

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at
7.00pm on Monday 20th January 2020

Present	<p>Messrs K Ball (KB), D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), Mrs C Connolly (CC), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs S Gibbs (SG), J Gillson (JG), P Harris (PH), J Liddy (JL), R Murray (RM), J Norman (JN), P Connolly (PC) and N Le Poidevin (NLP) (Constable – presiding).</p> <p>Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.</p>	
Apologies	<p>Mr R de Garis (RdG).</p> <p>NLP welcomed Mr R Murray (as a new Douzenier) to the meeting.</p>	
Billet d'Etat	<p>Deputy A Brouard (AB) attended to discuss forthcoming States' business.</p> <p>Reform of the Matrimonial Causes Law. AB said that the reforms referred to divorce and that proposals to introduce 'no fault' divorces would most likely be approved without much debate.</p> <p>Requete – Towards a More Effective Structure of Government. AB suggested that the requete being brought to the House concerning the reform of government would be better titled the 're-elect Heidi campaign' and having said that recognised that there were some good parts of the requete, suggesting that the Policy and Resources Committee (P&R) would 'cut and replace' where possible. RM suggested that there were some relevant parts to the requete and suggested that areas where some powers could be delegated to Douzaines might be welcome, especially with the forthcoming island wide general election. AB said that his view was that centralisation was essential in areas such as education and planning but that any devolved powers to Douzaines would have to have the appropriate commitment from parish officials and the budget to enable the tasks to be properly completed. AB suggested that there could well be scope to review the transport policy and provided that it did not involve paid parking small changes 'around the edges' could be achievable. NLP asked if it was likely that some form of car tax might be introduced within the next few years. AB answered by saying that it was quite possible that as less revenue was raised from fuel duty and more people changed their petrol/diesel powered cars for electric cars it might be appropriate for the introduction of a tax for electric cars. JN suggested that the road fuel duty had not been properly considered at its inception because it has been obvious that electric cars would be more predominant as years progress. AB agreed that it could have been predicted that less tax would be raised from fuel duty but that because this is now the situation it is likely that a road or mileage tax will be introduced for electrically powered cars. RM suggested to AB that as the States collected more money through taxes the additional revenue to the States was being spent in areas that were not popular with the general public. AB agreed that this might be the impression gained from the media (which does not always represent the actual views of the general public)</p>	

	<p>but that States' spending is agreed by democratically elected representatives.</p> <p>Secondary Pensions. AB explained that the Committee for Employment & Social Security are presenting plans for the introduction of a secondary pension scheme that would supplement the State Pension for those who did not have appropriate provision (for their personal pension arrangements) in place. JL pointed out that there would be an assumption that those who the scheme was aimed at would be automatically enrolled into the scheme unless there was a definite decision made to opt out. DB suggested that the administration costs of the scheme must be kept well under control and not allowed to spiral. He also suggested that the scheme was of little use to anyone close to retirement age but for those who had 30 or more years until retirement the scheme would be beneficial. AB agreed that DB had summed up perfectly who the scheme is aimed at but that if someone close to retirement does make contributions there would be some benefit (although greatly reduced).</p> <p>General Taxation. RM asked AB if he has any thought on the forthcoming debate about general taxation. AB said that he has yet to come to firm decisions about what he perceives to be the correct way forward but he would be against different taxes for different age groups. NLP thanked AB for attending the meeting and AB left at 7.20pm.</p>	
Minutes of meeting held on 9 th December 2019	The minutes were agreed with no amendments and signed by the Constable.	
Matters Arising	<p>Installation of Defibrillator. NLP reminded the Douzaine of plans to install a publicly accessible defibrillator in lower St Saviour and confirmed that he has now met with representatives of 'Morrisons', the Cardiac Action Group (CAG) and the Health & Safety Department (on site at Perelle) and that the necessary permissions have been agreed. The CAG will now seek planning permission before any equipment is ordered. JB reminded the Douzaine that the idea to install a defibrillator in lower St Saviour had come from a local resident who had assured the Douzaine that he would be able to contribute funds towards the final cost but then changed his mind. JB asked if there had been any further developments concerning funding. NLP said that there had not been and that the decision made by the Douzaine at the December meeting – that funding would be provided from parish funds – still stands. Morrisons have agreed that their staff will be responsible for the servicing of the equipment.</p> <p>Identity Cards NLP asked JB, RdG and RM to liaise with PC to arrange for identity cards to be prepared.</p> <p>Rectory Maintenance. NLP reported that the 2019 maintenance has been completed and the architect is preparing a schedule for proposed work in 2020.</p>	<p>NLP</p> <p>PC</p> <p>NLP/PC</p>
Parish Rates.	NLP reminded the Douzaine that the States had agreed new Tax on Rateable Property (TRP) references in 2019 and that new references for local and open market properties between 200 and 499 would become	

