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Edric Baker MBE
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Christmas Meeting of Chief Pleas

Chief Pleas met at 5 p.m.

[THE SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

PRAYER

The Greffier

ROLL CALL

The Greffier

The Greffier: There are 15 Conseillers, the Seigneur and the Speaker of Chief Pleas present.

The Speaker: No apologies tonight – we have a full house. Well done, Conseillers.

Declarations of interest

- 5 **The Speaker:** I would let all Conseillers know that you have all completed your annual declaration of interest forms. I would remind you that this is a living document and if your circumstances change during the year, you should change your declaration form.

Eulogies –

**Mr Dick Adams, former Deputy of the People;
and Sir David Barclay, former Tenant of Brecqhou**

The Speaker: We are going to start off with two eulogies. One for Mr Dick Adams and one for Sir David Barclay.

- 10 Dick Adams: Dick was born in 1941, during the German Occupation, and lived most of his life on Sark. He was Vingtenier and Constable between the years 1974 and 1976. Those of you who were in church would have heard of his imposing presence on occasions when he was Constable. He entered Government as a Deputy of the People in a by-election in March 1977 and was re-elected at each subsequent general election thereafter, until his resignation after the
15 Michaelmas Meeting in October 1993.

- During his time in office, he served on the following Committees. Oil Pollution, which he joined in March 1978. This Committee was probably as a result of the *Torrey Canyon*, which had happened a few years before. The Douzaine in January 1979, and he was later to serve as Vice-President. Road Traffic, November 1980; Pilotage, January 1985; Sea Fisheries, January 1988;
20 and Harbours, October 1988. He also served on the Shipping Committee as President and it was during his term that the *Bon Marin* came into service. He resigned from the Committee in 1988. He served Chief Pleas for 11 years.

He was, for many years, the foremost Sark pilot and took pilotage courses for Sark boatsmen and for skippers from other islands, France and the UK. He was still qualifying skippers in local

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25 waters last year. Dick died on Maseline jetty, on his way to the PEH – a fitting place, I believe, for
a man of the sea – and at his funeral service last week, the skippers and boating community of
the Bailiwick turned out in force.

Sir David: David Barclay, with his brother Frederick, jointly bought Brecqhou in 1993, and
with the authority of the DCC were able to build their castle called Fort Brecqhou. When the
30 brothers bought Brecqhou in 1993, David Barclay became the declared Tenant of Brecqhou for
Chief Pleas purposes and held the seat in Chief Pleas that went with the tenement.

In the year 2000, the brothers were knighted for their charitable works. To the best of my
knowledge, Sir David never attended a Chief Pleas in person, and on those occasions when he
wished to have a voice he sent in a medical certificate and appointed a representative, as
35 allowed by law. However, that system ended with the General Election of 2008, when a fully
democratic Chief Pleas assembly was elected at the will of the people of Sark.

Sir David died on Sunday 10th January and the Lieutenant Governor has copied me into a
letter of condolence that he wrote to Mr Alistair Barclay, which I shall now read:

I wish to express my deepest condolences on the recent sad news of the death of your father. I had the pleasure
of meeting Sir David twice. Whilst his relationship with Sark and elsewhere in the Bailiwick of Guernsey was not
without its bumps, what was in no doubt was his deep affection for Brecqhou and, indeed, the whole of the
Channel Islands, together with his heartfelt desire to see them prosper. On this basis alone, he will be sorely
missed. Please pass on my sincere sympathies to the rest of your family.

Could you please stand for a silence for Dick and Sir David.

Members stood in silence.

40 **The Speaker:** Thank you. And on behalf of Chief Pleas, I would express our condolences to
both families.

Conseiller Craik, you would like to say something at this stage?

Conseiller Craik: Thank you, sir.

45 I have been just asked to let everyone know that a book of condolences has been started for
Sir David Barclay. The book will be in the Sark Estate Agents and is available office hours and for
anyone who wishes to sign it.

