

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur  
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at  
7.00pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Present	Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), Mrs C Connolly (CC), Messrs M de Garis (MdG), Mr R de Garis (RdG), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs S Gibbs (SG), J Gillson (JG), P Harris (PH), J Norman (JN), A Tempest (AT), P Connolly (PC) and N Le Poidevin (NLP) (Senior Constable – presiding).	
Apologies	None	
Minutes of meeting held on 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018.	The minutes were agreed without amendment and signed by NLP.	
Matters Arising	<p><b>Secular Remede.</b>  NLP advised members that there had been an omission from the proposed secular Remede in that an amount of £500 had not been included for ‘publications and notices’.  The Douzaine agreed that this should be included in the publication.  <i>It was subsequently found that the sum had actually been included as an item of expenditure concerning the Rectory. Consequently there was no change made to the draft Remede.</i></p> <p><b>Waste Strategy.</b>  NLP reported that he and SG had attended a meeting with the parish refuse contractor, other parishes that he is contracted to (St Martin, St Andrew and Vale), and staff members from the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) to discuss implementation of the new strategy and charging arrangements.  NLP said that there is still no confirmation about the opening times at the disposal facility, what sort of bag labels are to be used and the costs associated with disposal of waste.  SG said that the meeting had actually been more positive than previous meetings and that the WDA agreeing moving the start date (for the new charging arrangements) to January 2019 (as had been suggested by parishes) was a step in the right direction. It is hoped that the April States meeting will provide clarity about the disposal costs for householders.  SG also said that it might be wise to let the Disposal authority know what the Douzaine considers to be the preferred option for waste disposal charges.  There was a general consensus within the Douzaine that no matter what the charges are to be, there would be an increase in fly tipping.  NLP confirmed that over the last 12 months there has been an increase from almost nothing to perhaps 5 or 6 instances of fly tipping, and that he is confident that there will be further increases when the new charging arrangements commence.  JN said that he believed that to keep the instances of fly tipping as low as possible it is essential that the charge per bag is kept low. The majority of the costs should be recovered by a standing charge.  KF said that she agreed with JN but accepts that a charge per bag is necessary in order to encourage recycling of as much recoverable waste as possible.  It was agreed that the Constables should write to the Waste Disposal Authority expressing the view that ‘bag charges’ should be kept as low as possible.</p>	NLP/PC

	<p><b>Plurality.</b> NLP said that he had written to the Torteval Douzaine requesting that they consider making a contribution towards the cost of a replacement boiler at the Rectory (for the benefit of the Rector who is Priest for both St Saviour and Torteval) and received a very short letter to say that Torteval ratepayers would not be making a contribution.</p> <p><b>Refuse Contract.</b> NLP suggested that although the Douzaine had approved the terms of a new refuse contract, it might be wise for the Constables to delay signing it with the contractor until after the April parish meeting. The Douzaine agreed that this would be prudent.</p> <p><b>Parking Issues.</b> <b>Rue du Mont Saint</b> NLP said that there had been no further problems with motor vehicles parking, so as to obstruct the sight lines for vehicles turning left into Rue du Mont Saint, close to the junction with Grande Rue, because he understood that an alternative off road site had been found for the vehicles that had previously been parked there. However, he understood that the alternative parking site might not be used from the beginning of April, - the area would have to be monitored. There is, what appears to be, an abandoned Volkswagen car on the roadway, and the Constables will be asking the police to arrange to have it removed. JN said that the real solution would be to have a yellow line (prohibiting parking) painted on the roadway for a sufficient distance to allow good lines of sight.</p> <p><b>Le Neuf Chemin Road.</b> RdG said that there is a problem at Le Neuf Chemin Road at the junction with Route de Sous L'Eglise. When there are services at the parish church vehicles are parked right up to the junction and this obstructs the line of sight for vehicles exiting into Le Neuf Chemin Road no matter whether they wish to turn left or right. RdG Added that the parish Priest had previously asked the congregation to refrain from parking close to the junction but that this has not prevented people from doing so. It was agreed that the Constables should write to the Traffic Committee asking them to consider parking restrictions at these two locations.</p>	<p>NLP/PC</p> <p>NLP/PC</p> <p>NLP/PC</p> <p>NLP/PC</p>
Church Property Management Board	It was agreed that RdG and KF would be the two Douzaine representatives on the Church Property Management Board.	
Constables' Accounts 2017	The Constables' accounts for 2017 have been scrutinised by Richard Stapley Accountants and found to be in order. Copies had been circulated to Douzeniers previously and NLP asked if there were any comments. There were no questions and the Douzaine approved the accounts to be made available for the April parish meeting.	
Planning Department	The Constables were requested to obtain copies of two planning applications from the Planning Department.	
Section 46 of the Land Planning Law.	NLP said that he had received a letter from the Development and Planning Authority asking for comments from the Douzaine concerning the possibility that the Department might apply for an ordinance under this law that would provide the necessary power for the Department to require property owners to tidy up unsightly areas of the island. JN said that he imagined that any new legislation would only be used in extreme cases in order to tidy up eyesores. AT asked who would determine what an eyesore was and feared that	

