

MINUTES of the EASTER MEETING of CHIEF PLEAS

Held in The Assembly Room, Sark on **14th April 2010** at 10.00 am.

Present: Sieur J.M. Beaumont OBE, Seigneur; Lt.Col. R.J. Guille MBE, Seneschal; A.W.J. Adams, Prévôt; T.J. Hamon, Greffier; W. Kiernan FCA, Treasurer; and the Constables. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Vice-Admiral Sir Fabian Malbon, KBE, also attended.

26 Conseillers were present at the roll call (see attached list and named voting record).

Opening Remarks

- A** Seneschal Mrs. Carré lived during times of great change, experiencing the after effects felt on the island of the devastating loss of live of Sark men during the First World War, the German occupation during WWII and great change in the life of Sark over the last 15 years of her life, change that she felt to be unnecessary in the way of the loss of traditions and way of life in Sark. Many of you will recall her contributions to debate in Chief Pleas because whilst she did not speak on all subjects when she spoke she did so with passion and a lifetimes' experience of doing things the Sark way for the good of Sark. Mrs. Carré became the Tenant of La Vallette de Haut on the death of her father (Robert Savery de Carteret) on the 19th February 1956 and in the time honoured way of doing things she appointed her husband Hillary to be the Chief Pleas representative for the tenement. It was only on his death in 1995 that Mrs. Carré took her seat, in her own right, at Meetings of Chief Pleas. We all know that she had an encyclopaedic knowledge of Sark not least because her husband was Greffier from 1951 until 1978 and Seneschal from 1979 until 1985 and she also knew Sark's history and was recognised as a huge source of knowledge by many of us who sought her help. Mrs Linda Adams her eldest daughter is now the Tenant and may I, on your behalf, extend condolences of Chief Pleas' to Mrs. Carré's family.

Chief Pleas and the Public stood for a minutes silence in memory of Mrs. Harriet Carré.

- B** Seneschal Welcomed the Lieutenant Governor and, on behalf of Chief Pleas, was pleased to note the recently announced extension to his Governorship until early 2011.
- C** Seneschal The Seneschal also took the opportunity to welcome Major Christopher Beaumont to observe this Meeting.
- D** Maitland Last Friday, the General Purposes & Advisory Committee (GP&A) met members of the Guernsey Policy Council (The External Relations Group) for one of its regular six monthly meetings. The report in Sark's gutter press that Conseiller Maitland was met on the Guernsey quay by a certain Alderney lawyer is a figment of someone's very fertile imagination as the lawyer was several hundreds of miles away – on holiday in Yorkshire.
- Apart from the Chief Minister and his Deputy, the Ministers in charge of Housing, Commerce and Employment, and the Environment were present together with H.M. Procureur. Discussions included the Justice Select Committee Report which has recently been published and which has alerted the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to the continuing pressure that this administration is under as well as stressing the independence of Crown Dependencies from the UK and, with certain exceptions in the case of Sark, from each other.
- It was a very useful meeting; apart from building relationships between the islands, it also emphasised the fact that should Sark want practical help from any Guernsey Department, for example on environmental or planning issues, we only have to ask. There is a resource there of which use is rarely made. Certainly such help could prove to be invaluable.
- The Channel Islands are shortly going to open an office in Brussels with a permanent staff. This is a Guernsey/Jersey initiative but could also well help Sark promote itself and at no cost to ourselves.
- The Chief Minister has accepted the invitation to address the Midsummer meeting of Chief Pleas. The Committee's next meeting with the Policy Council meeting will take place in September. There were also a couple of other dates mentioned – HM Comptroller, Richard McMahon, will be in Sark on June 10th and will be available to meet with any Committee that would like his input. He has also suggested a meeting with Conseillers on the thorny topic of Land Reform.
- Another possible visitor will be the Scottish Chief Minister, Alex Salmon, who will be in Guernsey in June for the British/Irish Council summit and has indicated that he would especially like to visit Sark – possibly on June 23rd or thereabouts.

- E** Seneschal Informed Chief Pleas that Conseiller Magell wrote on the 5th March and Conseiller Atkinson on the 15th March tendering their resignations from the Tourism and Finance and Commerce Committees respectively and with immediate effect. On behalf of the Assembly he thanked them both for their service on those Committees.
- F** Seneschal Informed Chief Pleas of the serious illness of a daughter of the Constable and that the Vingtenier has taken over the duties of the Constable until such time as the Constable is able to return to Sark. In the meantime two of the Assistant Constables, Mr. P. Williams and Mr. E. de Carteret are providing help as required to the Acting Constable. The Seneschal asked that Chief Pleas offer its sympathy and support to the Couldridge family and wished their daughter, Kate, a speedy recovery from her illness, a request that the Assembly willingly endorsed.

1 Minutes of the Christmas Meeting on 20th January 2010

- 1.1 Prevel [Ref:16.9 Maseline Harbour](#) – references should be to ***boulders*** and the last line should read ***....but divers have inspected the harbour area and this is not compromised in any way.***
- 1.2 Guy [Ref:16.16 night navigation](#) – The Committee received email communication from Mr. Lowe, Mr. White and others; they did not attend the meeting.
- 1.3 The minutes were **APPROVED** by the Assembly.
- 1.4 Guy [Matters Arising](#)
[Ref:16.16 night navigation](#) – The Sarnia work boat and team have surveyed the rock (Noire Pierre) and found that it is flat enough to place a mast, painted with reflective paint, with a radar reflector on top of it. This will be done as soon as possible.

2 Questions not related to the Business of the Day

None.

3 General Purposes & Advisory Committee

Bailiwick Prôjets de Loi

- 3.1 Maitland For the past ten years or so, Sark's Financial and Trust Sector has been regulated by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (GFSC). The *Sark Lark* has long been a thing of the past and all such businesses on the Island have to meet the highest international standards. The four Bailiwick Prôjets listed here reflect the continuing development of the GFSC's role. A guide to the changes brought about by these Prôjets is contained in the report.
- 3.2 Atkinson Was concerned that Chief Pleas was approving Laws right, left and centre but how were they being policed?
- 3.3 Maitland The GFSC takes responsibility for monitoring the Laws.
- 3.4 Gomoll [Declared an interest as he had a fiduciary licence](#) – Chief Pleas should be aware of the implications of these amendments. He gave as an example (in the Regulation of Fiduciaries etc. legislation) reference 31B(e) –
The rules – require licensed fiduciaries to employ persons of specified descriptions, and to have at their disposal specified resources, in connection with the carrying on of any regulated activity, and specify the powers and duties of persons so employed.
He employs two such persons and is able to comply but he warned that others in Sark, dealing with fiduciaries, may not be able to comply with this ruling.
- 3.5 Cocksedge Asked if Sark still had someone sitting on The Commission; he understood Captain Brannan did at one time.
- 3.6 Seneschal Elucidated the point, explaining that Captain Brannan's involvement was on the Working Group when the Fiduciaries Law was being developed.
- 3.7 Gomoll Confirmed that the Working Group was no longer in being.
- 3.8 Seneschal There being no other debate, the Seneschal checked whether the Assembly wished to vote for each Law separately or en mass; the latter was agreed.

3.9 Proposition – **CARRIED**

That Chief Pleas approves the following Bailiwick Prôjets de Loi entitled:-

The Banking Supervision (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2010

The Financial Services Commission (Bailiwick of Guernsey)(Amendment) Law 2010

The Regulation of Fiduciaries, Administration Businesses and Company Directors

(Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2010

The Protection of Investors (Bailiwick of Guernsey)(Amendment) Law 2010

4 Agriculture Committee

The Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Enabling Provisions)(Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2010

- 4.1 P.Williams The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species was signed in Washington on 1st July 1975. The UK ratified the Convention in 1976 and the Bailiwick became subject to it at that time. The Convention regulates trade in endangered species by means of a system of import and export permits. The principal objective of the introduction of a regulated system of trade was to reduce the number of endangered animals and plants that were being taken from the wild.
- 4.2 Endangered species are listed in the convention and include mammals (such as bears, elephants and tigers), birds (birds of prey and parrots), reptiles, amphibians, fish and plants. The provisions of the Convention apply not only to living specimens, but also to parts and derived products from the relevant species such as leather goods, furs, carved wood and ivory. The volume of movement of endangered species into and out of the Bailiwick is relatively small (between 10 and 20 import permits and 30 and 40 permits are issued annually).
- 4.3 Over the last few years the Convention Secretariat has been examining the means by which the Convention has been implemented in various countries and territories. It has concluded that the current arrangements in about 30 territories (including the Bailiwick) are now inadequate; at the Conference of Parties held in October 2004, a resolution was passed requiring those territories to enact adequate legislation for the implantation of the Convention by 30 September 2006. Most of the administration arrangements for the implantation of the requirements of the Convention have been in place for some time and the proposed legislation will have no material effect on the volume of and nature of the work that is carried out by the Commerce and Employment Department in Guernsey. It therefore expects to administer the proposed legislation with existing staff.
- 4.4 Clearly this Convention has been around a long time and Sark has been subject to it for many years. This is not a case of handing more of our independence to Guernsey. In its present form, it has become inadequate and must be updated. Conseiller Williams invited anyone requiring more information to contact him after the meeting and he would pass on more of the details he had available.
- 4.5 Gomoll If the legislation is found to be inadequate can it be handled in Sark? Is the change in legislation likely to benefit Sark and will anything change?
- 4.6 P.Williams Responded no to all three questions.
- 4.7 Gomoll Questioned why did Sark need it?
- 4.8 P.Williams If Sark had to produce its own legislation it would be expensive but clearly the Bailiwick legislation needs to include Sark to avoid it being used as a back door for importing endangered species or their products.
- 4.9 R. Dewe The legislation is monitored by Customs in Guernsey.
- 4.10 **Proposition – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas approves the Prôjet de Loi *The Control of Endangered Species (Enabling Provisions)(Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2010.*