Thank you.

STATEMENTS

Development Control Committee – Statement by Conseiller Couldridge

50 **The Speaker:** We now have a couple of Statements and the first Statement is from the
Chairman of the Development Control Committee.

Conseiller Couldridge, please.

Conseiller Couldridge: Yes, thank you, Mr Speaker.

55 It is just a very brief Statement. So thank you all for your attention whilst I make a brief
Statement on behalf of the Committee, DCC, outlining the activity over the past year and our
intentions moving forward.

The view of DCC is that our role is to, where at all possible, preserve the natural beauty and
landscape of the Island and preserve our architectural heritage, whilst being mindful of the
needs of the community. In 2020, the Committee processed approximately 55 applications for

60 planning permissions. This included: 13 for wall, window, door, fences, and so on; 17 for sheds, greenhouses; seven for extensions to existing properties; three for solar panel installations; one turbine; one new build, which was the Dairy; four for siting of containers, which were eight containers in total; four for demolitions in part or whole; four for signs; and two for extension of existing permissions. In addition to the above, there were two refused applications and one
65 appeals tribunal, which was upheld.

Finally, it may be worth noting that the majority of applications will be considered by the Committee over at least two meetings. The Committee are also mindful of a likely increase in demands and pressures as a result of the rising population and the advent of land reform. We therefore hope to develop more robust procedures and policies to cope with this eventuality.
70 Also, the new Special Committee, Development Control Law, will assist with this process.

Finally, the Committee would wish to offer a vote of thanks to our CSO, Antony Dunks, for his continuing hard work, support and knowledge, which has proven to be invaluable. We also offer thanks to the Law Office in Guernsey, who readily offer their support and advice whenever needed.

75 Finally, the Committee would wish to welcome Conseiller Edric Baker on his return to DCC, where his vast knowledge and experience will be very welcome.

Thank you.

**Medical and Emergency Services Committee –
Statement from Conseiller de Carteret**

The Speaker: A Statement from the Medical Committee, from Conseiller de Carteret, please.

80 **Conseiller de Carteret:** Thank you, sir.

The Medical Committee would like to update everyone on the vaccine programme for Sark. The AstraZeneca vaccine was delivered to Sark on Tuesday 12th January, and once the official paperwork was completed to allow our medical staff to administer the vaccine, they began
85 vaccinating the over-80s and our front-line workers. This happened on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th January. We have now successfully vaccinated around 40 patients from the first category with their first dose, and their second dose will be scheduled in the up-and-coming weeks. Sark, together with the other Bailiwick islands, will continue vaccinating certain categories during the next few weeks, as recommended by Guernsey and the UK. The next category of patients will be the over-75s. We anticipate receiving regular batches of the vaccine from Guernsey, but this is
90 always dependent on a supply from the UK.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the following. To Dr Brink and all the Public Health team who have supported Sark during the pandemic from the very beginning in March 2020 and who have continued to do so with regular updates, and especially for all of their hard work during the vaccination programme.

95 We would also like to thank our own medical team here on Sark, who have worked tirelessly to ensure this vaccination programme has been implemented quickly and efficiently for all our residents. We would also like to pass on our appreciation to the ambulance drivers who have had an extremely busy time during the past few months transporting COVID passengers around the Island to their isolation address, and to the Constables who have had to contact and monitor
100 all the COVID passengers who arrive on Sark to ensure that they are following the strict isolation guidelines and regulations to protect our community. But most of all, we would like to thank everybody for keeping our community as safe as possible during this pandemic.

Thank you.

**Procedural –
Electronic devices**

105 **The Speaker:** In accordance with Rules of Procedure, I would remind all present that mobile phones, cameras, recording devices and other electronic equipment are switched off now, less for those allowed to Chief Pleas Members in accordance with Rule 18.

Business of the Day

1. Matters arising from the Extraordinary Meeting on 19th November 2020 – None

The Speaker: Agenda Item 1, matters arising from the Extraordinary Meeting held on 19th November.

