

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7.50pm on Monday 25th April 2016

Present	Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), A Courtney (AC), R de Garis (RdG), Mrs A Foley (AF), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Mr J Jorgenson-Lesbirel (JL), Miss M Macdonald (MM), Mr 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	Messrs M de Garis (MdG), P Duquemin (PD), E Higgins (EH) and M Tanguy (MT)	
Minutes of Meeting held on 21 st March 2016	The minutes were agreed and signed by AT.	
Matters Arising	<p>Defibrillator. AT confirmed that the Environment Department has now granted permission to install a defibrillator on the gable wall of the Community Centre as requested. AT had agreed a mutually acceptable time with Maylands Nursery of 6th May so that AFM could complete the installation. Maylands have since advised this will not be possible. A new date will be requested from Maylands.</p> <p>Visitors to Parish Cemeteries. AT confirmed that he has contacted the various insurers who have confirmed that visitors to the cemeteries would be covered for injury in the event that parish officials had been negligent. RdG also confirmed that similar cover was in place under the insurance policies held by the Churchwardens.</p> <p>Litter at Vieille Rue. AT said that he had received further complaints and on visiting the site found that there was a lot of litter present. He has contacted Public Services and they have agreed to sweep the road in the near future. The Community Police have been made aware and have promised to make frequent attendances and house to house calls in an effort to reduce the problem.</p> <p>Road Signage in Le Neuf Chemin. AT confirmed that the signs that the Douzaine requested (warning of the presence of the Community Centre) are now in place.</p>	AT
Environment Department	Planning Applications. The Douzaine asked the Constables to obtain a copy of one application.	AT/KdLM
HM Queen Elizabeth II's 90 th Birthday Celebrations	AC said that plans should be confirmed at a meeting to be held during the first week of May. He anticipated that the event would be run along the same lines as the Liberation Day event in 2015. Unfortunately some of the Women's Institute members will be away from the island on 12 th June so are unable to lead the tea party, but others are willing to assist.	
General Election of People's Deputies.	RdG highlighted arrangements for the running of polling stations at Longue Rue and the Douzaine Room for the election on 27 th April 2016.	
Correspondence	None	
Any Other Business	<p>Flooding in Lower St Saviour. AT said that he was aware that Guernsey Water has provided information concerning surface water runoff within the parish and has suggested meeting the subcommittee towards the end of May.</p>	

St Saviours Community Centre (SSCC) – Rule Changes.

AC asked if there had been any progress on this matter.

AT confirmed he has contacted the Parish advocate at Collas Crill to seek legal advice concerning parish liability.

AT had also attended a meeting with SSCC advocates Mourant Ozannes who requested the SSCC update their 2011 records concerning the appointment and retirement of SSCC Trustees and Directors. This information is required before they can make any changes to the trust deed or M&As. AT has written to Mr D Farrimond asking him to contact Mourant Ozannes directly to provide the information requested. The Constables will also check back over Douzaine minutes to see if this information can be found and passed on.

KF asked why it was considered necessary to implement the 2014 agreed changes – especially the rule that prevented Douzaine members from being Directors involved with SSCC from 1st January 2017. KF considered that this was not necessary as the Douzaine might very well lose some enthusiastic and hardworking members.

JB said that the changes were agreed between the Douzaine and the Trustees and it was necessary to stick to the agreement. He added he knew people who were willing to stand for election.

KF asked why it was necessary, suggesting that if it was shown to be in the best interests of both the Douzaine and SSCC that those Douzeniers who were Directors would benefit the parish by remaining as Douzeniers, they should be allowed to do so. Although it might have previously been agreed it would be wise to change this agreement in the interests of all concerned.

JB said that the agreement had been negotiated in good faith following months of meetings and hundreds of hours of work and should be honoured.

RdG said that any agreement could be changed if it was in the best interests of those concerned.

AC said that there had been suggestions that Directors and Trustees stood to make a personal gain by loaning SSCC funds. This was not the case.

AT advised this comment had arisen following an email written by AC to the Dean in March, asking him to propose the removal of the 2014 SSCC agreed rule changes, which were due to come into force after the sale of the Grande Rue Douzaine Room.

The email stated that the bonds would pay an attractive rate of interest and it is hoped this will attract plenty of Parishioners (and other Islanders) to buy the bonds as they will get a much better rate of return than that on a bank account. If the directors and trustees are not seen to be supporting the bond issue then it may cause potential investors to think 'if they won't invest in their own bond why should we trust them with our money?'

The Constables are concerned this could be perceived as a personal and financial conflict of interest by some parishioners. SSCC Directors and Trustees who also hold positions on the Douzaine would be voting to remove the 2014 agreement which stated they cannot loan their own money to the SSCC.

Parishioners were advised at the 2014 parish meeting (which was organised to decide on the sale of the Grande Rue Douzaine Room) that there would be no pecuniary advantage from Douzeniers holding dual roles. This was also reported in the Guernsey Press. This could be brought into question by parishioners if the Douzaine decide to vote to

	<p>overturn the 2014 agreement. The Constables must ensure that no one can question the integrity of the Douzaine.</p> <p>KF asked why it should be the case that Directors and Trustees should be prevented from loaning funds to SSCC when it was perfectly in order for Douzeniers and Constables to do so.</p> <p>AT said he saw the main issue being their conflicted position of holding dual roles, and was adamant that the parish advocate must look into the situation before further discussion. When legal advice is available everyone will be in a better position to make informed decisions – AT simply wishes to be sure that while holding his elected position, no decision is taken that will impact upon parishioners or parish officials now or in the future. If it is the will of the Douzaine to make changes to the agreement, after legal advice has been given, then so be it.</p> <p>JB said that he expects the agreement to be honoured no matter what the advice.</p> <p>Pathway above Tunnels owned by Mrs Traisnel.</p> <p>RdG said that he is becoming concerned about the stability of the pathway leading from the church to Rue de La Grange and pointed out that Mrs Traisnel claims ownership of the path over which, she claims, there is a right of way. AT said that he has checked the pathway and agrees that it is deteriorating but that currently it is quite safe. If it deteriorates further the position will have to be revisited.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm</p>	
	<p>The next meeting is to be held at the Douzaine Room at 7.00pm on Monday 23rd May 2016.</p>	