

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7.00pm on Monday 20th May 2019

Present	<p>Messrs K Ball (KB), D Bertrand, J Brache (JB), Mrs C Connolly (CC), Messrs M de Garis (MdG), R de Garis (RdG), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs S Gibbs (SG), J Gillson (JG), P Harris (PH), J Liddy (JL), P Connolly (PC) and N Le Poidevin (NLP) (Senior Constable – presiding).</p> <p>Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.</p>	
Apologies	Mr J Norman (JN)	
Billet D'Etat	<p>Deputy E Yerby (EY) attended the meeting to discuss forthcoming States' business.</p> <p>EY advised the Douzaine that the agenda for the next States' meeting is be very light.</p> <p>Public Servants Pension Scheme.</p> <p>EY explained that the final arrangements for changes to the pension scheme are now in place and are due to be ratified by the States.</p> <p>St Peter Port Harbour Development – Requete</p> <p>EY said that the suggestions to use inert waste for the extension of St Peter Port Harbour was likely to get her support. There is a substantial amendment suggesting that significant sums of money are spent looking at the potential to move most commercial harbour traffic away from St Peter Port to St Sampson.</p> <p>JB said that he understood that in order to make a safe approach (for large vessels) to St Sampson's Harbour it would be necessary to break up several reefs.</p> <p>RdG commented that it is typical of the States wishing to spend large amounts of money commissioning consultants to consider the viability of a large commercial port for St Sampson when Deputy B Paint has as much knowledge as anyone living about the waters around Guernsey and will give his advice for free. If Deputy Paint is saying that up to 9 reefs would have to be blasted to provide appropriate access then he should be listened to because it appears that the idea is a non-starter.</p> <p>SG asked why it appears that some Deputies appear to be frightened of extending St Peter Port Harbour.</p> <p>EY said that the current proposal would require many years of disposing inert waste to achieve the end result. Perhaps the proposed extension should be speeded up with proper development work.</p> <p>PH said that he understands that there is a need for deep water berthing for oil and gas tankers and this would have to be close to the fuel depots.</p> <p>MdG commented that he could not see the berthing of cruise ships at St Sampson being attractive to the Cruise Ship business and that any attempt to do so would most likely result in the loss of this business to another destination.</p> <p>KF said that whilst understanding the need to keep St Peter Port Harbour attractive there is no reason not to see some development there as long as it is done with that in mind.</p> <p>President of Development and Planning Authority (DPA).</p> <p>EY said that she understands there is one person intending to stand as President of the Development and Planning Authority, and also that there is the likelihood of a Requete being brought to the House so that there can be a further review of the rules that the Authority operates under</p>	