5 Shipping Committee

The Alderney and Sark (Licensing of Vessels)(Amendment)(Sark) Law, 2010

- 5.1 Cole This Prôjet was discussed at the Christmas Chief Pleas' meeting in January when voting was deferred so that Law Officers could redraft some parts with which they were not satisfied. At the January meeting and subsequently, Conseillers and others have raised several useful points some of which the Committee has taken the opportunity to include in the revised Prôjet. This shows the value of detailed discussion here that draws on the experience of the whole Assembly and commends the idea of first and second readings of draft legislation.
- 5.2 Amongst the points raised, Conseiller Paul Armorgie spoke in support, but also expressed concern that we do not restrict vessels from other ports. The Committee welcomes his support and entirely agrees with him; we wish to welcome genuine new commerce - it will be easy for them to get a Licence - the licence is free and they only have to show that what they wish to do will not be undermining Sark's lifeline service.
- 5.3 Most governments are able to control and regulate which vessels may trade into and out of their harbours; this is not unusual or controversial. The Prôjet is designed to further protect our lifeline shipping service, much the largest part of which is carried out by our own Isle of Sark Shipping Company (IoSS), owned and operated entirely for the benefit of the people of Sark and on which we all depend and into which Chief Pleas has invested a considerable amount of our taxpayers' money.

- 5.4 Cole This Prôjet is aimed at the long term. Just now we have a hotel building boom - good news for Sark's tourism industry, good for the craftsmen building them and good news for our lifeline shipping service because there's lots of lovely cargo to carry. A boom is the time to pay off debts and build up reserves for the quieter times to come - because no matter what Gordon Brown used to tell us, we know that booms don't go on forever, and when this one is over, in 3 years, or 5 years or 10 years, our fleet of vessels will be that much older and we will be that much closer to having to replace them. At some time in the future, will the Chairman of the Shipping Committee be standing here describing the splendid new vessels our company has on order or will he be standing cap in hand asking, once again, for Sark's taxpayers to find, beg or borrow the 5 or 6 million pounds that will be needed?
- 5.5 Unless we are content to go back to falling on the taxpayers, then we have to protect our lifeline service and ensure that it gets all the business it can, and yes, Conseiller Armorgie, while making sure not to lose any genuine commercial business from France or Jersey. He asked for the full support of all Conseillers for this Prôjet.
- 5.6 He drew attention to the wording of the proposition which had the incorrect name to the Law.
- 5.7 In the Prôjet within Paragraph 7B Interpretation, under the reference to "pleasure vessel", the Committee was requesting that section (b) should be removed in its entirety.
- 5.8 Hunt Asked for clarification of the section to be removed. This was given.
- 5.9 **Both amendments – CARRIED**
- 5.10 Ventress Will this Prôjet affect vessels serving Brecqhou
- 5.11 Cole There were three considerations here; first, Brecqhou is only inhabited by the Tenant, his servants and family; second, the Brecqhou harbour is owned by the Tenant; third, it is impossible to reach Brecqhou from Sark other than by sea. To that end the arrangements for access to Brecqhou would remain separate as now.
- 5.12 Cocksedge Considered it bad practice to bring a law into place without having the procedure in place for appeals. By making the law applicable to all ports, Sark is making a rod for its own back; the French boats have never been a threat to the livelihood of IoSS but provide a welcome boost to the tourist economy. Linked to this, are all the cruise liners going to need a licence to arrive in Sark?
- 5.13 He also questioned why Section 6 of the current Law, relating to fishing boats, had been removed. In the past, Sark fishermen have had to take the fish to sell in Guernsey (trade). John Trustum has come with a viva boat to Sark to collect crab and lobster; now that the co-operative has folded, it is even more important to keep the clause in. The Sark fishermen not only take their fish to Guernsey but now go to Jersey too and it is hoped that a viva boat from Jersey will come to pick up all the fishermen's gear.
- 5.14 If the aim is to protect the route between Guernsey-Sark-Guernsey that is what it should stick to; as it is, the new law creates a loophole for boats setting up a club and coming to Sark.
- 5.15 Why do we still have Alderney written into the title of the Law; surely when Alderney allowed a second boat on their route it should have passed through Chief Pleas? Sark needs a stand-alone law.
- 5.16 Cole Nothing has changed in regard to the right of appeals; this Prôjet is only an amendment to the present Law. The future new Law will likely include an appeal procedure. This short term strategy requires all commercial operations into Sark to have a licence; there is no cost involved and it will be easy to get. Once this amending Law goes forward for approval, an Ordinance will be drafted which will include exemptions. The Committee will look for all those who may need such consideration before the Law is introduced in early 2011.
- 5.17 Armorgie Was grateful for the comprehensive answers and the clarity of presentation. He made reference to the Spencer Report and its suggestion (Paragraph 5.21[1]) to involve the Office of Utility Regulation which body has recently received a poor press. Has the Committee any other independent alternatives other than the Lt. Governor?
- 5.18 Cole Alternatives are being considered. IoSS is the largest consideration; everyone on Sark is a beneficiary of the company's success so cannot be independent but this needs to be overcome for the new Law. If left with the Lt. Governor, it will guarantee a fair decision but with Sark's interest in mind.

- 5.19 Gomoll Asked whether the new Law would deal with one-off journeys. He reiterated his argument from the Christmas Chief Pleas' meeting (Min.ref: 3.27) at which he had given an incidence when he was stuck in Jersey because of the Guernsey Airport Firemen's dispute and would have found it difficult under this new Law to hire a vessel to come direct to Sark as it would have no licence.
- 5.20 Cole The point was accepted but such exemptions are not for the Law but can be included in the subsequent Ordinance to be prepared once the Law is approved. Undoubtedly, appropriate definitions to cover such exemptions can be drafted.
- 5.21 Seneschal Asked how the draft Ordinance was progressing?
- 5.22 Cole Discussions are underway with the Law officers.
- 5.23 Plummer Asked if all current vessels will be affected?
- 5.24 Cole 12 and under vessels are already operated under licence and these are reviewed and renewed annually.
- 5.25 E. Dewe What about visiting cruise ships; who will monitor those?
- 5.26 Cole All cruise ships are booked in and not many come in directly to Sark. Again these can be covered in the exemptions. Policing is always a problem but incoming vessels are monitored by the Harbourmasters and, if they are not on duty, it is regulated by residents' observations and reporting.
- 5.27 Gomoll Creating new Laws and making things illegal raises the cost of administration to deal with their monitoring and enforcement. An easy way would be to set limits in size, frequency or numbers carried on visiting vessels. It was the wrong way around to make things illegal and then announce exemptions at a later date. The Law should wait for the exemptions to be defined. [He called for a named vote.](#)
- 5.28 Cole The amendment law gives no power to the Shipping Committee.
- 5.29 Perrée Building work is likely to finish in 2-3 years after which Sark needs more people coming from more places. This is an unnecessary Law and could be settled in a different way.
- 5.30 Cocksedge Would also prefer to see the exemptions first. Why is Alderney still in the title?
- 5.31 Cole Cannot speak for Alderney but the Law that is being amended is a joint Law; Alderney already has its own amendment to the original Law.
- 5.32 S. Williams Conseiller Gomoll says the Committee has had time to resolve the issues raised at Christmas Chief Pleas but so has Conseiller Gomoll to raise the issues, over which he has concerns, directly with the Committee before today.
- 5.33 Gomoll Took the assurances given at the last meeting.
- 5.34 Armorgie [Declared a pecuniary interest through his wife's business](#) – does the Shipping Committee have plans to operate services to locations other than Guernsey? Do IoSS have the potential to go elsewhere? Has Manche îles given its reaction to the legislation?
- 5.35 Cole The Committee makes no direct input into commercial decisions but IoSS are looking at shipping directly from England. Manche îles has been consulted and accept that apart from applying for a licence its situation will not change.
- 5.36 Maitland It is a bad rule to have exemptions in the main law. By having them in an accompanying Ordinance it is more flexible and if any change is required in future it can be dealt with flexibly and quickly through amending the Ordinance.
- 5.37 Gomoll Protested that it was no different to a police state.
- 5.38 E. Baker Felt that Chief Pleas had been more than generous to such a dominant speaker. One cannot make a law centred around the need to get one person by fishing boat from Jersey on the odd occasion.
- 5.39 Prevel Do Jersey and Guernsey issue licenses?
- 5.40 Cole Jersey does with Ro-Ro licenses and you may remember last year that HD Ferries lost its licence because of lack of compliance. Guernsey is currently considering the issue and Alderney is also working on it.
- 5.41 Armorgie On a more positive note, surely Sark would welcome large numbers of licences to complement the protected Sark-Guernsey route, an indication that more people were coming to Sark from more destinations. He was anxious to increase the landing tax to raise income in order to fund a part-time customs facilities allowing direct access.
- 5.42 Gomoll Expressed sympathy with Conseiller Baker's view; the law should not be drafted for anyone's own personal benefit but he was concerned that it was being introduced against one or two specific vessels.
- 5.43 Cole Felt the debate had been most valuable. It encourages the view that first and second readings might be valuable for more issues when new legislation was being introduced. He supported the idea of exemptions being introduced in the Ordinance as it was easier to amend quickly if and when changes are required; he assured the Assembly that the Committee would work hard before the introduction of the Law in

- 2011 to bring an Ordinance containing exemptions to Chief Pleas.
- 5.44 Seneschal Pointed out the commencement arrangements of this amending law. It cannot be brought into force without an Ordinance and he reminded the Assembly that the Gambling Law, 2002, had still not commenced for that very reason.
- 5.45 **Proposition (as amended at the meeting) – CARRIED on a named vote (20 pour, 6 contre)**
That Chief Pleas approves the Prôjet de Loi entitled *The Alderney and Sark (Licensing of Vessels)(Amendment)(Sark) Law, 2010*, as amended.

