

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur  
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at  
7.00pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

Present	<p>Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), A Courtney (AC), M de Garis (MdG), P Duquemin (PD), Mrs A Foley (AF), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Miss M Macdonald (MM), Messrs M Tanguy (MT), K de La Mare (KdLM) and A Tempest (AT) (Senior Constable – presiding). Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes</p> <p>R de Garis (RdG) was absent at the start of the meeting, attending at 7.07pm.</p>	
Apologies	Messrs E Higgins (EH) and J Jorgenson-Lesbirel (JL)	
Billet D'Etat	<p>Deputy D Inglis (DI) attended the meeting.</p> <p>DI outlined various items listed for debate at the States' meetings to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016.</p> <p><b>Improving Energy Efficiency.</b>  DI pointed out that the States were being asked to note a report concerning an 'in principle' proposal.</p> <p><b>Weight Strategy.</b>  DI said that the focus of the strategy concerning weight of individuals was aimed at young people and would focus on early years. It had been suggested by some people that a 'sugar tax' should be implemented. DB expressed doubt that such a tax would work, suggesting that it would not stop people who wanted sugary drinks from purchasing them unless a tax was extremely prohibitive.  DI suggested that improvements in this area required young people to be educated about the amount of sugar in various products they were consuming and the effect it was having on their health.  JB agreed that this was the correct approach and KF commented that it would be future generations that would reap the rewards of such an education initiative.</p> <p><b>Sea Fisheries Patrol Vessel.</b>  DI advised that this report was a procedural matter and that another report detailing full proposals would be forthcoming in March.</p> <p><b>Airport Fees (Guernsey and Alderney) Regulations.</b>  JB asked what fees were involved.  DI advised that the proposals involved the approval of statutory instruments.</p> <p><b>Future Structure of Secondary and Post 16 Education.</b>  AT opened discussion by asking DI what impact building a 420 place primary school at La Mare de Carteret (LMDC) would have on the primary schools at La Houquette and Forest.  DI said that he was unaware of any proposals from the Department that would have any adverse effect on either primary school in the western parishes. However, he was aware of an article in a recent edition of the Guernsey Press (that he considered to be 'scaremongering') and highlighted the numbers of children registered to start school in September 2016.  MM asked what rationale could possibly be behind the proposal to build a 420 place primary school when there were only 33 children starting at LMDC in September.  KF said that a 420 pupil primary school, for 7 school years, allowed for 60 pupils for each year, at least a 2 if not 3 form entry, especially</p>	

considering the optimum size of class is no more than 25 pupils. KF suggested that the Department was asking for large secondary and primary schools without fully understanding what they intended to do with them. She added that at a recent public meeting Deputy Sillars had indicated that the cost to build a secondary school was £20 million, yet the Department was asking for in excess of £64 million for the entire project.

DI said that part of the Department's own analysis questioned the need for 4 schools.

KF and MM both expressed the view that at least 800 pupils needed to attend a secondary school in order that it could be run efficiently and offer a broad curriculum to students.

DI said that he would be unable to support the proposals from the Department. As for the possibility that the Assembly might be minded to build a new secondary school but not decide the future of the 11+ selection process he believes that both issues should be decided together, one would guide the other. 61% of those who responded to the Departments' consultation wished to see the 11+ maintained, yet the Department is recommending otherwise. DI believes that the current system, on the whole, allows students to attend the school suited to their ability, citing his own children who although going to 3 different schools attended the one most suited to their needs. He agreed that the 11+ exam system may need to be addressed but could see no good reason for its abolition.

MM suggested that the proposal to have 1 secondary school on 4 sites, with students and/or staff moving between sites, would not work efficiently and has seen no explanation of how it would work or the costs involved. MM added that schools need identity and with 4 different sites this would be impossible to provide.

JB said that he believed the whole matter had been handled badly by the Department.

AC said that the proposals were 'bonkers' and he found it hard to believe that the Department was seriously proposing to build a new school before determining a strategy of how the school would fit into the overall education system.

KF said that at the public meeting she attended it was clear that the Department was determined to proceed with the proposals, they have simply not considered that there might be a need for a 'plan B'.

DI said that he did not believe a pre-school was needed on the site.

DB questioned the need for a state of the art sports hall. He pointed out that the sports facilities at Beau Sejour are currently subsidised by the taxpayer and this proposal was to build another sports hall and in non-school time rent it out to provide an income, this to be in direct competition with Beau Sejour adding that he believed this to be a poor use of taxpayer money.

AC said that he was disappointed that Treasury and Education Departments had been unable to find common ground, a situation that had been ongoing since 2000.

DI stated that there is a feeling abroad that the electorate (and Deputies) 'want, want and want' without any regard to where funds for projects are coming from.

**Sporting and Leisure Activities at L'Ancrese Common.**

DI commented that the overall need was for the Common to be available for all to use, and that he hoped there would be an agreement reached between the Commons Council and users.