	because in recent years there has been increasing disquiet about planning approvals that results with the loss of green field sites. This suggestion met with general approval of the Douzaine. NLP thanked EY for attending and EY left the meeting at 7.10pm.	
Minutes of meeting held on 29 th April 2019	The minutes were agreed without amendment and signed by NLP.	
Matters Arising	None.	
Planning Applications	<p>Meeting between the DPA and Douzaine Planning Committee. SG outlined the result of a meeting held on 10th April 2019. (Douzeniers had been circulated with a copy of a letter received from the DPA outlining the matters discussed). <u>SSCC use as a Community Hub.</u> SG asked if there had been any indication if this suggestion was to be taken up by the Centre management and Health and Social Care. NLP agreed to try and establish the position. <u>Consultation with Douzaines.</u> The DPA have agreed to future consultation with interested Douzaines.</p> <p>Protection of Green Spaces. SG said that the DPA had referred Douzeniers to the DPA website for information about change of use from agricultural to domestic curtilage/garden. SG had been unable to establish exactly how such applications had affected St Saviour and asked if the Constables could seek to find this out.</p> <p>Planning Applications. The Constables were asked to obtain a copy of 1 planning application.</p>	<p>NLP/PC</p> <p>NLP/PC</p>
Rectory Maintenance	<p>NLP reported to the Douzaine that the Property committee had met and had unanimously agreed to recommend that the Douzaine accepts a quote from F Watson & Son to carry out maintenance work at the Rectory in line with their quotes dated 8th February, 22nd February and 7th March 2019. The total cost of the work involved is approximately £23k. The 2019 Remede has allowed £30k to cover expenses involved with the Rectory/Church Hall and about £5k of this has to be put aside to cover TRP and insurance costs in February 2020. This will mean that there is £2k left in the 2019 budget, but there is an unspent balance of £2.9k from 2018, so in fact there will be £4.9k available for unforeseen issues. NLP highlighted, for example, that the quoted work did not include the repair of any rotten timber frameworks or seized windows that might be encountered but are not currently known to require work. NLP confirmed that RdG would be the liaison between the Constables, Reverend Charmley and the contractors. PH proposed, seconded by KF that the Douzaine approves the recommendation and this was unanimously agreed.</p>	NLP/PC
Waste Strategy Meeting	<p>PC reported that whilst it is generally agreed that the waste strategy and collection of household waste has settled down and is working quite well there is still some disquiet in some areas.</p> <p>States Works Department (SWD). St Martins' Representative had suggested that the SWD charges for collection of household waste in some parishes is being subsidised in some way. PC said that there were several comments made at the meeting suggesting that the Waste Disposal Authority had changed their position on the vehicles required to collect household waste.</p>	

	<p>NLP said that he had been at meetings between the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA), Parish Officials and Contractors where the WDA had shown contractors photographs of vehicles that the Authority wanted the contractors to use. It appears that the only contractors collecting household waste in vehicles not as originally recommended are SWD. NLP also understands that SWD originally quoted to collect waste in the Castel for £80k less than other contractors and had intended to use one vehicle with 2 operatives. This has apparently now doubled and NLP wonders how the cost of the additional resources is to be met. RdG suggested that it has always been the case that the WDA wanted to centralise the collection arrangements and that undercutting private contractors quotes is all part of the long-term plan. SG, who attended the meeting with PC, reported that the WDA confirmed the following points; -</p> <p>Disposal Facilities. The WDA will be organising more opportunities to visit the Disposal facility and will notify parishes of the arrangements in due course.</p> <p>Food Waste Bags. The WDA will soon be making arrangements for the supply of replacement food waste bags.</p> <p>Future Meetings. After the summer recess meetings will be held once every 3 months.</p> <p>Fly Tipping. The WDA accepts that there has been an increase in fly tipping and over 100 warning notices have been issued. In the near future repeat offenders will be fined. However, Guernsey Police appear to be reluctant to conduct investigations unless there is specific evidence to ensure a conviction.</p>	
Cemeteries Committees Meeting	KF reported that she had attended a meeting with other parish cemetery committee members and that it had been very useful. KF will report further once she has had the opportunity to discuss matters with the Cemetery Committee.	KF
Granite Directional Signs	NLP reported that, with the exception of 2 locations, all signs have been repainted and that a good job has been done.	
Hedge and Stream Inspections	NLP reminded Douzeniers that hedges and stream inspections should be carried out soon after 15 th June 2019 and asked officials to arrange inspection dates.	
Correspondence	St Saviour's Church Revel. NLP reminded the Douzaine that the Church Revel takes place on 13 th July and invited Douzeniers to form a tug-of-war team.	
Any Other Business	Plurality. NLP said that Deputy A Brouard has indicated that the matter will be discussed by the Policy & Resources Department within a few weeks. Accounts. SG asked if there has been any progress on establishing whether the current arrangements for preparing the annual accounts can be extended to include a similar wording to that used by St Peter Port. GC said that he had emailed the accountant but not yet received a reply. There is usually a discussion about year-end accounts in the autumn and this will be addressed then if not before. Data Protection. PH confirmed that he is reviewing the policy in light of recent changes.	GC PH
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm	

	The next meeting is to be held at the Douzaine Room, at 7.00pm on Monday 24 th June 2019.	
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