

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7. 00pm on Monday 22nd June 2015

Present	Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), A Courtney (AC), M de Garis (MdG), R de Garis (RdG), Mrs A Foley (AF), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs E Higgins (EH), J Jorgenson-Lesbirel (JL), Miss M Macdonald (MM), Messrs M Tanguy (MT) and Mr A Tempest (AT) (Senior Constable – presiding). Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.	
Apologies	Messrs P Duquemin (PD) and T Robinson (TR)	
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 July meeting.	
Minutes of Meeting held on 18 th May 2015.	The minutes were agreed without amendment and signed by AT.	
Matters Arising	None	
Parochial Collection of Waste (Guernsey) Law 2015.	<p>AT reminded the Douzaine that copies of a letter from the minister at the Public Services Department (PSD) had been circulated on 16th June.</p> <p>AT pointed out the following;-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new legislation is to be presented to the States of Guernsey for the September 2015 meeting. • Each Douzaine will retain the ability to determine if rates should be charged on an annual, bi-annual or quarterly basis. • Douzaines can delegate the enforcement element of the law to the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA). However, it is not completely clear if there would be a charge to the Douzaine should this be the preferred option. • The WDA accepted that there may be difficulty in identifying cases where the requirements of the law were breached. • Power to admit small businesses will be at the total discretion of the various Douzaines. St Saviour will have to make a decision about this in the near future. <p>No comments were made by Douzeniers and it was accepted that progress is being made towards a start for new collection arrangements at some point in 2016.</p> <p>Meeting with Douzaine Liaison Group (DLG). AT advised the meeting that there was to be a meeting with the DLG to discuss progress on 26th June – to be attended by MdG.</p> <p>Waste Strategy Implementation Workshop. AT advised the Douzaine that there is to be a further workshop on 22nd July to discuss implementation arrangements, - the time and venue to be advised.</p> <p>AT, KF and JLL agreed to represent the Douzaine.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">MdG</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AT, KF, JLL</p>
Plurality	<p>AT confirmed that the Constables had commenced a consultation process with the island Douzaines and the Guernsey Deanery as agreed at the April meeting.</p> <p>The Chief Minister had welcomed and encouraged St Saviour to conduct the consultation process and letters had been sent out asking Douzaines to consider the matter at their June meetings.</p> <p>Guernsey Deanery has already replied saying that they have sympathy with the position that St Saviour finds itself in but that it is not something</p>	

	<p>that the Guernsey Deanery feels able to comment on as they consider it to be a matter entirely for the Secular authorities. It is hoped that Douzaines will respond within a few weeks.</p>	
Sea Defences	<p>AT updated the Douzaine concerning repairs to the sea wall at Perelle. Since the May meeting when Deputy de Lisle (DdL) agreed to try and influence the Environment Department (ED) there has been an indication from the ED that engineers will carry out some repairs to the worst areas during the summer period of 2015.</p>	
Plant Health Legislation	<p>AT highlighted proposals from the Commerce and Employment Board that would update legislation to protect plant health on Guernsey – the proposals had been circulated to members on 2nd June. It was agreed that the proposals were entirely sensible measures that provided for arrangements to safeguard plant health and that the Constables should reply accordingly.</p>	AT
New Constables' Office Building Work Update.	<p>MT reported that the first account had been received from CA Duquemin for building work completed in the sum of approximately £15,500. This had been signed off by Les James (LJ), AT and MT and the Constables would pay the invoice. MT also confirmed that he had met with AC and LJ to agree a work programme and that all was progressing well.</p> <p><u>Windows and Doors.</u> CA Duquemin had requested quotes for windows and doors and these should be ready within a matter of days. It was likely that blinds would prove to be impractical and the possibility of some form of mirrored glass was being considered but no decisions had been taken. The 3 panel folding door to the Lihou room would fold outwards and the doors would be fitted with garrison locks. The door to the office would have the lowest possible threshold and be 'wheelchair friendly'.</p> <p><u>Flooring.</u> The Douzaine confirmed that the flooring should be good quality commercial carpet, - floor tiles should not be considered.</p> <p><u>Drainage.</u> MT said that discussions with the contractors had confirmed that the best possible drainage arrangements would be installed to remove any possibility of water running off the car park and causing flooding problems to the building. AT confirmed that LJ would be reporting on progress on a weekly basis.</p>	
Billet d'Etat	<p>Deputy A Wilkie (AW) attended the meeting at 7.35pm. AT welcomed AW to the meeting and invited him to comment on Billets XI and XII (July 7th). AW said that there was little of significance in Billet XI but that XII included the proposals to reorganise the States' affairs and this would no doubt be of interest.</p> <p><u>Home Department – Future of Law Enforcement.</u> AW said that the reason this item was to be discussed was because the States had previously agreed to have a Commission to ensure robust arrangements between the Head of Law Enforcement and the Home Department but since the head of both the Police and Customs was the same person it was now considered to be inappropriate.</p> <p><u>2016 General Election.</u> Although there was a proposal that the 2016 General Election should take place on 20th April some Deputies wanted it to be on 27th since this</p>	

would fall outside of a school holiday period.

