

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Herm and Jethou Rooms at the
Community Centre at 7. 00pm on Monday 27th July 2015

Present	Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), A Courtney (AC), M de Garis (MdG), R de Garis (RdG), P Duquemin (PD), Mrs A Foley (AF), Messrs J Jorgenson-Lesbirel (JL), M Tanguy (MT) and Mr A Tempest (AT) (Senior Constable – presiding). Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.	
Apologies	Mrs K Fooks (KF), Miss M Macdonald (MM), Messrs E Higgins (EH) and T Robinson (TR)	
Billet d'Etat	<p>Deputy R Perrot (RP) attended the meeting to brief members about the July States Billets XIII, XIV and XV.</p> <p>Population Management Regime. RP said that this item was ongoing and followed on from what was agreed by the States in the middle of 2013. He said that there were some issues concerning multi occupancy of open market properties but that he understood that the Policy council would be recommending an amendment that would allay concerns before the debate.</p> <p>Maternity Leave. RP said that because Guernsey had signed up to an international treaty the introduction of maternity leave was inevitable. He did not support the move but nonetheless it would be approved. AC said that it was another hurdle that small businesses would have to deal with if they were to be successful and something that was not necessary.</p> <p>Integrated Transport Strategy. RP suggested that the strategy as approved by the States in the spring of 2014 was almost unrecognisable and that it was almost at an end, in fact there was now no transport strategy. This was a view supported by several Douzeniers.</p> <p>High Hedges Proposal. DB asked RP if this would be a solution to the problem since DB considered that the proposal would be difficult and slow to implement. RP agreed with DB but suggested that, if approved, there would now be a solution to a very real problem. RP left the meeting at 7.20pm</p>	
Cemetery Committee Accounts	RdG reported that the Committee Treasurer had not completed the accounts and that he hoped that they would be ready to present to the Douzaine at the September meeting.	
Minutes of Meeting held on 22 nd June 2015.	The minutes were agreed without amendment, approved for publication on the website, and signed by AT.	
Matters Arising	<p>Mr Kent – Payment of Rates. AT reported that Mr M Kent had made his view concerning the payment of rates known publically via the Guernsey Press and that subsequently his account had been settled by an anonymous person. AT has written to Mr Kent advising him of the position.</p>	
Plurality	<p>AT advised the Douzaine that 5 parishes had expressed support for the solution suggested by St Saviour. Torteval is against the proposal and four parishes have yet to express a view. The Douzaine agreed that once there was a majority of Douzaines in</p>	

	support of the proposed solution AT should contact RP and ask for his advice and guidance as to how best to proceed.	AT
Sea Defences	<p>PD reported that the Environment Department had engaged contractors to repoint a relatively small section of the sea wall at Perelle. The Department had been prevented from carrying out the work that they had planned to do by Treasury and Resources Department's refusal to fund the project.</p> <p>DB pointed out that there had been a section of roadway that had collapsed and that this had been repaired.</p> <p>PD said that he and AC had met with Guernsey Water and they believed that it was likely that the Company would agree to install a catch pit adjacent to the property owned by Mr M Le Page.</p>	
Building Work Update	<p>PD reported that the work was progressing well and was on course for completion in September, the roof covering should be complete before the end of July.</p> <p>MT said that the work had progressed well and that he had been happy to sign off the most recent interim account from the contractors.</p> <p>Display Cabinet.</p> <p>AC reminded members that it had previously been agreed that the cabinet should be refurbished by Mr M Laine at a cost of £200. AC asked if it would be appropriate for a parish scene to be incorporated as a backdrop and anticipated that this might cost up to another £200.</p> <p>It was agreed that AC should liaise with Mr N Despres (to obtain a quote for a photographic backdrop) and Mr Laine to progress the refurbishment.</p>	AC/AT
Parochial Administration Law	<p>AT reminded the Douzaine that the new Parochial Administration Law comes into effect on 1st September 2015 and that this will mean that hedge and stream inspections might be carried out in a slightly different way. He would be attending a meeting of Island Constables on 7th August to ensure that all parishes were inspecting to the same standard and applying sanctions in the same way.</p> <p>There would be a requirement to take photographs of property where there was a problem and that new letters would be required. He would update the Douzaine after the meeting on 7th.</p>	AT
Rue du Rignet	<p>AC said that he had been approached by a resident in Rue du Rignet suggesting that the road should be made one way and asked the Douzaine for their view.</p> <p>The Douzaine considered that to do so might solve some perceived problems for some residents but cause new problems for others. JB highlighted possible difficulties for the sewage trucks if the road was made one way.</p> <p>It was agreed that no change were to be suggested to the Environment Department.</p>	
St Saviour's Community Centre (SSCC) – Trust Deed and Articles of Incorporation.	<p>AT said that JB had reminded him that the documents should have been amended along the lines agreed by the Douzaine in May 2013. JB had provided AT with a document (attached to these minutes) outlining the changes.</p> <p>JB said that this was the case but that there had been no urgency for the changes to be made until the Douzaine Room at La Grande Rue had been sold and phase 2 of the development at SSCC was completed.</p> <p>PD confirmed that the changes had been agreed by SSCC Trustees and Directors.</p> <p>It was agreed that AT should engage advocates to prepare the changes to the documents.</p>	AT

