

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur  
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at  
7.00pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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| Present  | Messrs K Ball (KB), D Bertrand, J Brache (JB), Mrs C Connolly (CC), Mr R de Garis (RdG), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs S Gibbs (SG), J Gillson (JG), J Liddy (JL), P Connolly (PC) and N Le Poidevin (NLP) (Senior Constable – presiding).<br><br>Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.   |               |
| Apologies  | Messrs M de Garis (MdG), P Harris (PH) and J Norman (JN)  |               |
| Minutes of meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 | The minutes were agreed without amendment and signed by NLP.  |               |
| Matters Arising                                      | <b>Plurality.</b><br>NLP reported that more than a month has passed since he had been promised that the Policy and Resources Committee would consider the matter ‘shortly’.<br>NLP will chase Deputy Brouard and the Executive Officer of the Douzaine Liaison Group for further information.<br><b>Election of Jurat on 17<sup>th</sup> July.</b><br>NLP confirmed that RdG would represent the Parish.  | NLP/PC<br>RdG |
| Planning Applications                                | <b>Planning Applications.</b><br>The Constables were asked to obtain a copy of 1 planning application.  |               |
| Douzaine Council Meeting - Update                    | KF reported on the meeting held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019.<br>There was discussion about Ecclesiastical matters, dog waste, waste charges and La Gazette notices. All of these topics will be subject to further investigation or work by various sub-groups and KF will report further when conclusions are reached. A copy of the Council minutes is attached to the Douzaine minutes.  |               |
| Douzaine Liaison Group Meeting - Update              | <b>Planning Applications.</b><br>KF said that there is much disquiet about decisions being reached by the Planning Authority, particularly in areas of St Peter Port, St Samsons and Vale which seem to be having every piece of ‘green land’ built upon. The decisions are, apparently, in line with Planning Policy and this is why there is a requete calling for a review into planning matters.<br><b>Habitable Waste Unit Charges.</b><br>KF reported that several parishes have indicated dissatisfaction with the approach applied by those responsible for the ‘Corporate Address File’ where the number of habitable units is recorded. It appears that if a householder simply asks that information is amended this is done without physically checking the property or consultation with the appropriate parish.<br>SG suggested that the States is responsible for this since they have invited householders to do exactly this.<br>KF said that there was to be a meeting arranged with parish officials so that the difficulties could be understood by all concerned.<br><b>Education Department.</b><br>When the new secondary schools are established the intention is that there will be a board of Governors and there is uncertainty that this will include parish representatives. |               |

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|  | <p>NLP said that he believed that it is the intention to include parish representatives.</p> <p><b>Damage to Road Surfaces.</b><br/>KF indicated that the Highways Department intend to seek to recover cost of road repairs from householders when damage is caused by tree roots from properties adjacent to roads.</p>  |        |
| Cemetery Committee                     | <p>KF reported that the Cemetery Committee is reviewing the rules relevant to that Committee and will report back when completed.</p>  |        |
| Southwest Constables' Meeting          | <p>RdG attended this meeting since both Constables were out of the Island.</p> <p><b>Deputies attending Douzaine meetings.</b><br/>Torteval has decided to no longer discuss States' business at Douzaine meetings and Forest is considering whether to follow suit.<br/>It was decided to continue the practice in St Saviour and review the situation following the next General Election.</p> <p><b>Remede, - Application to the Royal Court.</b><br/>It appears that it is not essential that an Advocate represents the parish when the Remede is approved by the Court. St Andrew's Constable presents the Remede himself.<br/>It was agreed that St Saviour should continue to engage an advocate but that the cost should be agreed beforehand.</p> <p><b>Reserve Fund.</b><br/>Most parishes appear not to have a Reserve Fund, but St Saviour does. Although it is necessary to make an application to the Court in order to use the fund (following a public meeting) it is considered prudent to have in case of any unforeseen expenditure.</p> <p><b>La Gazette Notices.</b><br/>There are discussions taking place to determine whether La Gazette notices (as required by law) can either be shortened (to reduce cost) or completely done away with.<br/>Minutes from the meeting are attached.</p> | NLP/PC |
| Directors and Officers Insurance Cover | <p>NLP reported that all parishes, with the exception of St Andrew, have agreed to a joint policy to provide Directors and Officers insurance cover through Cherry Godfrey.</p> <p>The Douzaine agreed with NLP when he suggested that the cover is essential. The premium has been determined according to the total amount of money raised through the rates each year but each parish will pay a premium based on that parish's % of the total. For St Saviour the premium is on a par with 2018.</p>   |        |
| Rectory                                | <p><b>Maintenance.</b><br/>RdG reported that work has started on the items identified by the recent property survey and that scaffolding will be erected later this week. He understands that the work is proceeding as per the quote received with the exception (so far) that no new guttering is needed for the north wing.</p> <p><b>Rectory Lease.</b><br/>NLP said that St Andrew has now agreed a lease with the Dean of Guernsey (tenant of St Andrew's Rectory) outlining the terms under which he occupies those premises. A copy of this lease had been circulated to parish officials previously.<br/>DB asked who had actually drawn up the lease.<br/>NLP agreed to ask the question of the St Andrew's Constables.<br/>It was agreed that the lease that had been agreed between the Dean and St Andrew's Constables should be used as a template for a lease</p>   | NLP/PC |