6 Development Control Committee

Occupation Law

- 6.1 Dunks Before beginning this item, he informed Chief Pleas that as a result of submissions to the Committee, by members of the public over the weekend and at the Conseillers' Surgery on Monday evening, the Committee would like to debate the Prôjet now but defer the proposition until the next available Chief Pleas; the Committee can then fully respond to the submissions, and where needed, amend the Prôjet accordingly.
- 6.2 Introduced the item pointing out that the Housing (Control of Occupation)(Sark) Law, 2010 is not a 'new' law, but a replacement for The Housing (Temporary Provisions) (Sark) Law, 1976. This temporary law has had to be amended and extended several times since it was first introduced, with the latest extension due to expire in December 2011. Rather than seek yet another extension, a replacement was sought.
- 6.3 At the 2003 Easter Meeting of Chief Pleas, the Committee requested in a proposition *That the Crown Officers be asked to prepare draft legislation to replace the Housing (Temporary Provisions)(Sark) Law, 1976 as amended, with a permanent Law which is Human Rights compliant.*
- 6.4 The minutes of that meeting note that the proposition was carried. Progress on the new law was slow as Chief Pleas' attention was focussed on other more important legislation, such as the Reform Law. Despite this, by October 2008 the old Committee was working on Draft 7 of the replacement law. Since the beginning of January 2009 the new Committee has taken the law through nine more drafts in order to bring the final version before you today. Despite saying 'final' it is ironic that this introduction had to open with news that the Committee intend to produce yet another draft to bring before a future meeting of Chief Pleas.
- 6.5 Some people have asked why do we need such a law, and suggest that all property on Sark should be 'open market'. The purpose of the 1976 temporary Law and its 2010 replacement is to create and maintain a 'local market' category of housing, which can only be occupied by people who have acquired local market qualifications. One has only to look at villages in the southwest of England, where, in the absence of occupancy controls, the majority of housing has become summer lets, occupied for just a few weeks of the year, and which become ghost towns out of season, with local people priced out of the villages they were born and grew up in. It was to hopefully avoid such a situation, that these laws were drafted in Sark.
- 6.6 While members of Chief Pleas will have read the Law, there are a number of points to which attention should be drawn without a line by line explanation.
- 6.7 **Section 1** deals with the Register, being a list of all local market dwellings. In order to reside in a dwelling that appears on the Register, a person needs to be qualified, and Section 5 details those qualifications. A number of people have pointed out that there is a degree of ambiguity regarding the status of dwellings built before 1976, but rebuilt since. This sections needs clarification to the effect that dwellings built/rebuilt on pre-1976 foundations will retain their open market status under the new law.
- 6.8 **Section 2** deals with the rebuilding of open market dwellings once the new law comes into effect; it is not meant to be applied retrospectively and may need to be rewritten to make this clear. A number of people have suggested that 12 months to rebuild as mentioned in subsection (c) is too short and should be increased. The Committee are looking at changing this to 24 months, which if an individual case requires it, may still be extended on application to the Douzaine.
- 6.9 **Section 3** deals with the development of open market dwellings once the law comes into effect. Judging by the feedback received so far, this section has caused a great deal of anxiety and will be looked at again more closely.
- 6.10 **Section 4** details the requirement of an owner or possessor to notify the Douzaine should any changes to their property require it to be included in the Register.

- 6.11 [Section 5](#) details how a person is qualified to reside in local market housing.
- 5(1) identifies four main categories of person who have residential qualifications.
 - 5(2) defines qualification as having been ordinarily resident in Sark for a period of 15 years. Though not mentioned expressly within this law, the term **ordinarily resident** is taken from Section 28(5) of The Reform (Sark) Law, 2008.
 - 5(3) extends qualification to members of the household of a qualified person.
 - 5(6) onwards concerns itself with offences.
- [Please note](#) that subsection (5) is to be modified as per an amendment sent to all Conseillers by e-mail. Persons intended to be covered by this amended subsection will instead be dealt with within The Housing (Control of Occupation) (Commencement and Prescribed Person) (Sark) Ordinance, 2010.
- 6.12 [Section 6](#) details how an owner or possessor may apply to have a dwelling removed from the Register. It lists the process, including the right of appeal, contained in Section 8.
- 6.13 [Section 7](#) details how a person can apply for a declaration that they are a qualified resident. Again this lists the process, including the right of appeal, contained in Section 8.
- 6.14 [Section 8](#) details the process of appeal, whereby a person aggrieved by a decision of the Douzaine may appeal to the Court.
- 6.15 [Section 9](#) covers the matter of false statements.
- 6.16 [Sections 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, & 16](#) cover general provisions, standard features of Sark's Laws.
- 6.17 [Section 13](#) disapplies this law from having effect on the Island of Brecqhou.
- 6.18 Seneschal Understood that the amendment of section 5 of the Law (Control of occupation of restricted dwellings) has already been circulated to Conseillers for information.
- 6.19 Guy Had informed the Development Control Committee of the questions she intended to ask on behalf of three people who had queries on various aspects of this Prôjet -
- If someone has bought an open market house and is currently rebuilding it but it is not finished, will it need to go on the Register?
 - Must an open market house that has been significantly altered since August 1976 go on the Register?
 - If an elderly widow, for example, decides to section off (interior change only) part of her large house to accommodate a carer would the new bit need to go on the Register?
 - What criteria will the Douzaine apply when considering applications for unrestricted dwellings?
 - Can a sample register be drawn up immediately with information that is publically available in the cadastre?
- 6.20 Dunks There is no wish to revoke Open Market status of existing property. Sub-dividing a property is part of the immediate review. The onus is on the owner to demonstrate to the Douzaine under what criteria the property qualifies for open market status. There are roundly 370 properties in Sark and a provisional Register using those addresses can be drawn up.
- 6.21 Hunt Thanked Conseiller Guy whose initiative and organisation set-up the open surgery for any members of the public to talk with Conseillers on the issues on the Chief Pleas agenda. (The Assembly verbally endorsed that comment).
He was concerned about speculative building on virgin land by a local resident with the intention of selling in the future at a large profit.
- 6.22 Dunks That issue is being addressed separately.
- 6.23 R. Dewe Was concerned about the identification of properties as many have the names changed when a new resident takes over.
- 6.24 Dunks Agreed that this was a problem and that some form of GPS identification was needed as well as the name.
- 6.25 Atkinson In Section 2(a) reference is made to **substantially on the same footprint**. Can that be defined by a percentage?
- 6.26 Dunks The Committee had wanted 50% but the Law Officers had said no; also the question of the height of the property compared to the previous dwelling has to be considered.
- 6.27 Atkinson The Law throughout refers to **he** – what about **she**?
- 6.28 Seneschal There is a 1948 Law which deals with that interpretation and applies to all Sark Laws. (Ref: Section 11(3) of this Prôjet)
- 6.29 Plummer Reference is made in the report to a **plain English version**. Could this be available to the public?

- 6.30 Dunks The Law Officers were not comfortable with that being made available to the public; with 17 drafts to date it could be misinterpreted against the wrong draft and be misleading. An attempt will be made to produce a further one before the next submission to Chief Pleas.
- 6.31 S. Williams The Law Officers could allow Conseillers to show their copies to the public.
- 6.32 Armorgie Supported the Law and also Conseiller Williams' comment; he welcomed the public meeting which allowed more consultation to take place.
- 6.33 Gomoll Congratulated Conseiller Dunks on all the work he had put into this Prôjet. He felt a single page policy document for the public, summarising the content of the Prôjet would be most helpful.
- 6.34 Seneschal Reminded the Assembly that this was not a new law but one to replace the 1976 law and bring it up to date.
- 6.35 E. Baker Also thanked Conseiller Dunks for his efforts on this Law, confirming that it was to replace the 1976 Law, taking account of more recent human rights legislation, and ensuring its compatibility with the Housing Law and he quoted the safeguards.
- 6.36 Dunks Concluded the debate with the promise that a revised draft would be brought back to the Midsummer meeting of Chief Pleas.
- 6.37 **Proposition – DEFERRED until Midsummer Chief Pleas**
That Chief Pleas approves the Prôjet de Loi entitled *The Housing (Control of Occupation) (Sark) Law, 2010*.

7 Finance & Commerce Committee

The Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions) (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2010

- 7.1 S.Williams This amendment is an additional subsection in the Law regarding the surrender of leases and clarifies the present position for the avoidance of doubt. Conseiller Williams read out the wording of the amendment.
- 7.2 Gomoll Previously, the Trézieme had to be paid within a year and a day of the transaction being made and he gave La Moinerie as an example of that method. Now under this new system, the payment could be made twice if the sale was passed back initially to the tenant and then later resold to a new owner.
- 7.3 S.Williams That may be the case but it is not the same person paying twice.
- 7.4 Gomoll Reiterated that in the old Law, there was only one charge made in such circumstance over a short period.
- 7.5 Seneschal All the other conditions are in the main law so Conseiller Gomoll was asked if he was homing in on this amendment or was he referring to the whole Law.
- 7.6 Gomoll Didn't think it fair to pay for the surrender of the lease then again when the lease was sold on; shouldn't be charged twice for the same transaction.
- 7.7 S.Williams If the property is sold again it could be some six months later; that is hardly the same transaction.
- 7.8 R. Dewe Gave as example his own sale of La Moinerie. There were eight years left on the lease; the Tenant bought it back and immediately resold it with different conditions on the lease – i.e. two transactions on the same day.
- 7.9 Gomoll Land Reform will resolve the problem in the longer term. If the Tenant takes back a property, refurbishes it and sells it on, this law considers it to be two transactions.
- 7.10 Prevel **Called for a named vote.**
- 7.11 Cook If a Landlord wants to buy it back rather than allow a sub-lease, why shouldn't they pay twice.
- 7.12 S.Williams The Committee was also seeking permission to go to the Law Officers for further changes to be introduced at the Midsummer meeting of Chief Pleas.
- 7.13 **Proposition – CARRIED on a named vote (24 pour, 2 no votes)**
That Chief Pleas approves *The Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions) (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2010*.