	<p><b>Social Welfare Benefits.</b> DI said that this change had been long overdue – supplementary and housing benefits would be combined and although there would be an initial cost the system would become more efficient in time.</p> <p><b>Island Wide Voting.</b> DB said that he was concerned that the last States Meeting had agreed to spend up to £400,000 conducting a referendum to seek views on Island Wide Voting. JB asked DI how Island Wide Voting could ensure that the whole island would have local representation, - he expressed concern that the western parishes might lose all representation. DI admitted that this was a possibility with smaller parishes losing representation to ‘more populist’ candidates in more densely populated areas of the island. MM suggested that there could be a system introduced whereby electors could vote simultaneously for parish deputies and also island wide deputies. DI said that he believed that full island wide voting would see populist politicians being elected for the wrong reasons. AT thanked DI for attending and DI left at 7.50pm.</p>	
Minutes of Meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	The minutes were agreed with one minor alteration and signed by AT.	
Matters Arising	<p><b>Bi-Fold Doors – Douzaine Room</b> AT said that the room was beginning to smell, and asked if there was a timetable for remedial work to prevent water coming through the door. PD said that he had been advised that work would be undertaken on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p><b>Installation of Defibrillator.</b> AT confirmed that the defibrillator had now been paid for and that the planning application to the Environment Department was ‘pending’.</p> <p><b>HM Queen Elizabeth II’s Birthday Celebrations, 12<sup>th</sup> June.</b> AT asked if a liquor licence would be required for this event. It was agreed that one of the Constables would apply for a licence, - times to be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Christmas Decorations.</b> AC said that he had circulated all Douzeniers to see if they were happy to purchase a tree and decorations (the discounted price obtained was only available before the end of January). He said that most if not all had confirmed their agreement to proceed the Constables now needed to know which account should pay the account. AC pointed out that the Community Centre had already paid their agreed 50% of the account leaving a balance of £468.58 to be paid by the parish. It was agreed that the account should be paid from the amelioration account. AC said that Maylands would be making a contribution in due course but it was not yet known how much this would be.</p> <p><b>Community Centre – Road Signage.</b> AT advised the meeting that the Environment Department has agreed to install signage as requested.</p> <p><b>General Election, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016.</b> AT advised Douzeniers that the Home Department had asked for assistance in checking the electoral roll once the roll has closed. Douzeniers agreed that they would be able to assist with this task.</p> <p><b>Manning of Polling Stations.</b></p>	<p>AT/KdLM</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p>

	<p>AT reminded Douzeniers that there were to be 2 polling stations and that each needed to be open from 8.00am until 8.00pm. He asked members to make themselves available for this task.</p> <p><b>Ecclesiastical Reserve Fund.</b></p> <p>AT said that following the suggestion made at the January meeting he had consulted with the Parish Advocate and been advised that it would not be possible to establish such a reserve under current legislation.</p> <p><b>Tunnels.</b></p> <p>AT confirmed that the Parish Advocate has written to Swoffers, as agents for Mrs Traisnel, who are offering part of the tunnels under parish land for sale. Our Advocate has asked the agents to make any potential purchaser aware of the parish interest in the tunnel and that tunnels have to be maintained to an appropriate standard to prevent collapse.</p> <p>As a separate development AT has received an email from a potential purchaser who wishes to restore the tunnels and open them to the public - but at this moment no offer has been made.</p> <p>The Douzaine expressed reluctance to enter into an arrangement with any third party which allowed any public access to areas of the tunnels immediately under Church land. The advocate's letter to the vendor's agent (Swoffers) was all that the Constables could reasonably do to make this known to any potential purchaser.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p>
Planning Applications	The Douzaine requested the Constables to obtain copies of 2 applications.	AT/KdLM
Community Centre	<p><b>Planning Matters.</b></p> <p>PD updated the Douzaine on the following points;-</p> <p>PD has met with the Planning Department to discuss <b>Phase 3 of the Community Centre redevelopment</b> and received an encouraging response. - plans will be submitted shortly.</p> <p><b>Flagpole</b> – PD has discussed revising the plans for the flagpole so that it is positioned closer to the front entrance – Planning have not objected and PD will submit plans for the new location shortly.</p> <p><b>Marquees.</b> The occasional use of a marquee on the grassed area close to the sensory garden does not need planning permission. If use became 'regular' planning permission would be required.</p> <p><b>Anchor Tenants.</b> The original anchor lease agreements with Maylands Nursery and the Guernsey Federation of Women's Institutes (GIFWI) have been countersigned by the Constables with the LBG. The GIFWI will be moving to the main building from Andy's House and it is hoped that the wooden structure can be leased to others such as a Physiotherapist or Chiropodist. Therefore, the Constables will be asked to countersign the cancellation of the original GIFWI lease when the move date has been agreed.</p>	<p>PD</p> <p>PD</p> <p>PD/AT/ KdLM</p>
Constables Accounts for 2015	<p>The accounts had been circulated previously to all Douzeniers by email. AC wished to place on record the thanks of the Douzaine to PD for his work in preparing the accounts and also to Mr Richard Stapley for his work in providing an independent assurance report.</p> <p>The Douzaine had no questions or concerns, and agreed that they be presented to the parish at the April meeting.</p>	AT/KdLM
Draft 2016 Ecclesiastical Remede	<p>RdG indicated that the Ecclesiastical Remede would be presented to the Douzaine at the March meeting, and that the total amount required would be in the region of £49,000. However, £18,500 of this sum would be for repairs to the floor and walls of the Rectory kitchen.</p> <p>AC asked the Douzaine to agree to recommend to the Parish meeting that the costs of repairs to the Rectory kitchen should be paid for from</p>	