JB said that it was his firm opinion that the date should remain as recommended and that anyone away from the island could make arrangements to cast a postal vote.

States Review Committee (SRC) – Organisation of States’ Affairs.

AW commented that although he is in favour of reducing the number of Departments and the number of Deputies he has become aware that some ministers of departments are expressing concerns about the proposals. AW suggested that the proposal for a Policy and Resources Department with 5 members together with 6 Departments responsible for all of the State’s business was a move in the right direction.

AC said that he had attended a public meeting to learn about the proposals and his view was that the SRC should be congratulated on a well thought out report which gave strategic direction and he hoped that deputies would support it without ‘tinkering’.

AW said that his fear was that projects such as the rebuild of La Mare de Carteret School would become even more difficult if not supported by the top committee.

The Douzaine collectively expressed (to AW) their long held view that the Education Department should have researched the future of secondary education before proposing expenditure of over £60 million to build a school that might not be needed. The Douzaine considered that Treasury and Resources Department had acted entirely appropriately.

MT said that he considered the Education Department had wasted much time and money with the complete lack of direction concerning the future of secondary education.

AW said that he believed the proposals would be voted through but he sensed opposition from some quarters.

AC said that this would be most likely from those deputies who considered themselves to be in danger of losing their ministerial positions or possibly their seat as a deputy.

Plurality.

AT explained the position that St Saviour concerning the housing of the Priest-in Charge of the 4 western parishes.

AW said that he was aware the St Saviour had written to the Torteval Douzaine (of which he is a member) seeking support for some contribution towards the costs. He went on to explain that the difficulty Torteval Douzaine faced was that it was split ‘down the middle’. Some members agreed that all western parishes should contribute towards the costs but some considered it wrong to ask parishioners to pay costs associated with housing the Rector.

AT pointed out that as recently as February 2015 the States reaffirmed the legislation that made property owners responsible for the maintenance of Church property.

RdG suggested that it was wrong for a Douzaine to adopt the position where they decided which laws they were going to support. He asked AW if he (RdG) were to commit some kind of offence because he did not agree with a particular law if he would be able to rely on the support of AW in defending his position.

AW agreed that he would not be able to support such a position and accepted the point being made, commenting that it might lead to a difficult discussion at the Torteval Douzaine meeting.

AT thanked AW for attending. AW left the meeting at 8.10pm.

Environment Department – Planning Applications	There were no requests for plans other than those already requested by the Constables.	
Bornement	The Douzaine approved an application for a Bornement in respect of building a new garage at a property in La Grande Rue.	
Hedge and Stream Inspections	AT confirmed that Le Gron and Les Prevosts Canton had completed the hedge inspections. Les Jenemies would be done on 23 rd June and Les Rouvets during the week commencing 29 th June.	
Correspondence	AT said that the only correspondence of note was a letter detailing how the next stage of the Island Development Plan will be progressed. Forms are available from AT if required.	
Any Other Business	<p>Repairs to Abbreveurs. AT reminded the Douzaine that funds available for repairs amounted to £13k -, £3.5k of which was an unspent balance from 2015 (due to unavailability of stonemasons). AT has now instructed masons to carry out repairs at 4 sites at a cost of £8.5k. Other work will be commissioned provided there is no unforeseen expense incurred at these sites.</p> <p>Bank Signatories. AT confirmed to the Douzaine that TR would be unavailable due to ill health for several months, a situation that the Bailiff's Secretary, Mr D Robilliard, is aware of and is comfortable with. DB has agreed to become a signatory to the various bank accounts in case either AT or GC is not available.</p> <p>Motor Sprint Event. AT reminded members that the Kart Club sprint event is due to be held at Le Neuf Chemin on Saturday 27th June.</p> <p>Prison Garden Visit. AT confirmed that RdG and AT with their spouses would be attending the open garden on 11th July 2015. AT will confirm arrangements with the Constables at St Martin.</p> <p>Absence of AT. AT advised the Douzaine that he would be out of the Island on 3rd, 4th and 5th July. JB agreed to deputise.</p> <p>Parishioner Refusing to Pay Rates. AT advised the Douzaine that one parishioner was refusing to pay his rates on points of 'principle'. AT has advised the person concerned that the account must be paid in full and that resource to the Petty Debts Court would be the option if the account is not paid. AT understands that the person concerned has taken his grievance to the Guernsey Press and that they are considering running a story about the matter. AT will be providing the Press with facts concerning parochial taxation. The Douzaine unanimously supported AT in this course of action.</p> <p>Furniture for Douzaine Room (Lihou Room at the Community Centre). JB introduced the possibility of purchasing furniture for the Douzaine (which could be used by the Community Centre when not required by the Douzaine) from amelioration account funds. He said that he had had preliminary discussions with PD concerning the matter and hoped to have detailed quotes for the July meeting. There was no opposition to the suggestion.</p> <p>Jurats Election. RdG reminded the Douzaine that he and JB would be attending the Jurats election in July.</p>	<p>AT</p> <p>AT,DB</p> <p>AT</p> <p>AT,JB</p> <p>AT</p> <p>JB,PD</p> <p>JB,RdG</p>