8 Road Traffic Committee

The Road Traffic (Tractors & Invalid Carriages)(Amendment) (Sark) Ordinance, 2010

- 8.1 Bateson Gave a brief background to the use of Invalid Carriages and their introduction in the 1960s, instigated by the Dame. Chief Pleas had originally asked for conditions to be imposed on the use of such carriages and this was twofold, requiring the user to be ordinarily resident on Sark and to undergo a medical examination by the Sark Medical Officer who would make a recommendation to the Committee.

- 8.2 Bateson In recent years, the Professor Saint Medical Fund has ownership of many of the carriages and if spares are available these have been loaned to visitors for short term stays. It came to the Committee's attention that there was no basis in Law for this to be done. There are regular visitors who have previously enjoyed the facility; to deny visitors if carriages are available does not encourage tourism. There is also greater disability awareness now, especially in the UK, with many special arrangements to assist those with walking disabilities and the Committee is anxious to resolve the problem ahead of this year's visitor season.
- 8.3 Cocksedge The use by visitors was "allowed" in anticipation of new legislation being introduced which was imminent at the time. It was common sense to make spare capacity available to visitors to the Island.
- 8.4 Ventress Asked if those who qualified as ordinarily resident had to pass a test. The UK Government were tightening up on the driving skills of those using mobility scooters and ensuring each user was covered by insurance following a spate of accidents and the discovery that no legislation governs their use.
- 8.5 Bateson Residents and visitors alike will be required to take a test of competence.
- 8.6 Seneschal Confirmed that the UK Government were looking at all the issues.
- 8.7 Bateson All locals have to have insurance to drive an invalid carriage now. Visitors borrow from the Professor Saint Fund and, provided there is no charge for the hire, their vehicles are insured. It is hoped visitors using the carriages will make a voluntary donation towards maintenance and replacement when they end their visit.
- 8.8 **Proposition – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas approves *The Road Traffic (Tractors & Invalid Carriages)(Amendment) (Sark) Ordinance, 2010*.

9 Sark Influenza (Human) Pandemic Committee Change of Committee Name

- 9.1 Plummer This is the Ordinance to ratify the change of Committee name approved by Chief Pleas at its Christmas meeting (Minute Ref: 18.6).
- 9.2 **Proposition – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance entitled *The Avian Influenza and Control of Birds (Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2010*.

10 Sea Fisheries Committee Parlour Pots

- 10.1 Cocksedge The proposition has a wording change replacing the word **accept** for **approves**. The Ordinance is as requested and approved at the Christmas meeting of Chief Pleas (Minute Ref: 7.4).
- 10.2 **The amendment to the proposition – CARRIED**
- 10.3 **Proposition(as amended at the meeting) – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas approves *The Fishing (Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2010*.

11 General Purposes & Advisory Committee

The European Communities (Implementation of Council Directive on Privacy and Electronic Communications)(Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2010

- 11.1 Maitland The next two items, 11 and 12, are both amending Ordinances of rather a technical nature. This Ordinance amends the 2004 Sark Ordinance of the same name and empowers the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (GFSC) to serve notices on any person to find out whether the law has been broken. An example could be the legal activity on the internet might be tracked down which involves spamming or phishing (and to clarify Conseiller Maitland confirmed that it was spelt with a **ph** and not an **f**).
- 11.2 **Note for public information:**
Spamming is the abuse of electronic messaging systems to send unsolicited bulk messages indiscriminately.
In the field of computer security, phishing is the criminally fraudulent process of attempting to acquire sensitive information such as usernames, passwords and credit card details by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.
- 11.3 **Proposition – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas approves *The European Communities (Implementation of Council Directive on Privacy and Electronic Communications)(Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2010*.

12 General Purposes & Advisory Committee

The Transfer of Funds (Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2010

- 12.1 Maitland This amending Ordinance is necessary because of amendments to the provisions of the Banking Supervision (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1994 which the Assembly has already considered and approved at Item 3. It provides for the information which must accompany bank transfers and is part of the anti-money laundering and countering of terrorism legislation.
- 12.2 **Proposition – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas approves *The Transfer of Funds (Sark)(Amendment) Ordinance, 2010*.

13 Finance & Commerce Committee

2009 Financial Statements

- 13.1 S.Williams This report was written by the former Chairman, Conseiller Ann Atkinson before resigning. If there are any political questions, Conseiller Williams would answer; if there are any questions on the financial statements, the Treasurer can provide a more detailed response.
- 13.2 Guy Had notified the Deputy Chairman of the intention to seek clarification on Contingent Liabilities (Ref: bottom of Page 14 at Section 23). Could the Committee explain the term **Contingent Liability** and also explain why the contingent liability of £565,602 at 31st Dec 2009 is not recorded in the statement of balances on Page 4?
- 13.3 Treasurer Thanked Conseiller Guy for giving notification of her question. First the definition – Financial Statements which show a true and fair view of the state of an entity's affairs are prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards, and the relevant Reporting Standard (Number 12) defines a contingent liability as “*a possible obligation arising from past events whose existence will be confirmed only by occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the entity's control*”.
- 13.4 In this case the past events are the guarantees given by Chief Pleas in respect of loans and overdrafts granted to Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited (IoSS). Also in this case the uncertain future events are that Chief Pleas would only be liable to honour those guarantees in the event that IoSS defaults on its payments in relation to the loans and overdrafts.
- 13.5 Turning to the question of why the contingent liabilities are not recorded in the statement of balances, Reporting Standard No. 12 also states that “*for a liability to qualify for recognition there must be not only a present obligation but also the probability of a transfer of economic benefits to settle that obligation*”. In other words, in order to be recorded in the statement of balances a liability must not only exist at the balance sheet date but there must be some certainty that it will be paid after the balance sheet date.
- 13.6 The contingent liabilities of £565,602 are not recorded in the statement of balances because IoSS is solvent, profit generating, and able to meet its own obligations in respect of the loans and overdrafts as and when they become due.
- 13.7 This accounting treatment has been verified by the auditors both in the signature of their report within the financial statements, and also in a separate letter of confirmation of this accounting treatment which is available to Members on request.
- 13.8 Gomoll Are the contingent liabilities secured in any way?
- 13.9 Treasurer No.
- 13.10 **Proposition – CARRIED**
That the Financial Statements of the Island for the year ended 31st December 2009 be approved.
- 13.11 S.Williams Thanked Conseiller Atkinson for her period on the Finance & Commerce Committee and for her work as Chairman. The Committee nominated Conseiller E. Dewe and there were no further nominations from the Assembly.
- 13.12 **Proposition – CARRIED**
That Conseiller E. Dewe be elected as a Member of the Finance & Commerce Committee.

14 General Purposes & Advisory Committee

Amendment to Rules of Procedure

- 14.1 Maitland It is interesting in the context of this Rule of Procedure that in Guernsey the notice required has already been extended from 5 to 7 days. He considered that this notice is important as a disapplication or annulment of an Ordinance could have major consequences; it is only right that the Committee Chairman involved should have the time to get the appropriate advice. The measure also prevents a last minute ambush taking place in Chief Pleas – we all know that some lawyers are particularly good at them!
- 14.2 Gomoll Conseiller Maitland knows that he begs to differ, in a friendly way, over this issue. There should be the opportunity to consider or debate the issue before committing to a decision and it is the well practiced argument that Sark would be better served by opting into Bailiwick legislation rather than having to opt out of it.
- 14.3 Seneschal This Rule of Procedure would also apply in instances when the GP&A Committee have to fast-track legislation. The Reform Law gives authority to the GP&A Committee to fast track legislation but such action has to be brought to Chief Pleas in retrospect.
- 14.4 **Proposition – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas approves the new rule of procedure attached to this report to make provision for a motion to annul or disapply an Ordinance or Order.

15 Development Control Committee

Control of Marquees and Signs

- 15.1 Dunks There is no control on the erection of marquees at present. As outlined in the report, the Committee feel it could become a problem with large marquees erected permanently in prominent places. If Chief Pleas feels that some form of control is necessary the Committee asks that the proposition is approved and the Committee will seek a workable solution.
- 15.2 Plummer Could a restriction be placed on the time period that these remain in position; perhaps so many days could be defined.
- 15.3 Dunks That is what the Committee had in mind.
- 15.4 S.Williams Applications with time periods requested could be considered. In Guernsey, marquees have been up for over a year in very prominent cliff top positions.
- 15.5 Cocksedge Many money raising charities use marquees over a period for a variety of events. Will this include tents; they often don't stay up too long because of the strength of the wind. Weddings using marquees are a good source of income for the Island.
- 15.6 Melling As in the case of the Island Hall, the marquee was used as alternative premises in an emergency. There needs to be flexibility to cover longer periods if required in an emergency.
- 15.7 **Proposition 1 - CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas direct the Development Control Committee to bring forward an amendment to remove the exclusion of marquees and tents from The Development Control (Sark) Law, 1991 so that in future such provision for more than a specified period would require planning permission.
- 15.8 Dunks The public have made comments about signage. Whilst there is currently no immediate problem it is clear that it could escalate with the number of signs increasing and the potential for illuminated signs to be introduced.
- 15.9 Gomoll If there is no problem why do we need legislation? As for tourists and visitors, if there are no signs how do they find places they want to go? There must be clarification of what is included.
- 15.10 **Proposition 2 - CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas direct the Development Control Committee to bring forward an amendment to the 1992 Ordinance to include the control of the outdoor exhibition of signs as intended by The Development Control (Sark) Law, 1991.

16 General Purposes & Advisory Committee

World Heritage Site status for the Channel Islands

- 16.1 Maitland This is an information report that this Committee has been asked to present to Chief Pleas on behalf of La Société Serquaise.

- 16.2 R. Dewe Questioned the cost of achieving World Heritage Status; to qualify some years ago, the commitment meant costly support of the infrastructure.
- 16.3 Seneschal The project is still at an early stage; this is merely an update on progress so far.

17 Tourism Committee Comings & Goings

- 17.1 S.Williams Has been asked to add that Jan Guy gave her notification in early January 2010 and that she retired early in March but assisted with cover until the end of March when the new Visitor Officer took up her post.
- 17.2 Magell Wanted to make it clear that her resignation from the Committee was in no way sinister but she had increased commitments at home. She remained as Chairman of the Education Committee.
- 17.3 S.Williams Thanked Conseiller Magell for her period on the Tourism Committee and for her work as Deputy Chairman. The Committee nominated Conseiller Melling and there were no further nominations from the Assembly.
- 17.4 **Proposition – CARRIED**
That Conseiller Melling be elected as a Member of the Tourism Committee.

18 General Purposes & Advisory Committee Meeting with The House of Commons Justice Select Committee

- 18.1 Cole Introduced this item as the GP&A Chairman had been away at the time of the visit. The Committee was contacted at short notice and asked to go to Guernsey to meet the Select Committee. The GP&A Committee said that if discussions were needed then the Select Committee should come to Sark; Alderney, which had a similar approach, made the same response and so the select Committee Members and Clerk came here and then onto Alderney.
- 18.2 Melling Had read the report thoroughly but why was a copy of it sent to him by a Guernsey Advocate before Conseillers received one?
- 18.3 Cole Had not received a copy.
- 18.4 Ventress Had checked the internet for recent submissions to the Select Committee and both written and oral submissions are of interest to Sark and he had compiled a dossier.
- 18.5 Seneschal Asked if a copy might come into the Committee Secretary who would make the submissions available to any who requested them.
- 18.6 Armorgie Suggested they might be displayed on the Sark Government website.
- 18.7 Seneschal Agreed and requested Conseillers Cole and Ventress to liaise.
- 18.8 Hunt Volunteered to convert the documents into a PDF file which could be circulated.
- 18.9 Ventress Stressed that he had only downloaded those submissions pertaining to Sark.

19 Shipping Committee IoSS Annual General Meeting Trust legislation for the Shipping Trustees

- 19.1 Cole Thanked the Directors for their efforts in achieving such a turnaround in IoSS fortunes. (The Assembly gave a verbal endorsement of thanks).
- 19.2 **Proposition – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas instructs the Shipping Committee to take the necessary steps to bring legislation for placing the charitable trust which currently holds the shares of IOSS on behalf of the people of Sark on to a Statutory basis back to the House for approval at the next meeting.

20 General Purposes & Advisory Committee The Dual Role of the Seneschal

- 20.1 Maitland This is a work in progress; despite pressures on the Committee from various directions, it is felt that the Committee would not be doing its job thoroughly without looking at the costs involved in separating the dual role. As Chief Pleas may have noticed, GP&A carries a heavy work load – in fact the work illustrated by the number of propositions and reports today only tells a part of the story. Ultimately, it will be for Chief Pleas to decide on the way ahead but meanwhile the Committee would ask for agreement to look at the costs involved in separating the dual role.
- 20.2 **Proposition - CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas directs the General Purposes and Advisory Committee to continue with its work on the separation of the dual roles of the Seneschal, with particular reference to providing a detailed report on the costs involved.

21 The Douzaine

Landslip at La Grande Grève

- 21.1 Prevel The Technical report by the Geotechnical Engineers confirms the worst fears and the likely costs involved to put matters to rights.
- 21.2 Seneschal The devil is in the detail of the technical report.
- 21.3 Prevel Despite the calls for an alternative new path, a possible route was far from clear; he had circulated a further A4 size photograph to each Member today which illustrates an adjacent cliff face that is another potential area ready to slip away.
- 21.4 Hunt Are warning signs to be erected?
- 21.5 Prevel Warning signs have arrived and are about to be erected at both La Grande Grève and Dixcart Bay.
- 21.6 Guy Congratulated the Douzaine and especially Conseiller Prevel for keeping a cool head in the circumstances. A lot of money could be spent for what is only a maybe.
- 21.7 E. Baker Echoed the sentiment concerning Conseiller Prevel who has given freely of his time on this issue.
- 21.8 Melling As a Douzaine Member it his responsibility to consider insurance issues. He has a meeting on 21st April with the Island's Insurers but the indications are that the area is not insurable and for critics who want the beach to be open and accessible, such action would be irresponsible and impose an unquantifiable risk against which it is not possible to insure.

22 General Purposes & Advisory Committee

Census and Register of Residents

- 22.1 Maitland GP&A Committee has been asked to consider this by a number of concerned Conseillers and residents. We need to know more precisely who lives and works on Sark. While a census only provides a snapshot of the situation on a particular day, it would seem that scarce funds could be better spent in setting up a register. Ideas and possible working models from other small communities would be welcomed by this Committee.
- 22.2 E. Baker The Committee was being pressurised by the Tax Assessor for a registration of residents.
- 22.3 **Proposition - CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas directs the General Purposes and Advisory Committee to continue with its research and bring a paper to Midsummer Chief Pleas outlining its proposals on this subject.

23 Agriculture Committee

Committee Mandate

Dark Skies

- 23.1 P. Williams One of the purposes for broadening the mandate is for the Agriculture Committee to act as a conduit and the lead Committee in bringing environmental matters to Chief Pleas. The Committee would naturally consult widely over any issues that may have an impact on other Committees and, as has been done recently, continue to hold joint meetings to further these aims. More and more environmental issues will become apparent in the future and there is much that Sark can contribute to its own well being by being involved.
- 23.2 Gomoll Could animal welfare issues be added to the mandate?
- 23.3 P. Williams Could see no reason why not.
- 23.4 Seneschal Enquired about responsibility for dangerous dogs.
- 23.5 R. Dewe Has always been under the auspices of the GP&A Committee.
- 23.6 Cole Was willing to hand that over.
- 23.7 P. Williams The edit to add animal welfare was accepted by the Committee.
- 23.8 Atkinson Given the added responsibility, shouldn't the Committee be increased from three to five Members?
- 23.9 Seneschal Acknowledged the point and ask that Conseiller Paul Williams return with a report to Chief Pleas.
- 23.10 E. Baker Proposed the combination of Agriculture and Sea Fisheries Committees as having common interest of farming the land and the sea.
- 23.11 Plummer Joint meetings are already taking place over issues of common interest.
- 23.12 Seneschal Suggested the issue is discussed outside Chief Pleas and reported back.
- 23.13 **Proposition (as amended at the meeting) - CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas approves the broadening of the Agriculture Committee Mandate to include horticulture, all environmental issues and animal welfare.

- 23.14 P.Williams The Dark Skies section of this report is for information only. Unfortunately, the penultimate line may have been slightly misleading. The initiative for the campaign has already been taken forward by La Société Serquaise as this is not strictly a matter for Chief Pleas. However, the Committee wholeheartedly support this project and if needed will give any help it can in the future to gain this very prestigious “**Dark Sky Island**” status; maybe another first for Sark and he hoped to reporting to Chief Pleas, via La Société, at least by the end of the year.
- 23.15 Seneschal Asked if anyone attended the meeting on the previous evening. There would be political issues likely in future if Sark becomes the first Dark Skies Island.
- 23.16 Guy It was an exciting meeting last evening and good for Tourism.
- 23.17 S.Williams It is an initiative that the Tourism Committee wholeheartedly supports.

There followed a 75 minute break for Lunch.

Upon Chief Pleas return, the Seneschal gave apologies for the Lt. Governor who had returned to Guernsey to undertake other commitments.

