

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur  
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in the Lihou Room at the Community Centre at  
7.00pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Present	<p>Messrs K Ball (KB), D Bertrand (DB), 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) (Constable – presiding).</p> <p>Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.</p>	
Apologies	Mr J Norman (JN),	
Minutes of meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	The minutes were agreed without amendment and signed by the Constable.	
Billet d'Etat	<p>Deputy D de Lisle (DdL) attended the meeting to discuss forthcoming States business.</p> <p><b>Pollution of St Saviour's Reservoir.</b>  DdL explained that he intended to ask Guernsey Water to explain how (and where it came from) the recent pollution of the St Saviour's Reservoir occurred suggesting that it had originated from Guernsey Airport.</p> <p><b>Income Support.</b>  DdL said that the Committee for Employment and Social Security are seeking approval for changes to the way income support is implemented, explaining that he has been a longstanding critic of the increasing costs associated with the changes and claiming that the changes have resulted in an additional £5 million being paid to an additional 950 recipients.</p> <p>JB suggested that the figure quoted was 'cosmetic' because although the figure quoted is accurate it is because of the decision to charge commercial rents for domestic dwellings – higher rents were being received by the Housing Department (although more income support was being paid out) with the nett result that the cost to the States as a whole was neutral.</p> <p>DdL did not accept JB's explanation.</p> <p><b>Environmental Pollution – (Air Pollution)</b>  DdL outlined the proposed new legislation concerning measures to reduce air pollution and highlighted that Guernsey Electricity and the PE Hospital were both creating unacceptable levels of air pollution by the on-island generation of electricity and the use of the incinerator respectively.</p> <p>NLP asked DdL what exactly the Electricity Company were expected to do when (low carbon emitting) supplies of electricity were not available from mainland Europe, and how the Hospital was expected to dispose of human waste.</p> <p>DdL explained that it was necessary to legislate to make the States Departments concerned focus on reducing emissions.</p> <p>JG said that he could not contemplate a rational explanation as to why the States of Guernsey had to introduce legislation to enforce the States of Guernsey's own Departments to become more efficient in terms of reducing air pollution.</p>	

	<p>NLP added that whilst it was regrettable that on-island electricity generation caused air pollution it was preferable to homes and businesses not having an electricity supply.</p> <p>DdL then pointed out the legislation also made reference to domestic bonfires and that unless the bonfire complied with certain exemptions householders would no longer be able to have a bonfire on their property.</p> <p>The Douzaine (collectively) expressed support for the idea that it was no longer acceptable to burn plastics and other hydrocarbon-based products that gave off black smoke, but in a rural parish could see no reason why garden waste could not be burned.</p> <p>DdL explained that (subject to certain conditions) such bonfires would continue to be allowed.</p> <p>KF asked what impact legislation like the anti-pollution law would have away from Guernsey.</p> <p>DdL explained that near neighbours on mainland Europe are abiding by current European Union guidelines and that the proposed Guernsey legislation is making reference to the 2015 guidelines that have been superseded by most of Europe and he (DdL) hoped that Guernsey would soon adopt what was considered to be best practice.</p> <p><b>Extension of Guernsey Airport Runway.</b></p> <p>DdL outlined the proposals for spending up to £360k to prepare a cost and benefit analysis if the runway was to be extended.</p> <p>DB asked if this subject had not been debated recently by the States.</p> <p>DdL confirmed that it had.</p> <p>PH suggested that the proposal should not be considered until the result of the transport strategy analysis (currently being prepared by Policy &amp; Resources Committee) is available for consideration.</p> <p>DdL asked the Douzaine if there was any support for the proposal and the Douzaine indicated that there was not.</p> <p>DdL confirmed that he would not be able to support the proposal.</p> <p>DdL left the meeting at 7.20pm.</p>	
Floral St Saviour	<p>Mrs E Pirouet-Douglas (EPD), the co-ordinator of the Floral St Saviour's volunteers attended to give the Douzaine an update of the group's activities during 2019 and their plans for 2020.</p> <p>EPD outlined the awards that the group had been nominated for, explaining that not all had been successful in receiving awards. Overall the parish had been awarded a silver-gilt with the Douzaine Room displays receiving a gold award.</p> <p>EPD explained what the judging day involved and the commitment from various groups and individuals that made it a success.</p> <p>EPD also highlighted that there is a very necessary fundraising element to the group's activities because if they can achieve a certain figure there is the opportunity to benefit from a larger grant from Floral Guernsey. This funding is in addition to the sum received from the parish (rates) which the group are also very grateful for and without which they would not have sufficient funds to operate.</p> <p>In 2019 they were able to liaise with La Houquette School to provide an outdoor reading facility which has been welcomed by staff and children.</p> <p>NLP thanked EPD for the work and asked her to pass on his thanks and that of the Douzaine to all of the volunteers.</p> <p>EPD left the meeting at 7.45pm.</p>	
Matters Arising	<p><b>Rectory Lease.</b></p> <p>NLP reported that to date there has been no further information from the Guernsey Deanery.</p>	