Does anybody wish to speak? No.

2. Questions not related to the Business of the Day – None

110 **The Speaker:** Then we will move to the Agenda Item number 2, Questions not related to the Business of the Day, and there are no Questions.

3. Further Election of Conseillers – Policy and Finance Committee Report considered – The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (Further Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2021 approved

To consider a Report with Proposition from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'Further Election of Conseillers' and to approve the Ordinance entitled 'The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (Further Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2020'.

Proposition:

That Chief Pleas approves 'The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (Further Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2021'.

115 **The Speaker:** So we move to Agenda Item 3, to consider a Report with Proposition from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'Further Election of Conseillers' and to approve the Ordinance entitled 'The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (Further Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2020'. I would ask the Chairman of P&F, Conseiller Guille, to introduce the Report. Conseiller Guille.

Conseiller Guille: Thank you, sir.

120 I am sure a lot of us have had quite a long day already, so there is no need to read the full Report here, except to say we are proposing to schedule another election for 3rd March and the schedule is detailed in the papers. We would like for everybody to support that Proposition.

Thank you.

125 **The Speaker:** Any Conseiller wish to speak at debate, please raise your hands. No. *(Interjection)* Oh, sorry. Conseiller McHugh.

Conseiller McHugh: Are we going to do a rally, to try and get people to stand again? Are we going to do anything like that this time for the by-election?

130 **The Speaker:** Say that again?

Conseiller McHugh: Are we going to ... What would be the word ... Promotion. Are we going to try and attract Conseillers to stand? Are we going to do anything to try and get those three places filled, does anyone know?

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The Speaker: Conseiller Guille.

Conseiller Guille: Yes, I am sure the office will be putting out a circular and posters as usual to try and encourage people to stand.

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The Speaker: And I would just add I would hope that all Conseillers will also go out actively recruiting people and telling them what a lovely job it is *(Laughter)* and how much you all enjoy it. It does have its moments. Anybody else? No.

145 In that case, we will go to the Proposition that Chief Pleas approves the Reform (Election of Conseillers) (Further Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2021. Those in favour; those against. **Carried.**

Electoral register deadline

The Speaker: I would ask the public to note that the electoral register reopened straight after the General Election result was announced, but it will close again on 5th February. So there is only another couple of weeks for people to get themselves onto the electoral register if they are not already there. That is in the timetable which was attached to the Report.

4. The Live-Link Evidence in Civil Proceedings (Amendment) (Sark) Ordinance 2020 – Policy and Resources Committee Report considered – Proposition carried as amended

To consider a Report with Proposition from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'The Live-Link Evidence in Civil Proceedings (Amendment) (Sark) Ordinance, 2020' and to approve the Ordinance entitled 'The Live-Link Evidence in Civil Proceeding (Amendment) (Sark) Ordinance, 2020'.

Proposition:

That Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance entitled The Live-Link Evidence in Civil Proceedings (Amendment) (Sark) Ordinance, 2021.

150 **The Speaker:** Agenda Item 4, to consider a Report with Propositions from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'The Live-Link Evidence in Civil Proceedings (Amendment) (Sark) Ordinance, 2020' and to approve the Ordinance entitled 'The Live-Link Evidence in Civil

Proceeding (Amendment) (Sark) Ordinance, 2020', and I would ask that, Conseiller Guille, you introduce the Report, please.

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Conseiller Guille: Okay. This is a simple correction to a very sensible Ordinance that was already approved. It was noted that the Ordinance when approved was dated incorrectly, so it is proposed that we re-approve it today with this year's date of 2021 on it, not 2020. Okay. (**The Speaker:** Thank you.) So the Proposition should read '2021', not '2020'.

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Thank you.

The Speaker: Okay. So the Proposition is amended – delete 2020, insert 2021 – and we will approve the Proposition as amended. Does any Conseiller wish to speak? Please raise your hands. No.