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|                    | <p>between St Saviour's Constables and Reverend Charmley, with changes made to reflect only the physical differences between the two rectories. Douzeniers expressed the opinion that if it is appropriate for the Dean of Guernsey to agree a lease to occupy the St Andrew's Rectory it would be appropriate for Reverend Charmley to agree a similar lease to occupy the St Saviour's Rectory.</p> <p>The Constables will arrange to meet with Reverend Charmley to progress the matter.</p>  | NLP/PC                                |
| Fort Richmond      | <p>PC said that he had been contacted by a parishioner who was concerned that part of Fort Richmond has been closed off (by a gate) and public access is no longer possible to walkers. The parishioner suggested that the Constables should seek legal advice on the matter. JB said that is his understanding that there is no 'trespass law' in Guernsey and that landowners can deny access to land if that is their wish.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Constables should not spend parish funds seeking a legal opinion and that PC should advise the parishioner that if he wished to pursue the matter, he should seek his own legal opinion.</p>  | PC                                    |
| Stream Inspections | <p>NLP reminded Douzeniers that stream inspections should be completed in good time for follow up inspections before 12<sup>th</sup> July in order for the Constables to make their report to Guernsey Water before 15<sup>th</sup> July.</p>  |                                       |
| Correspondence     | <p><b>Registered Wombling.</b><br/>NLP had previously circulated a document outlining a 'wombling scheme' for volunteers to arrange for the collection and disposal of litter (organised by Guernsey Waste). There was no interest in taking up the initiative.</p> <p><b>Guernsey Outdoor Charter Group.</b><br/>A document outlining the proposed scheme had been circulated previously. There was no interest expressed in supporting the initiative.</p> <p><b>Liberation Day 2020.</b><br/>NLP asked if there was any intention to arrange parish celebrations for the 2020 Liberation Day.<br/>He added that there is due to be a large-scale celebration in St Peter Port – perhaps the last one organised by the States?<br/>RdG pointed out that previous parish-based celebrations have not been well supported by parishioners.<br/>DB said that parish officials have previously committed a lot of time arranging events for both Liberation Day and Her Majesty's Birthday and been disappointed with the numbers of people who had attended.<br/>It was agreed not to arrange any parish-based celebrations for 2020.</p> <p><b>Motor Rally 2020.</b><br/>NLP indicated that the Kart Club are proposing to arrange a car rally in February 2020 and asked if there were any objections.<br/>KF said that her property had been on the proposed route for the 2019 rally and that she could not fault the organisation of the event or communication with residents.<br/>It was agreed that there were no reasons for the Douzaine to object to the holding of the event, but that no official would accompany the organisers (as they had suggested) when they explain their proposals to residents. The Constables will reply accordingly.</p> <p><b>St Saviour's Church Revel.</b><br/>NLP said that the organisers have asked again if the Douzaine will enter a team in the Tug of War event. JL will respond to the organisers.</p> | <p>NLP/PC</p> <p>NLP/PC</p> <p>JL</p> |

