field had already been granted by Bishop Trevor of Dover, and the new Jersey Governor, Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton.

The following Proposal was voted on:

“We support the recommendation to sell the field, but only on the condition that the land is used for the development of the school and if it is not used for that, then the sale will not go ahead”

Proposed by Mr Mike Videgrain; Seconded by Mrs Enid Quennault

24 voted for the proposal and 3 voted against.

The following Proposal as also voted on:

“The Field is to be sold subject to the value of the land being protected, should the States remove the educational covenant on it”

Proposed by Senator Sarah Ferguson; Seconded by Mr Mike Jackson

23 voted for the proposal and 3 voted against.

3. **Permission to Purchase another Field, if and when it becomes available.**

This was proposed by Mrs Enid Quenault and seconded by Mrs Terri Bond.

29 voted for the proposal and 0 voted against.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm