

**RESOLUTIONS of the CHRISTMAS MEETING of  
CHIEF PLEAS held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

1. **Matters Arising from the Michaelmas Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**  
None.

2. **Questions Not Related to the Business of the Day.**  
There were none.

3. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “The Children (Sark) Law, 2016” and to approve the Projet de Loi entitled “The Children (Sark) Law, 2016”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED.** as amended.

That Chief Pleas approve “The Children (Sark) Law, 2016”.

4. **Committee Elections: To Elect Conseillers to Committees, as required.**

Conseiller A. Blythe elected to the Development Control Committee.

Conseiller C. Nightingale elected to the Education Committee.

Conseiller R. Dewe and Conseiller E. Courtney elected to the Harbours and Pilotage Committee.

5. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Sark Elections 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 – Report of the Independent Observer: Howard Knight – Results of the Public Consultation”.**

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**

That the Election Ordinance be put to the Michaelmas Chief Pleas in election years and the timetable announced at the same time. That the timetable allows two weeks for submission of nomination papers and closure of nominations 19 days before Election Day.

Proposition 2 (1) – **CARRIED.**

That there should be a mail drop from the Greffier to all residents inviting them to register giving them the criteria and stating how to register and a follow up annually, to update/register/deregister.

Proposition 2 (2) – **CARRIED.**

That the ‘Definition of a Resident PDT’ is urged to complete its work as soon as possible.

Proposition 3 – **CARRIED.**

The government of Sark should accept the majority view from the public consultation and oppose the introduction of ‘compulsory voting’.

Proposition 4 – **CARRIED.**

The government of Sark should accept the majority view from the public consultation and oppose the provision of a short candidate description on the ballot paper.

Proposition 5- (a) – **LOST.**

That a controlled system of proxy voting be introduced for future elections with only one proxy vote per elector, renewable every two years.

Proposition 5- (b) – **CARRIED.**

That a controlled system of postal voting should not be introduced for future elections.

Proposition 5- (c) – **CARRIED.**

That those electors who may have difficulty on the day through disability should have provision as arranged by the returning officers to register their [sealed] vote to the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer.

Proposition 6 (1) – **CARRIED.**

The government of Sark supports all initiatives to increase knowledge about the government and governance of Sark, including for potential candidates.

Proposition 6 (2) – **CARRIED.**

That, in the run up to Election Day, the status quo be maintained publishing a daily list of candidates.

Proposition 7 – **LOST.**

That the government of Sark should continue to encourage and to provide the opportunity for candidates to publish their ‘manifesto’ and arrange hustings or debates at the next election, if possible, by an independent organiser.

Proposition 8- (a) – **CARRIED.**

That when there is a General Election of 14 Conseillers plus casual vacancies requiring a By Election that are combined in the same ballot and such an election is contested by more candidates than available places, the 14 candidates with the largest number of votes be elected to the 14 seats that are being vacated and the remaining casual vacancies be filled by those with the next highest votes. In the event that such a combined election is uncontested, a ballot be held to determine which successful candidates serve which terms of office.

Proposition 8- (b) – **LOST.**

That By-elections should be called as soon as there is a single vacancy, for the outstanding period to fulfil.

Proposition 9 – **LOST.**

That the Returning Officer’s Marked Register confirming the identity of those who did and did not vote at an election is not published.

6. **To Consider a Report from the Agriculture and Environment Committee entitled “Sark Slaughterhouse – Proposed Transfer of Management to the Island.**

Proposition – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas directs the Agriculture and Environment Committee to enter into discussions with the operator of the slaughterhouse to arrange the sub-lease of the slaughterhouse to the Island and also the transfer of the management of the slaughterhouse to the Island.

7. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Securing Sark’s Future – Progress Report”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas takes note of the contents of this progress report.