	<p>there was the possibility that a new law would be used inappropriately. He gave the example of boat owners overwintering their boats on agricultural land and would not wish to see this practice ended.</p> <p>JB said that he would not be surprised if any law that gave such powers to the Department would be used without the application of common sense. He anticipated that patches of land used by small 'one man band' builders might be targeted and that if this were the case it could be that the business was no longer viable.</p> <p>KF said that at a recent Douzaine Liaison Group meeting the Director of the Planning Department had given a presentation and suggested that any powers would only be used in extreme cases.</p> <p>DB said that he could think of areas within St Saviour that could benefit from being significantly tidier. He suggested that there will be incremental creep of untidy areas if there is nothing done to improve the situation.</p> <p>JN said that derelict vinery sites would be cleaned up more thoroughly if there was financial assistance from the States.</p> <p>NLP said that if the States were to provide financial assistance it would fall to taxpayers to assist landowners in tidying up their property. He believes that it is the responsibility of landowners, not taxpayers, to keep their own property tidy.</p> <p>PH said that if there is to be legislation, there should also be a simple, low cost appeal system that does not require people to engage advocates.</p> <p>JN said that it might be that Douzaines could be consulted before any action was taken by the Environment Department.</p> <p>By a majority of 7 to 4 the Douzaine expressed support for the introduction of legislation so that the Department has the necessary powers to ensure that untidy parts of the island are tidied up.</p>	NLP/PC
Application for a Bornement	The Douzaine approved an application for a bornement at Rue du Mont Saint.	
SSCC, Changes to Instrument of Amendment	<p>DB reported that following on from the February Douzaine meeting, he joined the Property Committee when they met with the SSCC Trustees to discuss changes to the trust deed.</p> <p>DB had taken legal advice concerning the document and the Committee and Trustees had now reached agreement.</p> <p>The Trustees will draw up a 'Trust Minute' to cover the resolution concerning the sale of the former Douzaine Room in La Grande Rue.</p> <p>The Trustees will also prepare the final document for signature, after which they will provide the Constables with a copy.</p> <p>NLP wished to place on record the thanks of the Douzaine for the work that DB has done in order to achieve a satisfactory outcome for all parties.</p>	
SSCC, Request to Spend Parish Funds	<p>NLP advised the Douzaine that (at the meeting with the Property Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> March) the Trustees requested that parish funds should be used to provide working drawings and tender documents etc. This would provide an accurate assessment of the cost of completing phase 3 of the development at the Centre and allow the Trustees to conduct meaningful fundraising to ensure completion.</p> <p>The Trustees also asked that any remaining balance should be used to demolish the existing buildings (those associated with the former swimming pool) and provide foundations and raft for the new building.</p> <p>NLP reminded the Douzaine that he had previously circulated the minutes from the Property Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018, and the Committee's recommendation is that the Douzaine approves the</p>	