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In that case, we will go to the Proposition that Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance entitled 'The Live-Link Evidence in Civil Proceedings (Amendment) (Sark) Ordinance, 2021', as amended. Those in favour; those against. **Carried.**

**5. The Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions)
(Sark) Law, 2007 (Commencement) Ordinance, 2020 –
Policy and Finance Committee Report considered –
Proposition carried as amended**

To consider a Report with Proposition from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'The Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions) (Sark) Law, 2007 (Commencement) Ordinance, 2020' and to approve the Ordinance entitled 'The Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions) (Sark) Law, 2007 (Commencement) Ordinance, 2020.

Proposition:

That Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance entitled, 'The Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions) (Sark) Law, 2007 (Commencement) Ordinance, 2021.

The Speaker: Agenda Item 5, to consider a Report with Proposition from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'The Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions) (Sark) Law, 2007 (Commencement) Ordinance, 2020', and to approve the Ordinance entitled the same as I have just read out.

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Could I ask Conseiller Raymond to introduce the Report, please.

Conseiller Raymond: Thank you, sir.

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As you say, the Proposition needs to be amended to reflect 2021. The text of the Ordinance is correct. Section 11, which marries in with the Propositions, and the legislation that was commenced as a result of 19th November last year Chief Pleas, requires this Ordinance to commence it. It was a slight oversight for which I apologise but that is now putting that right. The commencement date is 1st February, so it runs with all of the other Ordinances.

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Thank you, sir.

The Speaker: Thank you.

So we will be amending the Proposition to change 2020 to read 2021 and we will approve the Proposition as amended.

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Does any Conseiller wish to raise any debate on that? Please raise your hands if you do. No.

Then we will go to the vote on the Proposition that Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance entitled 'The Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions) (Sark) Law, 2007 (Commencement) Ordinance, 2021', as amended. Those in favour; those against. **Carried.**

**6. Proposed Changes to Permit Charges –
Tourism (Includes Public Health) Committee Report considered –
Propositions carried**

To consider a Report with Propositions from the Tourism (Includes Public Health) Committee entitled 'Proposed Changes to Permit Charges'.

Proposition 1:

That Chief Pleas approves the proposed fee for a catering certificate to be £60.00.

Proposition 2:

That Chief Pleas approves the proposed fee for a temporary catering certificate to be £40.00.

Proposition 3:

That Chief Pleas directs the Committee to request that the Law Officers of the Crown to commence drafting an Ordinance to replace Tourism (Accommodation Permits) (Fees) (Sark) (No.2) Ordinance, 2008.

Proposition 4:

That Chief Pleas directs the Committee to request that the Law Officers of the Crown to commence drafting an Ordinance to replace the Ordinance dated 25th September 1939 relating to Itinerant Hawkers.

190 **The Speaker:** We now move to Agenda Item 6, to consider a Report with Propositions from the Tourism (Includes Public Health) Committee, entitled 'Proposed Changes to Permit Charges', and I would ask Conseiller Sandra Williams to introduce the Report, please.

Conseiller Sandra Williams: Thank you very much.

195 We were very careful not to put increased charges on the front of the Report, so it did not put too many people off, but I have to say that the Report has been out now and the general public have all read it obviously and seen it, and I have not had one enquiry as to why the permit prices are going up.

200 The water: it all started with the cost of the water test. The cost of the water test had been increased for a significant number of years. When carrying out a cost analysis of the water test, it was found that we were actually undercharging and losing money, and it was not sufficient to cover the cost incurred. So that is why we want to put it up to £32, and the permits likewise. The fee for the catering accommodation permits have not been increased in some time and in order to cover the administration cost, we feel that the increases that we are asking for are not too far out of the park. But they are for 2022, not for 2021.

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The Speaker: Thank you.

Any Conseillers wish to speak in debate? Please raise your hands. No. Then we have four Propositions and I propose to take them all together.