24 General Purposes & Advisory Committee

Administration and Office Support

- 24.1 Hunt [Declared an interest through his business and offered to withdraw](#) – Chief Pleas indicated its willingness for Conseiller Hunt to remain but to take no part in the debate or any subsequent vote.
- 24.2 Audrain Is leading on these projects and introduced the first issue of office computers. Mr. Hunt has been maintaining the computers for the Committee Secretary, the Greffier, the Treasurer, the Constables and for the Seneschal for some years. It can be seen from his attached report that all the computers are in a sorry state and due for upgrading. The Committee Secretary’s computer is in particularly heavy use; he has a considerable workload and spends much of his day working on a second-hand computer salvaged from an upgrade in the school some years ago. If this machine were to fail, the work of all our committees would grind to a halt. In addition, the Treasurer’s computer has given many years of service but is approaching the end of its useful life. The Seneschal’s machine is also in constant use and is several years old. Mr Hunt’s report shows how the Committee can get the best out of the machines currently in use and suggests a plan for replacement. She commended his recommendations to Chief Pleas.
- 24.3 Guy Asked if this review embraced the computers in use at the Visitors’ Centre.
- 24.4 Seneschal Enquired whether Mr. Hunt serviced and maintained those computers.
- 24.5 Guy Confirmed that he did.
- 24.6 Gomoll Asked if any account had been taken of electricity consumption.
- 24.7 Audrain Not as yet.
- 24.8 Bateson Asked if depreciation had been taken into account.
- 24.9 Audrain Confirmed it had.
- 24.10 **Proposition 1 – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas approves a rolling programme of investment in new computers for Sark’s Officers and Administration.
- 24.11 Audrain Turned to the second part of the report dealing with office administration which summarises the current situation. Our Committee Secretary, Mr. Garrard, has to attend and minute all meetings of Chief Pleas and the majority of its committees. He is required to work 34 hours per week and is not asking for any additional pay, only that the regular 12 hours of “paid overtime” are absorbed into his normal salary. She felt she was not alone in finding that the Committee Secretary is available to provide information, undertake correspondence and attend extra meetings at hours well beyond his remit.
- 24.12 Mrs. Robins was appointed to assist the Secretary, and was appointed to do administrative work for 7½ hours a week. She has been working far beyond those hours and has taken on other duties, to the benefit of the Committees. The Committee recommends the hours of work outlined in the proposition.
- 24.13 Atkinson The Committee Secretary is currently paid to work 34 hours but will only be required to work 32 hours under this proposal.
- 24.14 Audrain Agreed but the Secretary works more than the 34 hours for which he is paid.
- 24.15 Atkinson Nevertheless he is currently salaried for 22 hours and 12 additional hours are paid as overtime.

- 24.16 Maitland The Secretary is paid a salary for his basic hours but the overtime paid is at a lower rate.
- 24.17 Atkinson So the Secretary is getting a pay rise because he will be paid the same but working for fewer hours.
- 24.18 Audrain He is actually working on a weekly basis for more hours than he is being paid anyway and is prepared to continue on that understanding.
- 24.19 Seneschal There will be no overtime paid above the basic salary now.
- 24.20 Gomoll Very much appreciated the work and hours that the Committee Secretary commits but Conseiller Atkinson's point is made and noted.
- 24.21 **Proposition 2 – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas agrees to consolidate the hours of the Committee Secretary and approves the increase in hours of his Assistant from 8 hours to 12 hours per week.

25 Road Traffic Committee

The reduction of the number of tractors in use in Sark and the Capping thereof

- 25.1 Hunt Referred to the report and the resolution from Easter Chief Pleas of 2007. The capping of tractor numbers under the current legislation is just not a practical option. At the public surgery earlier this week the Committee received many complaints about the number and use of tractors. In reality there are currently some very large contracts being serviced and it is the same few tractors making many journeys that account for much of the perceived heavy traffic. There are also a few owners/drivers that disregard the law. The Constable has the power to enforce the law when it is being broken but policing during the day is difficult by the very nature of the Island's Constables being volunteers and working individuals who are not free to closely monitor the movement and use of tractors.
- 25.2 Cole The work of Sark's Committees is often difficult; the work of the Road Traffic Committee is impossible. If the cap is removed surely the number of tractors will rise and it will be difficult to reduce numbers back again in the future.
- 25.3 Hunt Every year tractor owners have to renew their licenses and have to justify their need. A number of Conseillers are tractor owners and will testify to the reviews carried out annually by the Committee.
- 25.4 S.Williams The Committee is damned if they do restrict and damned if they don't. There are 20 Special Constables and currently only 1 Constable. Could the Specials police it and a points system be introduced for those breaking the law?
- 25.5 Maitland It is not the number of tractors that is the problem, it is the number of movements. During Easter week when the Island received its first significant number of visitors the number of tractor movements increased if anything and there was real conflict between tractors and visitors.
- 25.6 R. Dewe Not all the licenses are issued for tractors some are for forks and machinery used on sites. As a consequence with so many different sites being developed these machines are also travelling from site to site which is in itself pushing up the number of movements.
- 25.7 Cocksedge Chief Pleas approved the IoSS timetables for this year; now that the frequency has increased, one tractor would be required to undertake 66 journeys in a week to service the boats alone, so Chief Pleas is partly responsible for the number of movements. There is also the problem with dust but The Avenue could be serviced from the back roads. The Constables already limit the times of day when tractors can use The Avenue. Some owners have more than one tractor but are restricted to the number that can be used at any one time.
- 25.8 Guy Capping what we have should be possible and she also supported Conseiller Sandra Williams point about introducing a points system. Could such legislation be introduced?
- 25.9 Bateson Capping or reducing – the Committee is asking Chief Pleas to decide whether it wants to go that way and if it does, it should be aware of the consequences.
- 25.10 Hunt The new Law will be a consolidation of the proliferation of laws that currently exist so fines and penalties are already included in the legislation; the problem is lack of policing.
- 25.11 Conseiller Hunt took the opportunity to amend, with Chief Pleas approval one word in the current proposition; the word **proposition** should be replaced with the word **resolution**. The Assembly accepted the change.
- 25.12 Gomoll There is a need to look ahead ten years to see where the Island might be going. Should we be restricting particular tractors from The Avenue or should there be specific restrictions on types or uses of tractors?

- 25.13 S.Williams Drew attention to those who go to the Harbour specifically to meet friends or relatives from the boats. There is a transport facility to/from the Harbour which everyone should use unless there is a very sound reason why this can't be done. To go and pick up a partner who has been shopping in Guernsey simply to collect the shopping and the partner is an abuse of why the tractor is allocated.
- 25.14 Hunt There are also those who take their tractors to the Harbour and leave it there all day whilst they visit Guernsey. There is no parking at the Harbour for such reasons.
- 25.15 Bateson When the annual licence renewals were considered this last December for approval in 2010, greater scrutiny was made of the provisions of each licence and where there were doubtful uses listed these were removed and owners made to justify their reinstatement. Those who use tractors for their personal convenience are the ones who create the most resentment by those without tractors and give rise to the most complaints.
- 25.16 Guy Regarding parking at the Harbours, fishermen are allowed to park there whilst they are out working and letters have recently been sent out to all boat owners in which they have been reminded of the parking restrictions. Clearly both Committees must liaise to ensure that common advice is being given.
- 25.17 Hunt Accepted the correction that there are exceptions to the parking rules.
- 25.18 Perrée With the changes to the IoSS timetable the new time for The Avenue restriction back to 11.00am is much better. She also appreciated the benefit of early cargo during the season. The dust problem will not go away and needs to be considered with so many tractor movements. No new law is needed without seeking co-operation from and consultation with existing owners.
- 25.19 Audrain So many of the complaints about tractors relate to their size; most people don't mind the smaller tractors but the large tractors have the greatest impact. Could there not be appropriate licence charges to reflect the differences in size?
- 25.20 Bateson The Committee does use its discretion when approving new applications and whether the tractor is suitable for the work to which it will be used or if a greater specification is being requested than is really needed..
- 25.21 Cocksedge Polite letters have been sent to owners in the past seeking their consideration but to no effect. The public should be assisting the Constable to police any abuse.
- 25.22 Hunt The dust issue would be less of a problem if drivers kept to the 10 mph speed limit. He accepted the idea of using the Special Constables as a good idea.
- 25.23 P.Williams Reminded the Assembly that the Special Constables are paid an hourly rate when on duty.
- 25.24 Hunt The idea would not be to involve them in specific call-outs but just to report incidents when observed.
- 25.25 Gomoll There is a need to be careful otherwise they will become quasi traffic wardens.
- 25.26 P.Williams There is an excessive number of movement at the moment because of the need to remove spoil from one area to another. Public Works was consulted and gave permission for the movements. The foreman has complied since requests were made. What is needed is better dialogue.
- 25.27 Prevel Should anyone be interested, there have been 18 tractor movements through the Clos a Jaôn junction outside during the course of this debate.
- 25.28 Bateson The choice is simple – if you wish the Committee to apply capping vote against the proposition.
- 25.29 **Proposition (as amended at the meeting) – CARRIED**
To rescind the resolution which was carried under Item 14 of the Easter Meeting of Chief Pleas held on the 11th/12th April 2007.

26 General Purposes & Advisory Committee Renewable Energy

- 26.1 E. Baker Led on this item as he was involved on the project. He acknowledged the work of Roger Olsen who was a non-Chief Pleas Member of the GP&A Committee and was fully committed on Sark's behalf in progressing development of renewable energy policy and its future implementation. Appreciation was made of the co-operation now developing between the Islands in the various Working Groups that are meeting regularly and in particular with the advice and assistance coming from Guernsey.

