

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7.00pm on Monday 23rd May 2016

Present	Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), A Courtney (AC), M de Garis (MM), R de Garis (RdG), P Duquemin (PD), Mrs A Foley (AF), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs J Jorgenson-Lesbirel (JL), 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	
Apologies	Mr E Higgins (EH) and Miss M Macdonald (MM)	
Billet D’Etat	<p>Deputy A Brouard (AB) attended the meeting. AB indicated that because the new Assembly was ‘bedding in’ the Billet to be debated on 8th June was very light. The only matter of consequence involved the Committee for Education, Sport and Leisure requesting £750,000 to support the bid for the Island Games. It was hoped that corporate sponsorship would match the contribution from government. AB then gave the Douzaine a summary of his take on the election of Committee Presidents and Members.</p> <p>States Trading Board. DB asked if it was correct that there were to be only 2 political members of the States Trading Board, as indicated in the Press. AB said that this was correct but there were in fact to be a total of 5 members of this Board, the other 3 were to be elected later and it was hoped that they would be successful business people with much to offer the Board. In the event that 3 such members could not be found it was an option for the States to elect more politicians. This arrangement had been recommended by States Assembly and Constitution Committee (SACC) and approved by the previous States.</p> <p>Overseas Aid. DB asked AB for his view on the suggestion that the States should increase its overseas aid budget from 0.1% (£2.6 million annually) to 0.7% which would equate to well over £18 million. AB said that he did not believe that it was likely to happen. The overall tax take of the island was ‘treading water’ and the hoped for increase had not happened. Guernsey residents are extremely charitable in their own right and contribute large amounts to various charitable organisations annually. JB said that he understood that other jurisdictions include trade deals as part of their calculations when assessing their overseas aid contributions, something that Guernsey could not do. PD said that he understood that the overall budget of the States of Guernsey was in the region of £400 million annually and 0.7% of this would equate to £2.8 million, - not far off what is currently being spent. AB said that he understood the calculation was made using figures different to the net annual spend of government but was unable to say exactly what it was. JL then congratulated AB on his re-election as a Deputy. AB left the meeting at 7.20pm</p>	
Minutes of Meeting held on 25 th April 2016	The minutes were agreed and signed by AT.	

Matters Arising	Defibrillator. AT explained that because of staff shortages at Maylands Nursery the installation did not take place on 6 th May as planned. Unavailability of the installation team now suggests that there might be a delay of up 4 weeks before installation will be complete.	
Environment Department	Planning Applications. The Douzaine asked the Constables to obtain a copy of one application. AT said that he had received a complaint suggesting that a hedge had been 'opened up' without the appropriate planning consent. He has spoken to the landowner concerned and the hedge has now been re-instated. AF reported that the application for change of use at La Grande Lande had been turned down by the Planning Authority.	AT/KdLM
Hedge and Stream Inspections	AT reminded the Douzaine that inspections would be due soon after 15 th June and that the various Cantons should liaise with KdLM to agree dates and times. MdG asked that attention should be paid to hedges that overhang pavements and roadways since he was aware locations where this was becoming a problem.	
HM Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday	AC reminded the Douzaine that this was to be held on Sunday 12 th June at the Community Centre. The Sub Committee had met on 2 occasions and plans were now finalised. He would appreciate assistance with;- 1. Marshalls to assist with road crossings for the children taking part in the 'scavenger hunt' 2. Assistance with the serving of teas 3. Distribution of leaflets advertising the event to states houses since they did not receive a rates demand. Every other address in the parish would receive a leaflet with their rates on 1 st June. 4. Assistance with clearing up afterwards. Various members offered their services and will liaise with AC to finalise arrangements.	
Correspondence	Litter. AT reminded members that an email from the Forest Douzaine (suggesting an island wide initiative to highlight the problem of litter should be co-ordinated by the various Douzaines) had previously been circulated and asked for member's thoughts. DB said that the Douzaine was involved in a 'beach clean' in 2015. AT confirmed that this was to be an annual event taking place in September each year. JB said that the floral Guernsey judging route was walked every summer and litter collected. KF asked if the idea was to target areas or if the whole parish was to be walked and litter collected. The overall sentiment was that this is too onerous a project for the Douzaine to become involved with, with many Douzeniers already committing many hours to benefit the parish. Although the suggestion has merit it was considered too great a commitment for Douzeniers to take responsibility for litter collections. It is known that individual Douzeniers and parishioners undertake litter collections from different areas of the parish on an ad hoc basis but it is not something that the Douzaine wishes to formalise.	AT/KdLM

