

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7.00pm on Monday 10th December 2018

Present	<p>Messrs K Ball (KB), D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), Mrs C Connolly (CC), Mr R de Garis (RdG), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs S Gibbs (SG), J Gillson (JG), P Harris (PH), J Liddy (JL), J Norman(JN), P Connolly (PC) and N Le Poidevin (NLP) (Senior Constable – presiding).</p> <p>KF recorded the minutes at the start of the meeting because the parish secretary was delayed.</p>	
Apologies	Mr M de Garis (MdG)	
Billet D’Etat	<p>Deputy D de Lisle (DdL) attended the meeting to discuss forthcoming States’ business.</p> <p>Elections were to be held for positions on Social Security, Home Affairs (subcommittee), and Priaulx Library</p> <p>Requete - Funding of Prescription Drugs. DdL said that some Deputies were asking the States to agree that drugs used by NHS should be available in Guernsey. DdL understands that an amendment from HSCC will suggest a review into the funding of drugs in Guernsey. JB was concerned where the money would come from and suggested using some of the funds allocated for overseas aid. DB said this aid was reciprocal and we never knew if Guernsey would need aid at some time. SG supported the review of funding as it needed expert knowledge to know which drugs were suitable.</p> <p>Aurigny – proposed purchase of new ‘fog busting’ aircraft. DdL said that Aurigny are seeking approval for purchase of three new aircraft, commenting that he was not sure this was necessary. SG felt the real problem was Aurigny continuing to make annual losses. RdG said Aurigny is needed as they have the Gatwick slots. DB asked how much difference it would make. DdL said not a great deal.</p> <p>MOT style testing DdL said that mechanical testing of road vehicles will be necessary to allow Guernsey residents to continue driving in Europe. Guernsey could be included in the UK cover. Only two garages could currently do this style testing.</p> <p>Population management Open market workers in hotels and care homes can remain indefinitely and can move between them. Eight years continuous residence under licence gives local status.</p> <p>Tax on Real Property DdL reminded the Douzaine that this tax is due to rise 10% annually until 2025. The States might consider that properties with higher rateable values should have greater rises applied to them. DB commented this would affect an elderly person living on their own in the family home.</p> <p>Age Income Tax Allowance DdL commented that the States has agreed (as part of the 2019 budget) that the additional income tax allowance for those over 65 has been reduced. The allowance for everyone has been increased. NLP thanked DdL for attending the meeting and DdL left at 7.30pm pm.</p>	

<p>Planning & Development</p>	<p>NLP welcomed Mr J Rowles (JR), Director of Planning to the meeting. JR had agreed to attend the Douzaine Meeting to give parish officials some guidance and understanding as to how his Department reached decisions about planning applications.</p> <p>SG asked how the Douzaine should respond to planning applications in order for the Douzaine's opinion could make more impact.</p> <p>JR outlined the Department's working methods based on the current 10 year Plan (the guidelines for considering applications).</p> <p>The parish secretary, Mr G Chapman (GC) attended the meeting at 7.40pm.</p> <p>PH asked if comments should include reference to sections of this Plan. JR said they should.</p> <p>JN asked if we could see similar cases which were both allowed and denied. JR would e-mail constables with some cases.</p> <p>JR confirmed that applications to change agricultural land to domestic curtilage, were considered individually with each application being considered on its merits (impact on surroundings, etc). If, at a later stage there is a request for building to be erected on land that (now curtilage but previously agricultural) a further application would be required.</p> <p>To convert outbuildings to a dwelling, the outbuilding needs to be redundant and planning are taking a more restrictive view.</p> <p>There is no scope in the 10 year Plan for building a new dwelling on green belt.</p> <p>In answer to a question about the number of parking spaces necessary for a dwelling JR confirmed that the Department would consider each case separately but most often it is a matter of the architect's discretion. The Planning Department rarely ask for a scheme to include more parking.</p> <p>NLP thanked JR for attending the meeting and JR left at 8.10pm. GC then took responsibility for recording the minutes.</p>	
<p>Minutes of meeting held on 26th November 2018</p>	<p>The minutes were agreed without amendment and signed by NLP.</p>	
<p>Matters Arising</p>	<p><u>Waste Strategy.</u></p> <p>NLP reminded the Douzaine that the Waste Strategy Report had been circulated to members on 4th December, but pointed out that the section about 'Bring Banks' suggested that the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) appeared to be indicating that it was the intention to significantly reduce the number of these facilities. The report stated that no decisions would be taken until later in 2019.</p> <p><u>Sure Telephone Directory.</u></p> <p>PH pointed out that, although (at the November meeting) the Douzaine had agreed that St Saviour did not wish to contribute towards the cost of purchasing a (shared Parishes) page in future 'Sure' telephone directories perhaps there was scope (providing there was no additional costs) to investigate whether all Constables' Offices could be listed under the A-Z of Community Services which is page 2 of the 2018 directory.</p> <p>NLP said that he would arrange for this suggestion to be passed on to St Peter Port Constables, who had first raised the matter.</p>	<p>NLP/PC</p>
<p>Election of Dean and Vice Dean for 2019</p>	<p>RdG and JB confirmed that both were prepared to serve as Dean and Vice Dean (respectively) for 2019.</p> <p>DB proposed (KF seconded) that RdG should be Dean for 2019.</p>	