210 So Proposition 1: that Chief Pleas approves the proposed fee for a catering certificate to be £60.

Proposition 2: that Chief Pleas approves the proposed fee for a temporary catering certificate to be £40.

Proposition 3: that Chief Pleas directs the Committee to request that the Law Officers of the Crown to commence drafting an Ordinance to replace Tourism (Accommodation Permits) (Fees) (Sark) (No.2) Ordinance, 2008.

And the fourth Proposition: that Chief Pleas directs the Committee to request that the Law Officers of the Crown to commence drafting an Ordinance to replace the Ordinance dated 25th September 1939 relating to itinerant hawkers.

So those in favour of Propositions 1 to 4; those against? **Carried.** I declare all four Propositions **carried.**

**7. Annual Sea Fisheries Information Report –
Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee Information Report considered –
Report noted**

To consider an Information Report from the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee entitled 'Annual Sea Fisheries Information Report'.

The Speaker: We are now moving into Information Reports and Item 7, to consider an Information Report from the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee entitled 'Annual Sea Fisheries Information Report'.

Conseiller Plummer to introduce the Report, please.

Conseiller Plummer: Thank you, sir.

The Report is very explanatory, but I will bring it up to date, as the Brexit talks, when these papers were getting ready, had not been finalised. The Brexit talks went well for the Bailiwick. A few teething problems were with exporting fish to France. Hopefully that will soon sort itself out. At present, our fishermen would have to land their catch in Carteret as Diellette is not a recognised port, but talks are still ongoing.

I would like to thank David Cocksedge for the many hours he has given to the Committee, the numerous meetings and reports; Ms Dewe for the annual land fishing figures; and a big thank you to the late Dick Adams for all his help with the fishing. He was always keen to pass on his incredible knowledge of marks and fishing methods to any youngster who was keen to learn and he took a large part in forming our present Fishing Ordinance. Along with Caroline Bell, they brought about Sark's pilotage laws. This knowledge of rocks, tides and marks have been passed on to many Channel Islands skippers. The seafaring community will be a poorer place without Dick Adams.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Anybody wish to raise any comments or debate on the Report? Please raise your hands. No. Thank you very much for that.

**8. Asian Hornet Report –
Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee Information Report considered –
Report noted**

To consider an Information Report from the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee entitled 'Asian Hornet Report'.

245 **The Speaker:** Item 8, to consider an Information Report from the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee entitled 'Asian Hornet Report', and once again, Conseiller Plummer, please.

Conseiller Plummer: Thank you.

250 Again, this Report has come to us for the public to be very aware. The Asian hornets: they are not nice things and I would like also to thank all that are helping, especially Jo Birch and Peter Cunneen, for their vigilance in keeping their volunteers and the public safe with their latest information. We are hoping that this year coming will not be too bad for us here with these hornets – as if we have not got enough to put up with at the moment.

Thank you very much indeed.

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The Speaker: Any comments or debate on the Information Report? Please raise your hands. No.

**9. Sark Tourism Annual Report –
Tourism (Includes Public Health) Committee Information Report considered –
Report noted**

To consider an Information Report from the Tourism (Includes Public Health) Committee entitled 'Sark Tourism Annual Report'.

260 **The Speaker:** In that case, we will move on to Agenda Item 9, to consider an Information Report from the Tourism (Includes Public Health) Committee entitled 'Sark Tourism Annual Report', and I would ask Conseiller Sandra Williams to introduce the Report, please.

Conseiller Sandra Williams: Thank you very much.

265 I have not really got a lot to add to last year, apart from I would like to thank, on behalf of the Island I think, the majority of the self-catering places and the hotels and just everybody that actually got together and had to undergo huge, very rigorous study of how they do things and the changes that they would have to make in order to open their businesses last year. I think it was Sark pulling itself together and making Sark the community it is. Everybody was lending everybody hand sanitiser and everyone was lending everybody until it could all come on the boat, because all of a sudden it appeared that from having no visitors at all that we were actually going to be opening up to Guernsey very soon. I was very keen that as many places on the Island as possible would open up. As it proved, I think a lot of the businesses have had a far better season than they had ever anticipated having.