	<p>Rue des Crabbes – business being conducted from a private dwelling. AT said that he had received a letter from a resident at Rue des Crabbes complaining about a neighbour carrying on a business from a private property.</p> <p>PD said that he is aware of the position but did not believe it to be a matter that the Douzaine could enforce but suggested we could write to Planning supporting the writers concerns.</p> <p>AC said that he considered the property concerned to be unkempt and detracted from the character of the neighbourhood. He suggested that the concerns should be passed on to either Environmental Health or the Planning Department or both.</p> <p>AT said that he understood that the complainant had forwarded a copy of the letter to the Planning Department.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Constables should write to the complainant explaining that they had contacted the Planning Department and asked them to investigate the matter.</p> <p>Japanese Knotweed.</p> <p>AT said that he had received a letter from a concerned parishioner suggesting that there are increasing numbers of areas that have Japanese Knotweed growing on them.</p> <p>RdG said that every hedge inspection (June and September each year) included identifying areas where Knotweed is growing. Letters are then sent to the owners requesting them to attend to the problem but there is no legal requirement for owners to do anything about it.</p> <p>AT confirmed that he would inspect the areas identified by the letter writer and then write to the owners of property identified as having the knotweed growing.</p> <p>He would also arrange to speak with Dr Casebow to establish the position concerning proposed legislation.</p>	<p>AT/KdLM</p> <p>AT/KdLM</p>
Meeting with Guernsey Water	<p>AT asked if PD, AC and EH had arranged to meet with Guernsey Water to discuss flooding in lower St Saviour.</p> <p>PD/AC said that they would prepare a response and would arrange to meet Guernsey Water.</p>	<p>PD/AC/EH</p>
Any Other Business	<p>Bonfires.</p> <p>MT highlighted that a near neighbour of his was causing a nuisance to MT and other neighbours by continually lighting bonfires and burning noxious smelling materials.</p> <p>AT said that this was not something that the Constables have any authority over and suggested that the Environmental Health Department should be contacted.</p> <p>KF said that that department was trying to stop burning altogether, something she was opposed to. RdG and others agreed with KF. The majority of the Douzaine was in favour of continuing to allow the burning of garden waste.</p> <p>SSCC – Change to Rules, Advocate’s Advice.</p> <p>RdG asked AT if there had been any advice received. AT confirmed that there had been but that he was not yet in a position to discuss it with the Douzaine because the advice had raised further questions. He hoped to be in a position to discuss it at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cemetery Wall – Repairs</p> <p>RdG confirmed that repairs to the Cemetery wall (damaged by a tractor and trailer on 3rd March) have been completed and that he is satisfied that the job has been completed to a good standard.</p> <p>2016 Deputy Elections.</p> <p>RdG thanked all those who assisted with the elections on 27th April,</p>	

	<p>adding that he was very pleased with the way they had been conducted.</p> <p>Potholes, - Terre Norgiot. AC asked the Constables to report that there was a series of deep Potholes in the Terre Norgiot. AT agreed to do so but warned that there seemed to be a long lead in period before any repairs are completed.</p> <p>Wedding at St Saviour's Community Centre (SSCC). KF said that she had been approached by neighbours of the Centre who were concerned about forthcoming events and asked for some information concerning a proposed wedding and if it was correct that a marquee would be in place all of the summer. PD confirmed that there was a booking for 1 wedding reception in August. It was not true that a marquee would be in place all of the summer, - permission so to do had been applied for but only so that in the event that there were to be two events on consecutive weeks the marquee would not have to come down and be erected again a few days later. PD also confirmed that except for 'one off' events such as this wedding reception the normal close for the Centre is 10.30pm. PD also confirmed that there was no intention for the Centre to be a 'bad neighbour'. MT said that during most summers there are marquee events held all over the parish and whilst it may be not to the liking of near neighbours it is something most people will accept when common sense and courtesy are adopted.</p>	<p>AT/KdLM</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm</p>	
	<p>The next meeting is to be held at the Douzaine Room at 7.00pm on Monday 27th June 2016.</p>	