	SG proposed (JG seconded) that JB should be Vice Dean for 2019. Both proposals were unanimously approved.	
Planning Applications	There were no requests for the Constables to obtain copies of any applications (other than those already requested).	
Christmas Disbursements	NLP reminded the Douzaine that in previous years the Constables had received £1,200 (£600 from each of two organisations) for distribution to residents of St Saviour whom parish officials considered would benefit from a little extra money at Christmas. For 2018 £600 has been confirmed with a further £600 likely to be confirmed within a few days. JB confirmed that he and MdG were prepared to arrange distribution of the funds (as in 2017) but would like another person to assist (in place of Mr A Tempest). CC agreed that she would help. JB agreed to make the necessary arrangements with the Constables to obtain the funds and co-ordinate (with MdG and CC) distribution.	JB/NLP/PC
Christmas Hampers	NLP confirmed that (in response to requests from La Houquette School and the Rotary Club), twelve names had been put forward for receipt of Christmas Hampers. The School has asked if parish officials could assist with the distribution of 5 or 6 hampers to residents in St Saviour. JB and CC agreed to carry out this task and JB confirmed his willingness to be the point of contact with the school.	JB/CC
Annual Review of Douzaine Rules of Procedure	NLP reminded the Douzaine that in September 2017 the Douzaine agreed that the rules of procedure would be reviewed annually at the December meeting (the rules had been previously been circulated). The Douzaine agreed that there was no requirement to make any amendment(s). <u>Sub Committee Terms of Reference.</u> DB confirmed that he had previously circulated an email to officials suggesting that the Terms of Reference for the two standing Sub Committees (Finance and Property) should be reviewed annually and suggested that this should be done in January 2019 and then subsequently every December. The Douzaine agreed that this would be good practice and requested that the Constables arrange for it to happen. <u>Planning Committee.</u> KB suggested that consideration should be given to whether there was a need to have a sub committee to consider planning applications. He suggested that (having tonight heard from the Director of Planning) how applications are considered according to the rules provided by the 2016 Island Development Plan, it would be good policy to have parish officials (who would become familiar with this document) considering planning applications. Several members agreed that this suggestion should be considered more fully and it was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting.	NLP/PC NLP/PC NLP/PC
Guernsey Douzaine Council (GDC)	NLP said that he had circulated an email from the Castel Douzaine suggesting that there should be a meeting of all parishes in January 2019 to discuss if there is any merit in continuing with the Guernsey Douzaine Council in some format. KF said that she has represented St Saviour at GDC and Douzaine Liaison Group meetings and that the two formats are actually quite different. KF can see merit in attending a meeting in January (and offered to do so) to determine if there is a collective will to seek a new	

	<p>lease of life for the GDC, because she considers that there is the potential for Douzaines to form common approaches to matters that concern all parishes.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Constables should confirm to Castel that KF will attend the meeting in January.</p>	KF/NLP/PC
Correspondence	<p><u>Swearing In' of Parish Officials.</u></p> <p>NLP said that it has been suggested by a Vale Douzenier that parish officials who have been re-elected to the same position should not need to go through the process of being 'sworn in' again at the Royal Court. JN said that he could not see any reason for having this arrangement other than if there had been a break in service.</p> <p>Although there is some suspicion that the law requires this process and that if this is the case States Deputies will have little appetite for changing the law, it was unanimously agreed that St Saviour should support the Vale Douzaine in their quest to seek change.</p> <p><u>Use of High Powered Rifle at Guernsey Airport.</u></p> <p>NLP had previously circulated correspondence from Deputy Dudley-Owen (ADO) who raised concerns about the proposed use of a rifle to cull birds of prey (that are a potential threat to the safety of aircraft) at Guernsey Airport.</p> <p>NLP added that when he received ADO's correspondence he arranged to meet with staff at the airport to find out their perspective concerning the matter and established that currently the airport uses a range of methods to disperse the birds with the current ultimate method being to shoot the birds with a shotgun. It is now considered to be safer, when necessary to shoot birds, to use a rifle instead of the shotgun – a change that has successfully been used at other airports.</p> <p>There are very few occasions when birds are shot, and decisions to do so are only taken to ensure safety of aircraft.</p> <p>Staff that will be using the rifle will be thoroughly trained and instructed that they should never aim the rifle if shot could leave the perimeter of the airport grounds.</p> <p>Some Douzeniers expressed the view that they did not wish to see the shooting of birds of prey become more prevalent than absolutely necessary, but accepted that the airport authorities have a duty to ensure the safety of aircraft, a task that they are qualified to fulfil, and the Douzaine has confidence that they will exercise the appropriate safety measures if there is the need to use the rifle that ADO refers to.</p> <p>NLP said that he would reply to ADO to express this view.</p>	NLP/PC
Any Other Business	None	
	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 28 th January 2019.	