270 So I would like to thank them all on behalf of the Tourism Committee and the Island of Sark for pulling out all the stops there. The visitor numbers were not great, but they could have been an awful lot worse, and I think we need a vote of thanks to the people of Guernsey that seem to have found us again and decided that we are not such a bad place to visit after all. *(Laughter)*

280 I just want to walk through a few of the projects that we have done during 2020 that, in our opinion, have really made a big difference. The Liberation Route, which we are now doing with Visit Guernsey, is quite high profile. It will be on the Guernsey Way, it will be on all of the Liberation routes and we are having little icons done for our signposts so that when people come here they will see the little blue markers which tell them that it is part of the book that they can buy.

285 I think the most important thing to mention this year is the War Years exhibition from last year. It has given *many* people in Guernsey very many hours of joy on a wet rainy day in Sark when they have been here for three or four days and I think people have just been

overwhelmed by the amount of information and there is more information to come in 2021. We have still got another two panels to finish.

290 The QR trail also *in situ* around the Island, imparting historic information about the places that we have. You just click on it with your phone, if you have one, and it brings up the place where you are, the building where it was built, how long it has been there, a little bit of general history, and then just a few things we want to do through 2021, which I noticed have already started. We have had these new fingerboards made, because as much as we invested quite a lot of money in them about eight or nine years ago, they are not quite doing the job.

295 So we looked into having some new posts put up. We have got the signs that have been made on Island by Mr Christopher Beaumont – has engraved them all himself and painted them. They last up to 30 years and so we are moving forward with that. Really there is not much else to say about next year. We are going to do our ‘30 bays in 30 days’, introduce a few more, but we are very much geared up and aiming for just Bailiwick this year.

300 The print of the brochure we do not believe will happen this year, because the majority of the brochures that we printed are still actually sitting in the old Island Hall and have not been used at all. We were thinking of changing pages, but in fact, to send all the brochures back to Guernsey just to have the covers changed and to have information updated inside costs as much as it would cost. So at the moment, we are going to monitor what is going on with the request brochures, direct everybody to the website, and look into maybe managing, if all of a sudden in 305 March or April we look like we are going to be open to France and to England, then we will definitely look into having a small amount of brochures printed.

I have not really got anything more to say.

310 **The Speaker:** Thank you.
Any comments or debate, please raise your hands.

Conseiller Makepeace: Yes, sir.

315 **The Speaker:** Conseiller Makepeace. Anybody else?
Conseiller Makepeace.

Conseiller Makepeace: Thank you, sir.

320 I would just like to ask the Chairman of Tourism if it is possible for us to open the tourist office on a Sunday this year, because we could possibly stagger the hours of the staff to provide some cover, because it has been a comment that I have noticed from people that the office is not open on Sunday. Would we be able to rectify that?

325 **Conseiller Sandra Williams:** It was one thing that I meant to have got the information from when I was at the office this afternoon and I forgot to get then. We opened the office on Sundays from, I think, 3rd or 4th April until the middle of September and the amount of people that went into the office on those mornings did not ... Well, we did not sell anything, hardly any information was handed out, because it was very different this year obviously, with only having Guernsey people. We have monitored it. We did have the office open for three hours, two hours, up to three hours, for the height of the season this summer. It is certainly something that 330 we will look into again for this year going forward.

The Speaker: Conseiller Baker.

335 **Conseiller Baker MBE:** Yes, sir; just like to comment on the new signs.
The late Conseiller Dave Melling and Constable Peter Cole developed the signs that we have at the moment and they were sourced because they were strong, durable, virtually vandal-

proof, because they are not the sort of thing that you can bend very easily without hurting yourself. I see with interest the new signs and I hope they do last.