	<p>use of parish funds for the preparation of plans as requested. However, there is concern that if the remaining funds are used to demolish the existing pool buildings and prepare the foundations for the new building, without sufficient money being available to complete the project, the funds may have been wasted.</p> <p>He then read the final paragraph of the Property Committee Meeting minutes to the Douzaine –</p> <p><i>It was unanimously agreed that the Committee would recommend (at the March Douzaine Meeting) that the Douzaine should agree that the Trustees can authorise CCD to provide plans and tender documents in line with the CCD proposal (up to and including stage 5) and that the cost of £31,250 should be met from parish funds. It was also agreed (to recommend to the Douzaine) that no Parish funds are to be spent on the demolition/raft stage of Phase 3, the Trustees must accomplish this work from money raised from fundraising activities which they will be able to do on the back of the completion of CCD Stage 5. The remaining Parish funds (circa £72k) can be made available to support the build of phase 3 (not demolition) provided the Trustees have the funds raised to be able to complete the whole project.</i></p> <p>JN said that it is often the case that architects will include additional fees for other services and asked if the figures quoted were fixed.</p> <p>AT reminded the Douzaine that a previous account from the Architects had included a significant sum for ‘disbursements’ and suggested that the Douzaine should not agree to fund unknown expenses.</p> <p>PH said that previous experience has shown that what AT has described is quite usual and agreed that the Douzaine should only commit to spending parish funds on confirmed (and quoted) costs.</p> <p>AT proposed (MdG seconded) that the recommendation of the Property Committee should be endorsed by the Douzaine and that any expenses incurred over the £31,250 quoted should be met by the Trustees.</p> <p>This proposal was unanimously agreed.</p>	NLP/PC
Guernsey Douzaine Council Meeting	<p>JN reported on the most recent meeting, held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018.</p> <p><b>Referendum - Island Wide Voting (IWV)</b></p> <p>JN explained that the lead official had given an overview of how the referendum will be conducted. There will be funding for ‘campaign groups’ championing each of the options, however it is unclear what will happen if there is no candidate(s) to champion all of the options.</p> <p>There are still many unknowns and decisions have still to be made concerning several aspects of the process, but JN emphasised that there should be a concerted effort to ensure that the electorate understands the process before they arrive at polling stations.</p> <p><b>Referendum - Polling Stations.</b></p> <p>NLP confirmed that there has not been any indication from the States Assembly and Constitution Committee (SACC) about the location of polling station(s). Several Douzeniers indicated that they will be absent from the island on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Consequently it was agreed that it might be too optimistic to guarantee that parish officials could staff two polling stations (as was the case at the last General Election). It was agreed that SACC should be advised that St Saviour can only ensure that one station (at SSCC) will be available.</p> <p><b>Church Property Law.</b></p> <p>JN said that there was discussion about advice received from the Deanery of Guernsey concerning the interpretation of the new Church Property Law. It had been hoped that the Law Officers would provide clear guidance but this will not be the case. If individual parishes wish to</p>	NLP/PC

	have legal advice they will have to consult their own legal advisers.	
Correspondence	<p><b>Data Protection Meeting.</b> It was confirmed that PH, KF and GC would attend the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p><b>Meeting with Deputy Meerveld.</b> NLP advised the Douzaine that Deputy C Meerveld (CM) has asked if he can meet with the Douzaine to discuss a vision that he (CM) and Deputies P Ferbrache and J Mooney have for IWV and enhanced roles for Douzaines. It was agreed to suggest that 7.00pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May would be a convenient date. If this meeting does take place the monthly meeting with a Western Electoral District Deputy (Deputy A Brouard) will have to be cancelled.</p> <p><b>Jurat Elections.</b> RdG confirmed that he is available to attend the States of Election on both Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.</p>	NLP/PC
Any Other Business	<p><b>Montebourg Society.</b> RdG advised Douzeniers that there is a day trip to Montebourg on 19<sup>th</sup> May and anyone wishing to go should make it known to him asap.</p> <p><b>Wall between Douzaine Room and Kitchen.</b> AT said that the SSCC Manager had asked if the Douzaine has any objection to the bi-fold door between the Douzaine Room and the kitchen being removed and replaced with a more robust and sound insulating structure. He explained that people holding meetings in the room have commented that there is noise disturbance from the kitchen when others are using that facility. SSCC would pay for any costs involved. It was agreed (in principal) that there would be no objection to this but firm proposals should be prepared and presented to the Douzaine.</p>	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm	
	The next meeting is to be held at the Douzaine Room immediately after the Parish Meeting on Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2018.	