

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur  
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at  
 7. 00pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Present	Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), A Courtney (AC), P Duquemin (PD), M de Garis (MdG), Mrs A Foley (AF), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Mr J Jorgenson-Lesbirel (JL), Miss M Macdonald (MM), and Mr A Tempest (AT) (Senior Constable – presiding). Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.	
Apologies	Messrs R de Garis (RdG), E Higgins (EH), T Robinson (TR) and M Tanguy (MT).	
Billet D’Etat	<p>Deputy D de Lisle (DdL) was in attendance at the start of the meeting. AT asked DdL to summarise items that were due to be debated by the States at the May meeting.</p> <p><b>Financial Transformation Programme – End of Programme Report.</b>  DdL commented that the report showed £28.7 million recurring savings from the programme. DdL has concerns that there has not been as great a saving in staff numbers as he had hoped for. There was, however, hoped to be further ongoing savings from the next stage of the programme.</p> <p>AC asked if the objectives of the SAP programme had been met, for example concerning centralised purchasing.</p> <p>DdL said that in his experience there were many issues which were not satisfactory at the beginning – there were lots of teething problems – but that these had now sorted themselves out and DdL believed that it was working satisfactorily.</p> <p>AC asked if the helpdesk (the hub) was working well. DdL said that he was aware that initially it had been overwhelmed but again this had settled down and things were working satisfactorily.</p> <p><b>Redevelopment of la Mare de Carteret School.</b>  DdL pointed out that there was to be an amendment seeking to delay any decision on redevelopment until strategic decisions concerning selection and the number of secondary schools needed had been made. DdL said that the Policy Council (PC) has said that it would support the redevelopment of the school but on the proviso that support was conditional on reducing the number of secondary schools from 4 to 3, a position that DdL found ‘odd’ since there are currently 3 secondary schools. He could not see any point of redeveloping a fourth school so that one could be closed. The PC has stated that best value would be obtained by building a school that could accommodate 900 plus students. DdL added that Treasury and Resources (T&amp;R) say that no decision should be made until strategic decisions on post 11 education have been made. DdL also pointed out that an independent report into post 11 education shows that between all secondary schools (including the Colleges) there is spare capacity for a further 600 or more students. JB said that he agreed with T&amp;R that there should be no money spent on redeveloping the school at La Mare until decisions had been made about post 11 education.</p> <p>KF said that if selection at 11 was increased to accommodate 30% (instead of 25%) of students at the Grammar School there would be only 2 secondary schools needed.</p> <p>AT said that the Douzaine had written to the Education Department in November 2014 (copy attached to these minutes) concerning the matter of redeveloping the school and he did not believe that the view of the</p>	

	<p>Douzaine had changed.  DdL said that he was aware of this letter and that he was in agreement with it.  DdL asked the Douzaine to express their position concerning the Education Department proposals.  There was unanimous opposition to the Education Department proposals and confirmation that the November 2014 letter (from the Constables to the education Department) referred to above was still the view of the Douzaine.  DdL expressed concern that the proposals on the table were far more than the redevelopment of a school, additional sport and community facilities were responsible – in his view – for at least 50% of the total proposed cost, something he could not support.  JB said that he found it quite ridiculous that the Department should be proposing the spending of £60 million on a new school to bring the total number of secondary schools to 4 and then to seek agreement that they should review whether in fact they actually need the 4 schools. He said that he agreed that the review should be completed before any money is spent.  DdL indicated that he would support the amendment to have a strategic review on secondary education before redevelopment takes place.</p> <p><b><u>Plurality.</u></b>  AT asked DdL if he was aware of the position concerning plurality of the 4 western parishes, in particular the additional costs incurred by St Saviour in housing the Rector.  DdL said that he is fully aware having been a member of the Parish Ecclesiastical Rates Review Committee (PERRC). In his view the matter required the enacting of legislation that was prepared several years previously. He believes that this is something that the Chief Minister has agreed to do.  DdL agreed to write again to the new Dean (once he takes up his position later in the year) to arrange discussions on how the position can be improved for all parishes.  DdL left the meeting at 7.35pm</p>	
Minutes of Meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2015.	With the correction of 3 typing errors the minutes were approved and signed by AT.	
Matters Arising	<p><b><u>Granite Seats at Sous L'Eglise.</u></b>  AT said that had engaged Granite Le Pelley to make the necessary repairs.</p>	
Douzaine Liaison Group	<p>Report on the recent meeting from MdG</p> <p><b><u>Environmental Bio-diversity.</u></b>  Mr A McCutcheon had asked if this was something that Douzaines could become involved with. The Douzaine was of the opinion that it was a matter to be considered at the planning stage of building developments and as such a matter for the Environment Department planners.</p> <p><b><u>Hedge Cutting and Stream Cleaning Legislation.</u></b>  It is expected that legislation allowing Constables and Douzaines to fine people who did not comply with legislation would come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.</p> <p><b><u>Accounts Audits.</u></b>  The new legislation concerning preparation of annual Constables, accounts would also be introduced in September 2015.</p>	