8. **To Consider a Report from the Finance and Resources Committee entitled “Proposed Changes to the Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions (Sark) Law, 2007 Relating to Property Transfer Tax”.**  
 Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**  
 That Chief Pleas approve that the Finance and Resources Committee instruct the Law Officers of St James’ Chambers to draft a Prôjet to update the Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions) (Sark) Law, 2007 to incorporate the amendments set out in 1. 2. and 3. These relate to length of relevant lease, the removal of adjusted value and the removal of the exclusion of fixed term leases containing periodic rental payments.
- Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**  
 That Chief Pleas approve that the Fairer Taxation Policy Development Team continues in developing the proposal 4. above in consultation with the Law Officers of St James’ Chambers and bring the developed proposals to public consultation, before returning to Chief Pleas with any outcome.
9. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Securing an eResource for Sark”.**  
 Proposition – **LOST.**  
 That Chief Pleas agrees to enter into the Heads of Agreement with USP Networks Ltd entitled *Securing an eResource for Sark*, as set out in appendix 1 and instructs the Chairman of Policy and Performance Committee to sign it on behalf of Chief Pleas.
10. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Establishment Review – First Progress Report”.**  
 Proposition – **CARRIED.**  
 That Chief Pleas adopts the overarching principal of applying contemporary professional standards where it is prudent to do so in all its government functions.
3. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “The Children (Sark) Law, 2016” and to approve the Projet de Loi entitled “The Children (Sark) Law, 2016”.**  
 Proposition – **CARRIED.**  
 That Chief Pleas approve “The Children (Sark) Law, 2016” as further amended.
11. **To Consider an Information Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Reform Law (Good Governance)”.**  
 The Report was noted.
12. **To Consider an Information Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Review of the Seneschal’s Court”.**  
 The Report was noted.
13. **To Consider an Information Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Renewable Energy”.**  
 The Report was noted.
14. **To Consider an Information Report from the Emergency Services Committee entitled “The Fire Services (Sark) Law, 2015”.**  
 The Report was noted.

15. **To Consider an Information Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Probation Period of the Deputy Treasurer”.**  
The Report was noted.
16. **To Consider an Information Report from the Development Control Committee entitled “Annual Report on Development Control”.**  
The Report was noted.
17. **To Consider an Information Report from the Shipping Committee entitled “Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited – Report for 2014/2015”.**  
The Report was noted.
18. **To Consider an Information Report from the Sea Fisheries Committee entitled “Sea Fisheries Annual Report”.**  
The Report was noted.

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Ordinance Laid Before Chief Pleas  
“The Burundi (Restrictive Measurers) (Sark) Ordinance, 2015”

T.J. Hamon  
Greffier.

CHRISTMAS MEETING OF CHIEF PLEAS HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF JANUARY 2016

✓	DR. RICHARD PATRICK AXTON, DEPUTY SEIGNEUR								
✓	LT. COL. REGINALD JOHN GUILLE M.B.E., PRESIDENT OF CHIEF PLEAS								
		Item 3.	Item 5. Proposition 9	Item 9.					
<b>CONSEILLERS</b>									
✓	SANDRA WILLIAMS	P	C	C					
✓	HAZEL FRY	P	C	C					
✓	KAREN ADAMS	P	C	C					
✓	RICHARD DEWE	P	C	C					
	ELIZABETH DEWE								
✓	ANTONY DUNKS	P	C	C					
✓	PAUL WILLIAMS	P	C	P					
✓	ROSANNE BYRNE	P	C	C					
✓	CHRISTINE AUDRAIN	P	P	C					
✓	ROBERT COTTLE	P	P	C					
✓	ALAN BLYTHE	P	P	C					
✓	DIANE BAKER	P	C	C					
✓	EDRIC BAKER	P	P	C					
✓	PAUL BURGESS	C	C	P					
✓	PETER BYRNE	P	P	P					
✓	ELSIE COURTNEY	P	C	P					
✓	COLIN GOLDS	P	C	P					
✓	CHARLES MAITLAND	P	P	P					
✓	NICOLAS MOLONEY	C	P	P					
✓	ELIZABETH NORWICH	P	C	P					
✓	ROGER NORWICH	P	C	P					
✓	HELEN PLUMMER	P	P	P					
✓	WILLIAM RAYMOND	P	P	C					
✓	ARTHUR ROLFE	C	P	P					
✓	STEPHEN TAYLOR	P	P	P					
✓	CHRISTOPHER NIGHTINGALE	P	P	C					
✓	ANTHONY VENTRESS	P	C	P					
	CONSEILLERS PRESENT: 26								
✓=PRESENT      P=POUR      C=CONTRE      NV=NO VOTE									