You say in your report they are hard wood. Do you know what type of wood it is?

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Conseiller Sandra Williams: Not off the top of my head, but I am sure that Mr Beaumont would know.

The Seigneur: It is accoya.

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Conseiller Baker MBE: Accoya? Thank you.

The Speaker: And where does that come from?

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The Seigneur: It is a specialist wood that has been treated. It is a soft wood that has been acetylated so it becomes, effectively, a hard wood.

The Speaker: Right. Thanks.
Anybody else? No.

**10. Seasonal Regulation No. 2 –
Douzaine Information Report considered –
Report noted**

To consider an Information Report from the Douzaine entitled ‘Seasonal Regulation No. 2’.

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The Speaker: In that case, we will move on to the Agenda Item 10, to consider an Information Report from the Douzaine entitled ‘Seasonal Regulation No. 2’, and I would ask Conseiller Drillot to introduce the Report, please.

Conseiller Drillot: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

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This Report is just a report that comes up every year. It is really a reminder. With the pandemic in 2020, we actually did not bring this law of the avenue etc. in until a bit later, but it is just a reminder that we will be, from 1st April, bringing this law in for tractor drivers to abide by, which the Constables will be monitoring.

Thank you.

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The Speaker: Any Questions or debate? No.

**11. Seasonal Regulation No. 4 – 2021
Douzaine Information Report considered –
Report noted**

To consider an Information Report from the Douzaine entitled ‘Seasonal Regulation No. 4 – 2021’.

The Speaker: Then we will move to Agenda Item 11, to consider an Information Report on ‘Seasonal Regulation No. 4’.

Conseiller Drillot.

370 **Conseiller Drillot:** Once again, this comes in every year. I think we can all agree that one of
the things that the Island did miss this year was the carriages. I think they were one of the
businesses that really did suffer this year more than anybody on this Island – sorry, last year. But
hopefully 2021, some of the Guernsey contingency might bring the carriages out. We did not see
375 many this year, but the law will still be in place just to keep everything safe and working
properly.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Any comment or debate? I saw a hand going up then, but it is member of the
public scratching his forehead. *(Laughter)*

**12. New Abattoir Information Report –
Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee Information Report considered –
Report noted**

*To consider an Information Report from the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries
Committee entitled ‘New Abattoir Information Report’.*

380 **The Speaker:** In that case, we will move to Agenda Item 12, our final Information Report,
from the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee entitled the ‘New Abattoir
Information Report’ and I would ask Conseiller Plummer to introduce the Report, please.

Conseiller Plummer: Thank you, sir.

385 First of all, I would like to correct a spelling in this Report. It is the heading and it is ‘Abattoir’,
the spelling of abattoir: it is in fact, a-b-a-t-t-o-i-r; not a-b-b. Thank you. And then, may I carry
on? **(The Speaker:** Yes.) Thank you.

The Abattoir has started well. Some snagging, minor issues are being taken care of. We are
about to look into the processing of a review into the economics of the Abattoir in the first two
390 months of use. We have been encouraged by the response from the farmers.

At this point, I would like to thank Mr Philip Long, who has been out, has taken up temporary
management appointment, and he has been working very hard with this, with this new, along
with Mr John Robinson. Philip also went over to Guernsey and he met up with States’
slaughtering people over there, and he was very pleased and learnt a lot. He also managed to
395 make a meeting with Environment and Public Health over there, so he is hoping to further this
along. We will be advertising for a replacement management, as Mr Long has said he could only
do this until the end of March.

The water pipe has been laid between the borehole at the bottom of the hill. The
environmental people from Guernsey said that it would be the best solution to have fresh water
400 going up to the Abattoir this time. We have been putting in plans with the DCC, with the help of
Mr Tony Dunks. The plans have been in and we just have to wait to see if we can build a small
pump room/pump shed right next door or even adjoining, I believe it is, to the one that is
already there and to tidy up the area down there. I just hope that when we come back at the
Easter, we will be able to give some further details on how everything is going.

