

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7. 00pm on Monday 23rd November 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), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs E Higgins (EH), J Jorgenson-Lesbirel (JL), 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.	
Apologies	None	
New Constable	AT introduced and welcomed KdLM, the newly elected Junior Constable, to the Douzaine.	
Billet d'Etat	<p>Deputy A Brouard (AB) attended the meeting at 7.00pm. AB detailed items for debate by the States (Billets XX, XXI and XXII) at the November meeting.</p> <p>Education Department – Transforming Early Years Education. AB pointed out that the States had previously agreed to the introduction of free pre-school education, but at that time had not identified a source of funding. The recommendation now was to take a portion of the family allowance payments and use it to fund this initiative. There would be a limit to those able to take advantage of the free provision in that those earning over £75k would not qualify for their children to take advantage of this facility. DB pointed out that the total cost was predicted to be £2 million annually, but that the removal of £2.50 per week per child from the family allowance might be beneficial to parents of pre-school children but those with older children would be worse off every week. JB questioned the need for the introduction of free pre-school education when over 92% of children in the island are already able to attend, albeit at their parents' expense. MM commented that all children are different and suggested that some children might not be ready for formal schooling at pre-school age. AB said that all of the advice from Educational professionals suggested that the provision of free pre-school education is needed and where it is provided (in other jurisdictions) the evidence suggests that when children start primary school they are more likely to be receptive to learning. His personal view is that the system proposed should be introduced since it will help poorer families to give their children a better framework to start at primary school. PD suggested that the reduction in family allowance might adversely impact on poorer families, but AB assured the Douzaine that there would be provision within Social Security Department to ensure that in cases of need there would be additional supplementary benefits available. KF asked if the £75k cut off for free provision applied to single earners or family income. AB was unable to answer this point saying that Education and Treasury Departments were still discussing this point.</p> <p>Arrangements for Secondary Healthcare. AB said that there were ongoing discussions concerning the provision of secondary healthcare beyond 2017. He said that he did not believe that the Health Department would be able to provide an 'in house' arrangement and that the consultants at the Medical Specialist Group were holding all of the cards. Skilled medical consultants are sought after all over the world and if they were not able to reach a satisfactory</p>	

	<p>arrangement with the Health Department they might well seek employment elsewhere – if they do not consider themselves to be sufficiently well remunerated in Guernsey there will be no reason for them to stay. His view is that an agreement will be reached along similar lines as currently but that there will be additional costs to the taxpayer.</p> <p>Cabernet Limited (Aurigny) – Recapitalisation.</p> <p>AB said that the Treasury Department were supporting the proposal to recapitalise Aurigny and that in doing so there would be more chance of the company retuning a profit.</p> <p>JB asked if it was correct that an additional £1.20 per person per sector would see the airline pay off their debts.</p> <p>AB said that he understood that it was and that it was within Aurigny’s power to do so but that it was something they were reluctant to do given the pressure to keep air travel costs (to each passenger) as low as possible. He said that perhaps it would be simpler to actually recognise the losses incurred in providing services to Alderney and become more profitable on the other routes that the company operates.</p> <p>PD said that the States have no choice but to recapitalise the company if the company is to comply with Guernsey solvency laws.</p> <p>AB left the meeting at 7.30pm</p>	
<p>Minutes of meeting held on 26th October 2015</p>	<p>The minutes were agreed without alteration and signed by AT.</p>	
<p>Matters Arising</p>	<p>Road Signage – Le Neuf Chemin.</p> <p>MM reported that the Environment Department required evidence of the need for warning signs. MM says that discussions with the proprietor on Maylands Nursery suggest that there is a very real need and that she is waiting for further information from the Nursery so that an evidence based recommendation can be made to the Department.</p> <p>Bi-fold Doors, Water Ingress.</p> <p>PD said that David Duquemin (CA Duquemin) is dealing with the matter but that he has been away from the island recently. PD anticipates a solution soon.</p> <p>Purchase of a Defibrillator.</p> <p>DB had tabled the idea of providing a defibrillator at the July meeting. PD had circulated a quote for this provision at £2,650, together with a recommendation that it should be sited at the rear of the St Saviour’s Community Centre (SSCC) on the wall adjacent to the bi-fold doors (close to the entrance to the Constables’ Office). PD had suggested that the parish amelioration fund should be used to finance this purchase. AT said that he could see no reason not to purchase this equipment but suggested that it should be sited in a more prominent position so that it could be seen. JB agreed, suggesting that the ideal location would be on the gable end of the building (closest to the church) and although not immediately facing the roadway it would be seen by everyone passing along the main road, walkers and motorists alike. DB said that he agreed with the ideas put forward concerning the location of a defibrillator and suggested that the amelioration account, which provided funds to be used ‘for the benefit of the parish’ would be the most appropriate method of funding, especially since there was currently no provision of a single defibrillator in St Saviour. The Douzaine unanimously agreed that a defibrillator should be provided within the parish.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>PD, MT</p>