	<p><b>Bornement Fees.</b> An increase in fees to £25 will commence in September 2015.</p> <p><b>Dog Licences – Amelioration Accounts.</b> Current legislation requiring the annual publication in La Gazette giving details of the income and expenditure of the Parish amelioration account will be amended before March 2016. This will remove the need to have details published every March.</p> <p><b>Parish Crest.</b> Mr D Wray of the Policy Council has requested that he be allowed to have an electronic copy of the parish crest. AT said that he had received an email request and that it had already been sent.</p> <p><b>Parochial Waste.</b> In view of comments received from the various parishes there will be an additional meeting arranged to discuss points of concern.</p>	
Guernsey Douzaine Council	No meeting.	
Plurality	AT said that he had written to the Chief Minister on 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 but had not yet received a reply. He would wait until June and chase it up if no reply had been forthcoming.	AT
Sea Defences at Perelle	<p>PD reminded the Douzaine the Environment Department had planned to carry out extensive repointing to both sides of the wall at Perelle Bay commencing after the spring tides in April 2015. The repairs had been prioritised by the Department on advice from engineers but had not actually started yet. Enquiries had established that T&amp;R had delayed the repairs insisting that a capital prioritisation report should be prepared by the Environment Department before any work can take place – Perelle alone would cost £420k, part of a total request of £4.3 million.</p> <p>PD had spoken to DdL before the start of the May Douzaine meeting and DdL had agreed to pursue the matter if that was the wish of the Douzaine.</p> <p>JB recommended that in the interests of parishioners in the lower part of the parish the Douzaine should do all in its power to influence an early commencement to repairs.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Constables should write to DdL asking him to do all that he can to initiate repairs and that the letter should be copied to all western deputies.</p>	AT/TR
Bornement	<p>AT reported that he had an application for a Bornement in respect of a property in Longue Rue.</p> <p>The applicant wishes to build a wall within the arrangements in place for development without the need for planning permission.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Constables and Canton members (Les Jenemies) should conduct a site visit before any permission is granted.</p>	AT/JB
Liberation Celebrations	AC reported on the celebrations held at the Community Centre on Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May, - a collaboration between the Douzaine, Community Centre, Floral St Saviour and the St Saviour's Women's Institute. All involved agreed that it had been a great success with good weather and significant a number of parishioners attending.	
Hedge and Stream Inspections	AT said that he would prefer to commence inspections within 4 or 5 days of the cut date and would be contacting the various canton members to confirm dates.	AT
Correspondence	<p><b>Prison Garden Visit.</b> AT said that at a recent Island Constables' meeting an invitation was</p>	

	made for up to 10 persons from each parish to attend a visit with HE the Lieutenant Governor and the Bailiff at Les Nicolles Prison Garden on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 July. Cost would be £7.50 per head and AT asked anyone interested to let him know as soon as possible.	
Any Other Business	<p><b>Douzaine Website – Photographs of Douzeniers.</b>  JLJ reminded the Douzaine that the January meeting had agreed that Douzeniers photographs would be posted on the website.  AT suggested that this should only be done with agreement of all concerned. Two members expressed doubts about wanting their pictures on the website.  It was agreed that JLJ should email all members to establish their wishes and if all were in agreement to having their photographs taken this could be arranged at mutually convenient times.</p> <p><b>Abbeveurs – Repairs.</b>  AT advised the Douzaine that he had met with contractors at several different sites to discuss repairs and was waiting for quotes before giving the go ahead for repairs to commence.</p>	JLJ  AT
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be in the Lihou Room on Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015 <b>at the Community Centre, starting at 7.00pm.</b>	