405 But yes, I am really pleased with the way that it has been turning out. Thank you very much.

The Speaker: Any comments or debate, please, on the Abattoir Report? No.

**13. Committee and Panel Elections –
Medical and Emergency Committee, Mr A Beaumont elected;
Land Reform Special Committee, Mr C Nightingale elected**

To elect non-Chief Pleas members and Panel members to Committees and Panels, as required.

410 **The Speaker:** We will move to our Agenda Item 13, Committee and Panel Elections. Does any
Committee wish to nominate any non-Chief Pleas members or persons to the panels and
tribunals of Chief Pleas?
Conseiller de Carteret.

415 **Conseiller de Carteret:** The Medical Committee would like to propose Mr Anthony Beaumont
to join the Medical and Emergency Services Committee.

The Speaker: The Medical Committee have nominated ... Yes, Conseiller Williams (**A
Conseiller:** Raymond.) – Conseiller Raymond!

420 **Conseiller Raymond:** Not quite, sir.

The Speaker: I corrected that in *Hansard* last time, didn't I? (*Laughter*)

425 **Conseiller Raymond:** The Special Committee for Land Reform would like the former
Conseiller Nightingale to continue as a non-Chief Pleas member, please, sir.

The Speaker: Thank you.

Okay. We have got two nominations. The first is from the Medical Committee for
Mr Anthony Beaumont to become a non-Chief Pleas Member of the Medical Committee. Those
in favour; those against. **Carried.**

430 For the Land Reform Special Committee, Mr Christopher Nightingale. Those in favour; those
against. **Carried.** Thank you. That concludes the Business of the Day.

Items Laid Before Chief Pleas –

- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey)
(No. 10) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020;**
- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey)
(No. 10) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021;**
- Office of the Sark Electricity Price Control Commissioner Variation to the December 2019
Price Control Order 1st January 2021;**
- The European Communities (Coronavirus Vaccine)
(Immunity from Civil Liability) (Sark) Ordinance, 2020;**
- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision)
(Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2021;**
- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Vaccine) (Limitation of Liability)
(Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2021;**
- The Employment Permits (Brexit) (Sark) Regulations, 2021**

The Speaker: However, we have a large number of laid before items. I would remind Chief
Pleas that these can only be annulled. They cannot be amended or changed in any other way.

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435 Today we have laid before us the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision)
(Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No. 10) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020, which came into operation on
22nd December.

Then there was the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of
Guernsey) (No. 10) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, and came into force on 5th January.

440 Then the Office of the Sark Electricity Price Control Commissioner Variation to the December
2019 Price Control Order, which came into force on 1st January 2021.

The European Communities (Coronavirus Vaccine) (Immunity from Civil Liability) (Sark)
Ordinance, 2020; that was approved by the Policy and Finance Committee on 15th December
2020.

445 The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations,
2021, which came into operation on 12th January 2021, and the Emergency Powers
(Coronavirus) (Vaccine) (Limitation of Liability) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2021, which
came into operation on 12th January 2021.

Finally, the Employment Permits (Brexit) (Sark) Regulations, 2021 came into operation on
11th January 2021. So those Regulations and Ordinances finances are all extant.

Procedural – Extraordinary Meeting to be held

450 **The Speaker:** Before I close the Meeting, I would inform Conseillers that there is likely to be
an Extraordinary Meeting called during February to debate the report of the independent
inquiry, as directed by Chief Pleas on 27th August 2020. There may be other Items, dependent
upon urgency, and certainly to carry out the election of the Deputy Chairman of the P&F
Committee. I will give you as much notification as I can of the date of that Extraordinary
455 Meeting.

Thank you very much. Greffier.

PRAYER
The Greffier

Chief Pleas closed at 5.43 p.m.