- 26.2 Cocksedge In all the talks on Tidal Power there has been no mention of cost to Sark. Do we have any figures? The Pentland Firth off the North Coast of Scotland has started ten pioneering marine energy farms. There are something like 80 different types of underwater turbines and devices in development at present. It still remains an expensive source of power.
- 26.3 The Oyster Project cost £11 million to develop; they may be able to bring the cost down to £3 million in the future. The Pentland Firth Project cost £5 billion to install. £1 billion of public investment was needed to put the infrastructure in place. So he repeated his question – what is the cost to Sark?
- 26.4 He had concerns about the safeguards in place if we go ahead for safety zones etc. for Sark waters. How can the Sark fishermen protect their fishing grounds? If one takes the Hammerfest, which is modelled on conventional wind turbines adapted for underwater use, this is 21 metres high, the length of two football pitches. The Pelmais, which is like a sausage on the sea, is about two double decker buses long and needs depths of at least 50 metres or 164 feet. The Oyster which sits on the bottom of the sea is 10 metres high (33 feet) and sits only 50 metres (546 yards) off shore. If there are to be farms of these machines there will be a few no take zones. Sark only has a small sea area so needs to look after its limited resources.
- 26.5 Why have Committee turned down working with Guernsey? He thought most of the infrastructure of sourcing materials, docking facilities and possibly the electricity linking would be through Guernsey. It must make sense to have the same rule for safety in both areas. Finally has the situation as to the Crown Estates owning the sea bed around Sark been resolved.
- 26.6 E. Baker Investigation of the cost continues but currently for Sark it is minimal; Guernsey is doing the initial investigation.
- 26.7 Hunt Initially maybe but what about the longer term?
- 26.8 Cocksedge It appears Sark is working with Guernsey but going down a separate line with its own parallel legislation; shouldn't it be joining together.
- 26.9 E. Baker The Committee is developing a parallel law as it was Chief Pleas wish to retain flexibility should Sark need it at any time in the future.
- 26.10 Ventress The development of Tidal Power will never give Sark cheap electricity but, when the oil runs out, a pan-islands scheme working together with France will be available if Sark continues to take the initiative and enlist the co-operation and help from the other larger islands. It is important everyone goes forward together using finance generated by the companies wishing to develop renewable energy.
- 26.11 R. Dewe Development and installation will be at the Developers' expense; Sark will make its money from the sale of licenses for exploration and development. Co-operation with the other Islands is essential to set-up a grid system for maximum effect.
- 26.12 Guy Attempted to return to the issues outlined in the first proposition and its purpose.
- 26.13 Melling There are 120 pages of Health & Safety Law relating to Guernsey; Sark does not have Health & Safety legislation.
- 26.14 E. Baker Confirmed that the reason for requesting inclusion of Health and Safety Laws for this project is so that the legislation is compatible with Guernsey and that the Developer of any cross boundary installations is not dealing with different rules.
- 26.15 Gomoll The thrust of this proposition is to give compatibility within parallel legislation yet still retain flexibility for Sark.
- 26.16 **Proposition 1 – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas approves the above proposals, that power to provide by Ordinance for regulation of (a) health and safety risks arising in relation to work carried out in connection with renewable energy systems and (b) the safety and supply of energy generated or supplied from renewable energy systems should be included in the draft Prôjet relating to renewable energy systems and directs that such Prôjet is drafted to make such provision.
- 26.17 E. Baker This next proposition is to include within any enabling legislation the ability to extend its provisions to renewable energy source on land should at some future date it be needed.
- 26.18 **Proposition 2 – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas approves the above proposal that both marine and land-based renewable energy systems be regulated in the draft Prôjet relating to renewable energy and directs that the Prôjet is drafted to make such provision.

- 26.19 E. Baker It is crucial that safety zones are in place and here Sark is following Guernsey's lead.
- 26.20 Cocksedge Again repeated his concerns of the affect such safeguard zones would have on traditional fishing grounds around Sark. With each underwater device being 21 metres high, a farm of five devices would exclude fishermen from a large area.
- 26.21 E. Baker The Guernsey Renewable Energy Commission has recently published its Regional Environmental Assessment Scoping Report; this includes and outlines the environmental assessment for tidal power around Sark, can be read by anyone and is available in the Committee Room.
- 26.22 Cocksedge This was only a table-top exercise and did not assess the effects that such generators would have on tides and currents.

26.23 **Proposition 3 – CARRIED**

That Chief Pleas approves the above proposals that the draft renewable energy Prôjet include powers to provide by Ordinance for the creation of safety zones, extinguishment, suspension or imposition of restrictions or conditions on rights of navigation and the issuing of various enforcement notices, the taking of other enforcement action (including remedial action) and directs that such draft projet is drafted to make such provision.

- 26.24 E. Baker The fourth proposition ensures that whatever proposals emerge from the liaison and development with the other Islands, the Sark legislation will retain flexibility to deal with any regulatory system and ensure that Chief Pleas always takes the final decision on issues affecting its area of jurisdiction.

Proposition 4 – CARRIED

That Chief Pleas approves the above proposals that the draft renewable energy Prôjet includes the power to provide by Ordinance for the conferring of regulatory and other functions in relation to renewable energy systems in Sark and its territorial waters on any public body and that such a Prôjet is drafted to make such provision.

27 Harbours & Pilotage Committee

People Shelter/Crane Shed

Sark Visitor Moorings Business

- 27.1 Guy Didn't have anything further to add to the part of the report about the people shelter and crane shed. Conseiller Prevel has worked on this and will be able to answer any questions on practicalities that you might have as will Conseiller Edric Baker.
- 27.2 There being no questions, the introduction moved to the second element of the report and the Sark Visitors' Moorings Business. The Committee regrets that this has to be discussed now as both the owners of the business have family problems at the moment. However, the season has begun and all agree that something must be done.
- 27.3 Reference was made to a letter from the Sark Chamber of Commerce, dated 13th April 2010, circulated to all Conseillers by e-mail ahead of today's meeting.
- 27.4 Seneschal Pointed out that this had arrived too late to be submitted as a Chief Pleas' paper.
- 27.5 Conseillers A number of Conseillers protested that they hadn't seen the letter as it had been sent too late to be read before today's meeting.
- 27.6 Bateson Asked if anyone cared what the opinion of the Chamber of Trade was on the issue anyway?
- 27.7 Seneschal The Chief Pleas papers have been available for three weeks and 11th hour representations are hardly admissible as not all Conseillers have seen it and many have not had time to read it or absorb the implications it raises.
- 27.8 Gomoll It can still be referred to if necessary.
- 27.9 S.Williams Had no objections to using it but it could have been sent two weeks ago or a representative could have attended the open surgery with Conseillers last Monday.
- 27.10 Guy It needs to be made quite clear from the outset that the Committee wish that there will continue to be visitors' moorings, ideally run by the same people but, to quote our legal advisor, '*the status quo is not an option*'.
This is a matter which various Harbours Committees over a number of years have attempted to address. None has managed to resolve it at Committee level as the business owners refuse to pay monies as they initially agreed in 2001 and Committees have felt that they have a responsibility to attempt to collect it.

- 27.11 Guy The report is as submitted but since writing the Committee has received a response from one of the owners of the business still maintaining that he feels that the business should pay no further money to the Island and expressing the view that a wider audience of Chief Pleas Members and particularly the Tourism Committee should be aware of the situation. Harbours & Pilotage Committee is of the opinion that, as arrangements for the original agreement went through Chief Pleas, it is indeed time to bring it back to this Assembly. While this actual agreement was never finally signed by either of the parties our legal advisor assures us that '*clearly there is a legal contract in force*' because of evidence of oral agreement and particularly because of the contents of a letter to the then Committee from The Business Owners saying - '*We confirm the following that it is agreed that we lay 40 moorings, the mooring fees charged to visitors will include ten percent in addition to our fee which will be collected on your committees behalf....*'
- The Committee certainly feels that only Chief Pleas could say whether that debt could be negated.
- 27.13 The Committee has also offered to read out a paper putting forward the business owners' points should they wish to provide it. None has been received but, as mentioned in the report, one of the owners has pressing family commitments at the moment.
- You will have worked out from the propositions that there are actually four possible outcomes –
- Compensation plus new paying agreement;
 - No compensation and new paying agreement;
 - Compensation plus new non paying agreement;
 - No compensation plus a new non paying agreement.
- 27.14 In all cases there will have to be a binding agreement so that control remains in the hands of Harbours and Pilotage Committee on behalf of Chief Pleas and the Island in the same way as the Committee is responsible for allocation of all other mooring spaces. In consultation with our legal advisor, we suggest that any new agreement, should it include any aspect of payment, should be an annual payment for use of the public resource, (payable within 14 dates and auditable) rather than payment per boat which uses each mooring. If an agreement could not be reached, it would be incumbent on Harbours and Pilotage Committee to provide some visitors' moorings this year.
- The Committee is asking Chief Pleas to consider the options and give direction.
- 27.15 Gomoll Wanted to know if the Committee would be cross if Chief Pleas asked the Committee to handle it as it thought appropriate.
- 27.16 Guy As the original idea came from Chief Pleas it seemed only right that the Committee should seek Chief Pleas' guidance.
- 27.17 S.Williams Tourism Committee would like to retain the status quo but it suggests this is not possible. The timing is bad as it is so close to the beginning of the season. It may be necessary to defer visitors' moorings for this season. If voting, she would select Propositions 1B and 2B.
- 27.18 Guy Harbours & Pilotage Committee is anxious to avoid having no visitors' moorings available in 2010.
- 27.19 Melling This is simply Sark; why hasn't the debt been collected? It would appear there are faults on both sides so he would advocate forgetting the existing debt.
- 27.20 Cole The amount to be paid was proportional to the amount of business which was making use of a limited resource which nobody else has to offer. In future any business should pay for that scarce resource; these are valuable moorings.
- 27.21 Perrée [Declared a pecuniary interest in the business](#) – the original initiative was to provide a safe haven for visiting pleasure vessels visiting Sark. She agreed that there were faults on both sides but the business did not make much profit, indeed this year it was a £130 loss. Currently visitors are being turned away as there are no guaranteed safe moorings.
- 27.22 E. Baker Surely the operators know their costs and what profit they expect to make so if 10% was added to the charge it would fulfil the obligation of the agreement?
- 27.23 Bateson Was concerned about the precedent of having an agreement, entered into with a Chief Pleas' Committee, and the business just walking away from its commitment.
- 27.24 Guy The problem was that the Committee had no idea of the income which was never declared and there being no way of measuring the 10% share to be paid.