	<p>money held in the Reserve Fund. This was agreed.</p>	AT/KdLM/ RdG
Draft Secular and Refuse Remede	<p>AT presented the draft Secular and Refuse Remede as approved by the Finance Sub Committee (attached to these minutes). PD asked why there was a sum of £10,000 for the cemetery and what it was intended to spend money on, - he suggested that there should be a breakdown of anticipated costs. It was agreed that this item should be presented in more detail at the March meeting. <b>Secular Remede.</b> AF pointed out that there should be £1,000 included to provide funds for the HM Queen Elizabeth II's birthday celebrations. This was agreed. PD pointed out that there should be a sum of £560 included to provide for the depreciation of fixtures and fittings. This was agreed. <b>Refuse Remede.</b> AT explained that he has allowed for an additional 20 tonnes of refuse disposal since there is uncertainty concerning the continuation of kerbside recycling collections after September 2016. If the scheme does not continue the parish will need to fund additional refuse disposal costs. If the scheme does continue the sum raised to dispose of refuse will likely be greater than needed and could then be used to subsidise refuse collections in 2017. It was agreed that given the uncertainty it was necessary to make this provision to ensure that the parish had the required funds in the eventuality that kerbside collections cease at the end of September.</p>	<p>KF/AF/RdG</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p>
Surface Water Flooding	<p>PD reported that following recent periods of prolonged rainfall which led to flooding in lower St Saviour he will be meeting with Mr C Hall of Guernsey Water on 24<sup>th</sup> February. PD expressed concerns that there is an increased amount of water flowing through St Saviour since the Airport development has been completed, - the catchment to St Saviour has increased with the reservoir frequently overtopping. This causes problems at high tide when water cannot flow into the sea. PD hoped that Guernsey Water would agree that (in periods where there was forecast to be large amounts of rainfall) the reservoir levels should be lowered so that the reservoir can act as a catchment area for the water running through St Saviour towards the sea. AC said that he believed there to be 2 issues, - water running through St Saviour which had previously been directed towards the south coast and the levels of water in the reservoir. If the additional water flowing through St Saviour was managed better by Guernsey Water in the reservoir the situation could quickly improve. PD will report back to the Douzaine following his meeting with Mr Hall.</p>	<p>PD</p>
Sure Telecom – Cabinet at Cemetery	<p>AT said that he had been approached by Sure Telecom who wished to install a street cabinet on parish land Les Buttes area to improve internet connections for nearby residents. AT had suggested that a more suitable location might be in the car park of the new cemetery. The Cemetery Committee were not opposed to the proposal. It was agreed that this proposal could be supported but that there should be rent received for such an installation. The Constables will ask Sure Telecom to liaise with the Churchwardens concerning the exact location for the installation and agree an appropriate rental fee.</p>	AT/KdLM/ RdG
Correspondence	<p>AT reported that the only item concerned the Policy Council's relationship with Parishes and an apology received for not having consulted properly concerning changes to this relationship.</p>	

<p>Any Other Business</p>	<p><b>Bornement.</b> RdG asked if a Bornement should have been applied for concerning a development at Route des Domaines. He did not think that there was a need for one but asked for confirmation. KF agreed to look at the area.</p> <p><b>Cemetery Maintenance Contract.</b> RdG reported that the current contractors had increased their charges by 100% in December 2015 with only one month's notice. He had been able to persuade the contractor to increase charges by 10%, but only until April 2016, after which the full increase should apply. Consequently, RdG sought quotations from other contractors and was able to find another contractor prepared to carry out the work at almost the same price as previously. RdG confirmed that the proposed new contractor was reputable and had the necessary resources to complete the work required. The Douzaine supported the action taken by RdG and agreed that it would be inappropriate to commit ratepayers to any greater expense than is necessary. RdG was authorised to change contractors.</p> <p><b>Pictures for Douzaine Room.</b> PD reported that he now has proofs of proposed pictures for the Douzaine Room walls and will be happy to show anyone interested if they see him at the conclusion of the meeting.</p> <p><b>Date for December Douzaine Meeting.</b> DB pointed out that the provisional date for the December meeting was incorrectly listed as Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> when it should in fact be Monday 12<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that this should be the date for the meeting.</p>	<p>KF</p> <p>RdG/AF/KF</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm</p>	
	<p>The next meeting is to be held at the Douzaine Room at <b>6.30pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016.</b></p>	