	<p>active in 2020. In 2019 a new reference for properties of over 500 had become active and the Douzaine had agreed that for parish rates purposes the ratio would remain as in previous years at 1. He is suggesting that the same ratio (1) should be applied to properties with references between 200 and 499 which would mean that the ratio would be as in previous years.</p> <p>The Douzaine confirmed the ratio for these properties would remain at 1.</p>	
Planning Department	There were no requests for the Constables to obtain any copies of planning applications.	
Sub Committees	<p>The Douzaine agreed that members of the various sub-committees would be; -</p> <p>Church Property Management Board – RdG & KF Data Protection Officer – PH Finance – RdG, DB, SG, JL and both Constables Property – RdG, JB, CC, JN and both Constables Planning – SG, JN, JG & PH Floral – Mrs E Pirouet-Douglas & PH Waste – JB, DB SG and one Constable Cemetery – RdG, KF, PH, Mrs A Foley & Mr V Renier Mooring – Messrs M de Garis, N Vine, D Albin & both Constables Charitable Donations – JB, CC & RM Streams – JB, SG & RM Montebourg Society – RdG (Douzaine Representative)</p> <p>It was agreed that the Sea Defences Committee should be disbanded and that officials would inspect sea defences when streams and hedge inspections are carried out.</p>	
Cantons	<p>The Douzaine agreed that members of the various Cantons would be;</p> <p>Les Jenemies – JB (Senior), CC & JN Les Prevosts – RdG (Senior), JG & JL Le Gron – DB (Senior), KF & RM Les Rouvets – SG (Senior), PH & KB</p>	
DLG/DC Representative	The Douzaine agreed that KF will be the representative on the Douzaine Liaison Group and Douzaine Council with RM as reserve.	
Secondary Education	<p>NLP reported that he had been asked by other Douzaines to support an initiative that is seeking to delay changes (previously agreed by the States) to secondary education.</p> <p>There was a lengthy debate with members expressing views both for and against doing so, with some members suggesting that there was simply not enough information available to form a considered opinion.</p> <p>The Douzaine voted to decide if St Saviour should support a motion to delay the changes.</p> <p>2 members voted in favour of supporting a motion to delay, 3 members voted against and 6 members abstained from voting. St Saviour will not, therefore, support the motion to delay the changes.</p>	NLP/PC
Douzaine Council	<p>KF reminded Douzeniers that at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Douzaine Council (DC) there is a proposal that the DC should be wound up.</p> <p>St Saviour has decided to support the continuation of the DC but KF was asking how many parishes would need to support continuation of the DC for it to be viable.</p> <p>It was agreed that if 6 or more parishes continued to support the DC it would be worth its continuation.</p>	

Waste Meeting Update	<p>DB reported on a recent meeting he attended to discuss household waste.</p> <p>Christmas Collections. Guernsey Waste (GW) are looking at dates for 2020. Some areas of the island did not get the black caddies collected for 12 days due to collection times over the holiday period.</p> <p>Food Caddies can be recycled down at Longue Hougue as the containers are made from recycled plastic. Some people have complained that they were not very strong and the handles come off. GW stated that they were the strongest on the market at the time of purchase but if other options are available, they will be considered when ordering more. Douzaines can ask Guernsey Waste for more caddies and glass waste containers as and when required.</p> <p>Enforcement powers. GW confirmed the delegation agreement has 1 year left to run and that they would be happy to continue in the future should the Douzaine wish. Further discussions will ensue later. Fines have been levied against some parishioners for noncompliance.</p> <p>Annual Waste Charge. It is not expected that the annual £85 waste charge will be increased this February and GW have adjusted the wording (making it clear that the charge is a disposal charge) to ensure there is no confusion. 'Black bag' charges will also remain the same. GW will need to look at the level of charges for future years in order to accrue income for repairing and replacing machinery or parts.</p> <p>Should any small business wish to opt in for waste collections then we are asked to let Guernsey Waste know.</p> <p>Bring bank sites will be reviewed in the future to assess whether any sites should be closed. No closures are planned at present other than the site by the St Sampson clock tower due to the litter finding its way into the harbour.</p> <p>GW are reviewing the provision of litter bins across the island. Some Parishes have removed some bins due to collection issues.</p> <p>There has been an increase in fly tipping across the island. Guernsey Waste mentioned that as it is a criminal offence, significant evidence is required to secure a conviction. Witnesses tend not to want to make a statement. It has been suggested that fly tipping should be made a civil offence, but again evidence would be required to secure a conviction.</p> <p>Recycling data should be available in February. There has been a larger uptake than expected for 2019 and, therefore, income received by GW (from black bag charges) is lower than forecast. However, GW are not in the red as suggested by the media.</p>	
Correspondence	<p>Professional Indemnity Insurance/D&O Insurance.</p> <p>NLP reported that St Andrew has arranged this cover for their parish only whilst most parishes have joint cover. The joint cover restricts liability in the average of £5 million. If cover was for St Saviour only this restriction would not apply.</p> <p>It was agreed that there was no harm in seeking a quote to have similar cover to St Andrew.</p> <p>Jurats Election.</p> <p>It was agreed that RdG would represent the parish at the Jurat's Election to be held on 26th February 2020, with RM as reserve.</p>	<p>NLP/PC</p> <p>RdG/RM</p>
Any Other Business	<p>St Saviour's Community Centre (SSCC).</p> <p>NLP advised the Douzaine that the SSCC Trustees are planning to come to the February Douzaine meeting although NLP has not been advised what the Trustees wish to discuss. NLP asked the Douzaine if the States Deputy should be asked not to attend the February meeting to ensure adequate time for the Trustees to make their presentation and it was</p>	

	<p>agreed that this would be the preferred option and that the Constables should make the necessary arrangements.</p> <p>Household Waste at La Grande Rue.</p> <p>CC reported that household waste was being placed too close to the roadway at La Grande Rue and has (on at least one occasion) been hit by a passing vehicle. CC asked the Constables to send letters to the houses/flats that might be responsible.</p> <p><i>It was subsequently agreed between the Constables that PC would visit the area and speak directly with householders to resolve the problem.</i></p>	<p>NLP/PC</p> <p>PC</p>
	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 24 th February 2020.	