	<p>It was also agreed that it should be located in as prominent a position towards the roadway as possible.</p> <p>All but one member agreed that the costs should be met from the amelioration account. J.J.L. requested that the minutes should record that he was in favour of the provision of a defibrillator but was against using the amelioration account funds for this purpose.</p> <p>PD confirmed that SSCC would arrange for monthly checks on the equipment at no cost to the parish.</p> <p>There will be a minimal annual maintenance fee to be paid by the parish.</p> <p>Douzaine Photograph.</p> <p>JB confirmed that he has made provisional arrangements for the photograph to be taken one Saturday afternoon in December. JB will contact all members once the arrangements are confirmed.</p>	<p>DB,PD</p> <p>JB</p>
Environment Department	AC requested the Constables to obtain plans for application FULL/2015/2813	AT, KdLM
Bornement	It was agreed that the Constables should issue a Bornement for a development at Route des Picques	AT, KdLM
Christmas and New Year Waste Collections	<p>AT confirmed that arrangements were now in place for Christmas and New Year refuse collections to be;-</p> <p>The collection due on Friday 25th December will be on Monday 28th and the collection due on Friday 1st January will be on Saturday 2nd.</p> <p>Notices will be placed in La Gazette and the media will be asked to include details in any public service bulletins in the week leading up to each collection.</p> <p>Recycling Bags.</p> <p>MT reported that a voucher issued to him by the Constables (on behalf of Public Services Department (PSD) had been rejected by the retailer (on the grounds that it had expired on 1st November 2015) when presented by his wife. Bags had only been supplied when payment was made.</p> <p>The Constables undertook to investigate this matter with PSD.</p>	<p>AT, KdLM</p> <p>AT, KdLM</p>
Tunnels Inspection	AT confirmed that the annual inspection was carried out on Saturday 7 th November 2015 and no problems were identified.	
Cleaning of Abbeveurs	AT reported that he has asked three contractors to provide quotes for the parish abbeveurs to be cleaned in June and September of each year. AT hopes to have more information for the next meeting.	AT
Hedges and Streams	<p>AT reported that there are three outstanding matters concerning the cleaning of streams and one concerning a hedge.</p> <p>Warning letters have been sent and if there are not satisfactory conclusions before the end of the month it is likely that fines will be applied.</p>	AT, KdLM
Island Wide Voting (IWW)	<p>Details of a Requete submitted by Deputy A Wilkie had been circulated previously by email, and the Policy Council has requested the views of the Douzaine before the end of November.</p> <p>DB said that he could see that an attempt had been made to seek a compromise but he was not convinced that a case has been made for total IWW.</p> <p>MM said that the proposal had similarities with the old Conseiller system and that she quite liked that. However, she could see problems holding elections for parishes and 'an island parish' on the same day.</p> <p>KF said she considered it would be essential to hold elections for actual parishes and an 'island wide parish' on different days if this proposal was ever going to work.</p> <p>AC said that he had issues concerning the loss of excellent candidates if there were going to be simultaneous elections, leading to candidates</p>	