- 27.25 Armorgie When the agreement was set-up there had been concerns about monitoring it; there has been a great breakdown in communication between the business and the Committee. There should be a formal licensing agreement. He did not want to see the loss of the Visitors' Moorings as fixed moorings were preferable to boats dragging their own anchors.
- 27.26 Gomoll If the current operation continues for another two years at the end the equipment could be turned over to the Island's ownership.
- 27.27 Cook That idea was put to the business and the idea hit a brick wall.
- 27.28 Melling Wasn't suggesting abandoning 2010, just giving the operator another free year.
- 27.29 Perrée It wasn't that simple; this being the third year of the cycle all the mooring equipment is due for renewal and no payment has been made for the setting-up.
- 27.30 S.Williams The moorings have cost Sark nothing but it has received much goodwill by having them. Will the business remove its equipment if no agreement is possible?
- 27.31 Cook The moorings have to be set up each year; setting up with payments delayed for a year is a new issue.
- 27.32 de Carteret The account should be paid. If we ran our businesses like we do this Island, we would be in dire trouble.
- 27.33 Gomoll If fees are recouped, can the money be reinvested into new equipment owned by the Island?
- 27.34 Guy It had been a useful debate but the matter needs resolving.
- 27.35 de Carteret [Called for a named vote.](#)
- 27.36 Guy The key objective was to retain visitors' moorings for the benefit of the Island.
- 27.37 **Proposition 1A – FAILED on a named vote (3 pour, 21 contre, 2 no votes)**
That Chief Pleas instruct the Finance and Commerce Committee (with assistance from Harbours and Pilotage Committee) to seek compensation for the lack of payment to the Island of agreed charges for the commercial exploitation of the sea bed for the years 2004 to 2009 from the owners of Sark Visitors' Moorings.
- 27.38 **Proposition 1B – CARRIED**
That Chief Pleas agree that charges to Sark Visitors' Moorings for the commercial exploitation of the sea bed for the years 2004 to 2009 to the owners of Sark Visitor Moorings should be negated.
- 27.39 **Proposition 2A – CARRIED on a named vote (18 pour, 7 contre, 1 no vote)**
That any new agreement that is made should include direct payment to the island for the right to commercially exploit the sea bed.
- 27.40 **Proposition 2B – FALLS following the approval of proposition 2A**
That any new agreement that is made requires no payment to the island as the benefit to tourism is considered sufficient recompense.

28 The Douzaine and Harbours & Pilotage Committees

Storage of Second Crane

- 28.1 Guy When the new crane was first purchased one of the options for storage was the modification of the existing building next to the present crane shed. This was put on hold while an idea for a joint people shelter/crane shed on the Maseline hardstanding was put forward. This has been rejected at the moment because of the possibility of obstructing some current working practices involving carters and the Public Works Department and because the slope requires remedial work as discussed in the previous agenda item (27).
- 28.2 Consequently the two Committees met earlier in the year and devised a plan whereby, with some modification, the existing shed could accommodate the crane. It was generally felt better use of existing space would be preferable to building yet more sheds or a lean-to in that area. However, unlike the proposed plan for accommodating the crane on the Maseline hardstanding, there is no money to do the work, hence the proposition. There is also a desire to proceed with this as soon as the work can be put out to tender to enable us to remove the unlovely temporary shelter which is housing the Groves at the moment.
The only update is that the project now has Development Control approval.
- 28.3 Prevel [Declared an interest in the potential work.](#)
- 28.4 S.Williams What is meant by *in the region of £15k*?
- 28.5 Guy Conseiller Prevel has made his best estimate but the work will be put out to tender.

- 28.6 Gomoll Has the second crane been used since the arrival of the new crane?
 28.7 Guy Regularly and both cranes were employed on the same job on one occasion.

Proposition - CARRIED

That Chief Pleas allocates funds from reserves to modify the existing building to enable both cranes to be housed side by side. The amount required is expected to be in the region of £15,000.

29 Sea Fisheries Committee

Bailiwick of Guernsey Fisheries Management Agreement

- 29.1 Cocksedge The Management Agreement has come about after many discussions and meetings with the relevant parties, including visits to London to meet with DEFRA and the Ministers involved with Sea Fisheries, putting Sark's case and its logistic of working out of two harbours and with a close season for fishing in its waters. As Chairman of the Committee, he had also met with Alderney representatives, without Guernsey being present, to agree matters of common interest. The Committee has brought the former Chief Minister and the Guernsey Fisheries Officers to Sark to meet with Chief Pleas Members and Sark fishermen.

- 29.2 The Commission is needed because the UK Government only wish to deal with one body representing the whole of the Bailiwick. The Agreement has clauses written in to safeguard Sark's control of the three to twelve mile limit in matters of conservation and for technical measures. The licensing of boats remains as at present and the current laws for the 0-3 mile limit are not affected. Further meetings in London with DEFRA will be guaranteed to have at least two Sark Members present.

29.3 **Proposition – CARRIED**

That Chief Pleas direct the Sea Fisheries Committee to sign the Bailiwick of Guernsey Fisheries Management Agreement.

30 Education Committee

Class 1 Teacher

- 30.1 Magell Acknowledged the considerable support and help given to the Committee by the present staff during the interview process. The new teacher appointed to start in September 2010, Mrs. Luddick, together with her husband had visited Sark over the Easter weekend and been accompanied by their daughter who has secured work in a hotel here.

31 The Constable

Verbal Report on the arrangements for Sark's 65th Anniversary of Liberation.

- 31.1 Constable It is now 65 years since Sark was liberated from German occupying forces. On 10th May, Sark will celebrate its liberation, starting at La Collinette at 10.30am with a parade of representatives from the different armed forces, including the Chelsea Pensioners, the Army Recruiting Team, the Royal British Legion and other participants.

- 31.2 The parade will march to the Church where there will be a short service starting at 11.00am. After the Church Service, the parade will continue to the Millennium Field where it will be inspected by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Vice-Admiral Sir Fabian Malbon, KBE and The Lord Walker, Governor of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. After the parade inspection, everyone will fall out and Sark's guests plus the British Legion will have a buffet lunch at 1.00pm in the Island Hall.

- 31.3 This will be followed at 3.30pm until 5.30pm with a Tea Dance for all Sark residents of 65 and over. Everybody else can stay on the field where there will be food available from Harry Southern and others. There will be a bar run by the Island Hall and lots of stalls including the Royal British Legion, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Army Recruiting, Help 4 Heroes and others. There will be entertainment for the kids including bouncy castles and face painting.

- 31.4 There will be music throughout the day with the Methodist Youth Band, *The Plonkers*, *Big Sheep* and, as it goes into the evening, *City Limits*.

- 31.5 The Constable thanked everybody helping to organise this event and hoped all would run smoothly. If anyone would like to help in any way or be involved on the day he asked that they contact the Constable on 07781 436 881.

Closing Remarks

- G** Seneschal Informed the Assembly that a Sea King helicopter bringing the Lt. Governor and General The Lord Walker would land on Sark on Liberation Day and be available for local schoolchildren to see and inspect.
- H** Seneschal Part of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will also fly past at 11.00am on Sunday 9th May, just before the Church Service, following the route in from the south over La Coupée, over the Mill and just to the west of the Church.
[Update note - Flypast now at 12.10pm just after the service.](#)

Forthcoming meetings for Chief Pleas Members

MIDSUMMER MEETING – [Wednesday 7th JULY 2010 at 10.00am](#)

Agenda closes -

Papers distributed to Members by **[Wednesday 9th June 2010 at 3.00pm](#)**

Papers distributed to Members by Wednesday 16th June 2010.

This meeting closed at 4.10pm

Brian Garrard (Sark Committee Secretary) completed by 29th April 2010



Seneschal



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Signed on 30th April 2010

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EASTER CHIEF PLEAS

14th April 2010 at 10.00am

Elected Term		Attending	Item 5	Item 7	Item 27 (1A)	Item 27 (2A)			
	The Seigneur – J. M. Beaumont	/							
	The Seneschal – Lt. Col. R. Guille	/							

CONSEILLERS

2	Mr. D.T. Cocksedge	/	P	P	C	P			
4	Mr. R.J. de Carteret	/	C	P	P	P			
2	Mrs. H.M. Plummer	/	C	P	C	C			
2	Mr. D.W. Melling	/	P	P	C	P			
4	Mrs. H.C. Magell	/	P	P	C	C			
2	Mr. C.H. Bateson	/	P	P	P	P			
4	Mr. A. Dunks	/	P	P	C	P			
4	Mr. A.C. Prevel	/	P	P	C	P			
4	Mrs. S. Williams	/	P	P	C	C			
4	Ms. E.M. Dewe	/	C	P	C	P			
2	Mr. E. Baker	/	P	P	C	C			
4	Mr. P.J. Williams	/	P	P	C	C			
2	Mrs. D. Baker	/	P	P	C	P			
4	Mr. R.J. Dewe	/	P	P	C	P			
4	Mr. P.M. Armorgie	/	P	P	C	C			
2	Mr. A.J. Cook	/	P	P	C	P			
4	Mr. C.N.D. Maitland	/	P	P	C	P			
2	Ms. M.A. Perrée	/	C	NV	NV	NV			
2	Mr. C.R. Nightingale	/	C	P	C	P			
2	Ms. J.M. Guy	/	P	P	C	P			
2	Mr. J.E. Hunt	/	P	P	C	P			
4	Mrs. A. Atkinson	/	P	P	C	P			
2	Mr. A.G. Ventress	/	P	P	C	P			
2	Mr. S.B. Gomoll	/	C	NV	NV	P			
4	Ms. C.D. Audrain	/	P	P	C	C			
2	Mr. P.J. Cole	/	P	P	P	P			

Brian Garrard, Committee Secretary
14th April 2010

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2 – Term of office ends in January 2011
4 – Term of office ends in January 2013

Seneschal
15th April 2010