Repairs to Abbreveurs	<p>AT confirmed that repairs were progressing at Frie au Four and that stonemasons should be starting at other locations within the next few weeks.</p> <p>An issue had developed where Collas Crill had advised that an adjacent wall was in fact not the parish's property, but that AT intended to repair the abbreveur, not the wall. AT intends to write to the property owner to request that the wall is repaired.</p> <p>Collas Crill had suggested that they could contact property owners adjacent to abbreveurs to confirm ownership of boundaries adjacent to abbreveurs as that of parish responsibility.</p> <p>The Douzaine rejected the idea that the Parish Advocates should engage in a process of confirming ownership of adjacent boundaries (which would be costly) but that repairs to the actual abbreveurs should continue as planned.</p> <p>AC Confirmed that when he had been Constable, probably in 2009, he had written to the Environment Department confirming that the parish considers itself to be the owner of the roadside abbreveurs within St Saviour.</p> <p>AT advised that he would not spend parish funds on repairing abbreveur walls if the wall was not owned by the parish.</p>	AT
Kerbside Collection of Glass	<p>DB said that he and JJJ had attended a recent meeting and had been advised that recycling rates had now reached 50%.</p> <p>The glass collection trial in St Peter Port was working well with very few complaints.</p> <p>It was expected that collection of food waste would commence in 2017. When the interim collection of paper, cardboard plastic and cans ends in 2016 it is expected that a charge of between £1.50 and £2 will be introduced for each 'black bag' waste and £0.50 for each recyclable bag of waste.</p> <p>DB said that a question had been raised about collection of additional fees on behalf of Public Services Department (PSD) if the 'bag fees' do not cover the Department's costs, - would the parish be happy to collect additional fees?</p> <p>The Douzaine recommended that PSD should set the bag fees at a level that covers their costs and that parishes should not be expected to collect fees to make up any shortfall.</p> <p>AT said that he had just received a letter from PSD asking him to establish if the Douzaine would support the kerbside collection of glass by the parish refuse contractor.</p> <p>The Douzaine expressed support for this initiative but considered that once every 2 weeks would be appropriate.</p> <p>The Douzaine authorised AT to engage with the refuse contractor to determine the likely cost for this initiative and also what the costs would be for ongoing collection of other kerbside recyclable waste products.</p>	AT
Rates Update	<p>AT reported that there was approximately 8% (£17k) outstanding. Reminders had been sent out and he intended to apply a £25 fine to all accounts not paid before 9th August.</p>	
Jurat Elections	<p>AT confirmed that JB and RdG will be attending the election on 29th July 2015.</p>	
Environment Department	<p>The Douzaine did not request copies of any application not already requested by the Constables.</p>	
Beach Watch	<p>AT suggested registering St Saviour as part of the 'Beach Watch' initiative that collected and recorded litter found on beaches for the Marine Conservation Society (MCS). The date would be the weekend of</p>	

	<p>19th and 20th September 2015 and the venue Perelle Bay. The beach is cleared of rubbish and 100 metres are surveyed for MCS.</p> <p>The Douzaine expressed support for the initiative and AT asked the Douzaine for their support on the weekend, suggesting that SSCC and moorings committee be included.</p>	All
Correspondence	<p>Perelle Bay Slipway. AT said that he had been made aware of another accident on green algae at the slipway. He had contacted the Environment Department who had immediately arranged for the area to be cleaned. The Department are aware of a problem with a Guernsey Water controlled stream outfall and are in discussion with them to determine a more permanent solution.</p> <p>2016 General Election. JLJ agreed to attend a meeting on 24th August 2015 to discuss arrangements for the 2016 General Election.</p> <p>Traffic Warning Signage at Le Neuf Chemin. AT said that he had now received a response from the Environment Department (ED) concerning a request for the positioning of road signage at the approaches to SSCC. The ED are not convinced that there is a need for signage and have asked for supporting evidence that it is necessary. It was pointed out that MM had tabled this request and it was suggested that she should be asked to respond to the letter when she returned from holiday. The Douzaine agreed that AT should refer the matter to MM.</p>	JLJ AT/MM
Any Other Business	<p>Floral St Saviour. AC reported that the Parish had received a silver gilt award along with the award for conservation at the recent awards evening. He added that he hoped to be able to introduce route maps for walks that could be enjoyed by locals and visitors for 2016.</p> <p>Furniture for New Douzaine Room. AF questioned the need for new furniture, suggesting that existing furniture was adequate if accompanied by a table cloth with the parish crest JB, supported by PD pointed out that the intention was that the room would be able to be rented out when not required by the Douzaine and that if the room was to be marketed to businesses good quality furniture would be necessary. AF conceded the point and the Douzaine confirmed that JB and AT should proceed with obtaining quotations for appropriate furnishings.</p> <p>Defibrillator. DB suggested that SSCC would be an appropriate site for locating a defibrillator for public access. The Douzaine authorised DB to proceed with obtaining quotations for this initiative.</p> <p>Rue Mahaut, - Hedge Obstruction JLJ highlighted a concern that the landowner at the junction with Rue de La Maladerie was failing to cut the hedge and that this was proving to be a nuisance to vehicle drivers wishing to enter the main road. It was pointed out to JLJ that the Parochial Administration Law that comes into force on 1st September gives the Constables the authority to require such hedges to be cut and that the hedge inspections in September would highlight the problem. JB suggested that JLJ could contact the owner and request that the hedge is cut at an angle. JLJ requested that Rue Mahaut should become a Route Tranquilles to</p>	AC AT/JB DB AT/JLJ JLJ

	<p>reduce the speed of motorists.</p> <p>AT advised that this was a matter for the Environment Department and that JJJ could raise the matter with the Department.</p> <p>JJJ requested that the Constables write to the Department to suggest that the road should become a Route Tranquille.</p>	<p>JJJ</p> <p>AT</p>
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be in the Lihou Room on Monday 28 th September 2015 at the Community Centre, starting at 7.00pm.	