	<p>having to choose whether to stand in a local election or an island wide election. He could not see any benefit to potential candidates in this proposal.</p> <p>MdG highlighted that, as identified in the Requete, there are still logistical problems to be overcome and there is no suggestion what the answer(s) might be.</p> <p>PD suggested that this might be the beginning of a gradual change to a fully IWV system.</p> <p>DB said that such a move should be resisted because without locally identifiable politicians the island government would become less in touch with the electorate.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Constables should respond stating the above concerns and that the Douzaine view has not changed since the last response to a consultation on IWV in the early part of 2014.</p>	AT, KdLM
Douzaine Room Furniture	<p>JB said that he had visited various suppliers of office furniture and is now recommending that a five section (foldable) table measuring 4.0 metres by 1.6 metres should be purchased using funds from the amelioration account. The recommended supplier is Evans & Co at a cost of £2,100.00.</p> <p>DB suggested that the present, although temporary, arrangements that provided for a 5.0 metre by 2.0 metre table was very comfortable and questioned whether the recommended table's size would be big enough. JB assured the Douzaine that the size recommended would be sufficient but if purchased and considered too small an additional section could easily be added.</p> <p>Some members questioned the need to buy a conference quality table. JB said that the objective was to have a functional table for the Douzaine which would also be able to provide professional looking furniture which would of benefit to SSCC when seeking clients to rent the room. He was of the view that what was being recommended was suitable for both purposes, a view supported by PD and AT.</p> <p>It was agreed that the purchase should be made (and funded), as recommended by JB, and that the preferred colour finish should be beech.</p>	JB, PD
Correspondence	<p>Specsavers Awards. AT advised the Douzaine that nomination forms for the Specsavers 'Unsung Heroes' and Ambassador of the Year awards are available from the Constables. Closing dates are 27th November 2015 and 8th January 2016 respectively.</p> <p>Grammar School Filming AT said that notification has been received from the Media and Film Department at Guernsey Grammar School advising that pupils and staff will be filming in the Perelle area on 24th, 25th and 26th November.</p> <p>HM Queen Elizabeth II – 90th Birthday Celebrations, Sunday 12th June 2016. AT reminded members that he had circulated a letter form the Bailiff requesting that parishes become involved in arranging celebrations on Sunday 12th June 2016.</p> <p>AC suggested that the Douzaine should organise an event similar to the successful event that held in May 2015 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Liberation. Mrs S Williams of St Saviour's Women's Institute is keen to help with a Tea Party.</p> <p>There was general agreement that this should be arranged although no commitment was made by any member to lead the arrangements.</p> <p>La Mare de Carteret School – Invitation to Concert.</p>	

	<p>AT said that there is an invitation for a member to represent the Constables and Douzaine at the School Concert at 7.00pm on Friday 11th December. Please let the Constables know before 27th November if any one wishes to attend.</p> <p>Road signs – Rue de La Hougue Bachele. AT said that he had written to the Environment Department about the matter identified by Canton Members conducting hedge inspections and the Environment Department are going to investigate the matter.</p>	
Guernsey Douzaine Council	<p>MdG reported that the issues discussed at the most recent meeting included the desire of parishes to have hedges and streams legislation brought in line with the parish rates so that owners and not occupiers are made responsible for maintenance. This is to be considered by the Law Officers as time allows.</p> <p>Other matters concerned Sunday Trading Legislation which is to be debated by the States in December, and changes to the Waste collection arrangements.</p>	
Any Other Business	<p>Guernsey Douzaine Council and Douzaine Liaison Group Representative. AT pointed out that MdG has indicated that he wishes to stand down from this role in 2016. MM has indicated that she is happy to take on this responsibility with KF as her alternative in the event of unavailability. The Douzaine agreed that MM and KF should take on this role.</p> <p>Cemetery Committee. RdG said that Mr C Mauger has resigned from the Cemetery Committee. AF has agreed to join the Committee.</p> <p>Deputies attending Douzaine Meetings. PD asked for the views of Douzeniers as to the merits of Deputies attending Douzaine Meetings. The majority view was that this practice should continue.</p> <p>Bornement. On behalf of a parishioner MT asked if it was necessary to obtain a Bornement when carrying out repairs to a roadside wall. He was advised that it was necessary.</p> <p>SSCC Christmas Fayre. AF reminded members that SSCC will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5th December 2015.</p> <p>Rue Mahaut – Waste Water JL reported having met with 2 of the 3 residents involved and has been assured that improvements will be carried out to the standard required by Guernsey Water.</p>	MM, KF
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm	
	The next meeting is to be held at the Douzaine Room at 7.00pm on Monday 7 th December 2015.	