	<p><b>St Saviour's Church Tunnels.</b> NLP asked the Douzaine to note that the annual inspection of the tunnels underneath the parish Church took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and everything was found to be in order.</p> <p><b>Christmas and New Year Waste Collections.</b> Guernsey Waste have indicated that they wish to co-ordinate any changes to the collection arrangements but (although promised for early November) the exact details are not yet available.</p> <p><b>La Grande Rue Car Park (formerly the car park to the St Saviour's Tavern)</b> NLP confirmed that he has met with the new owners of the land and that he has been assured that there is no intention to use the land other than for the parking of cars (there may well be a planning application for garages at some stage). The abandoned (and in some case derelict) cars have started to be removed and NLP anticipates that the land will be cleared of all cars and overgrown vegetation soon.</p> <p><b>Douzaine Christmas Meal.</b> PC confirmed that this would take place on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and the venue would be confirmed in due course.</p>	
General Election 2020.	<p>NLP advised the Douzaine that the States Department responsible for organising the 2020 General election are asking for confirmation of those parish officials who will be available to staff the polling station 'very soon'.</p> <p>KF and PH indicated that they will be available for at least part (if not all) of each polling day and RdG confirmed that he would be acting as polling station officer. RdG indicated that he would appoint both KF and PH as assistant polling station officers.</p> <p>Other parish officials indicated that they might be in a position to provide assistance but could not confirm this until much nearer the time.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Constables should advise accordingly and if it was not possible to wait until nearer the time that the Election organisers should plan to make other staffing arrangements than to rely on the availability of parish officials.</p>	NLP/PC
Dates for 2020 Douzaine Meetings	NLP had previously circulated the proposed dates for Douzaine and Parish meetings for 2020 and these were approved without amendment.	
Planning Department	There were no requests for the Constables to obtain copies of any planning applications.	
Rectory Maintenance	NLP confirmed that the planned maintenance of the Rectory was complete for 2019. Of the £25k available, £24k has been spent. Architects are due to meet with contractors to discuss the 2020 maintenance budget (£25k provisionally agreed at the September meeting) and what work should be prioritised.	
Correspondence	<p><b>Torteval Christmas Social Event.</b> NLP reminded Douzeniers that Torteval's Constables have invited all western parish officials to a social gathering to be held at Torteval Church Hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019, and that when this was first mentioned at the September meeting at least 7 members indicated that they would be attending.</p> <p><b>Defibrillator for lower St Saviour.</b> NLP said that he had been approached by a parishioner who had suggested that lower St Saviour was part of the island that did not have a publicly accessible defibrillator close by. The parishioner had secured pledges of £900 towards the total predicted cost of £2,713 and was</p>	

	<p>asking if parish funds could be used to provide the balance of £1,813. The suggestion was that the location for any defibrillator would be the Driftwood Inn.</p> <p>Contact had been made with the Cardiac Action Group and it had been established that their preferred location would have been 'Morrison's' at Perelle because of the greater footfall and easier accessibility, (subject to a satisfactory site visit and obtaining the necessary permissions).</p> <p>RdG proposed and JB seconded a proposal that the Constables should make the funds requested (£1,813) available from the amelioration account (<i>funds that are for the 'benefit of the parish'</i>) and that the preferred location for siting a defibrillator in lower St Saviour would be as recommended by the Cardiac Action Group.</p> <p>The Constables agreed to make this known to the parishioner who had originally made the request to establish how the matter was to be progressed.</p> <p><b>Inert Waste Disposal.</b></p> <p>NLP advised the Douzaine that Guernsey Waste has identified that the facility for disposal of inert waste is due to reach full capacity around 2023 and is currently assessing future solutions for the management of inert waste material. Guernsey Waste are to hold a briefing about this on 28<sup>th</sup> November and SG agreed to attend to represent the parish.</p> <p><b>Proposed Motor Rally – February 29<sup>th</sup> 2020.</b></p> <p>NLP reminded Douzeniers that the Guernsey Kart &amp; Motor Club held a motor rally on roads within St Saviour (and other parishes) in February 2019 and none of St Saviour's parish officials had received any complaints about it. The Douzaine had information to the effect that the organisation of the 2019 rally had been very good.</p> <p>Subsequently, the Club wrote to the Douzaine in June 2019 outlining their proposals for another rally in St Saviour in February 2020 (although on different roads to those used in 2019).</p> <p>The Club had not advised the Constables about any discussions between themselves and the Traffic &amp; Highways Services (T&amp;HS) who have to grant approval for the rally to take place.</p> <p>In the circumstances the Douzaine could see no reason to object to the plans for 2020.</p> <p>NLP explained that the Constables understand that T&amp;HS have granted permission with conditions attached, including (amongst others) a satisfactory risk assessment having been completed and consultations with residents providing satisfactory outcomes to any concerns that might be highlighted.</p> <p>Within the last week or so the Club has sent letters to residents along the proposed route for the 2020 rally (this being the first contact between the Club and residents) advising them of the plans.</p> <p>This has resulted in 3 residents contacting the Constables to register objections, there being in excess of 30 properties directly on the St Saviours part of the route (and many more in close proximity).</p> <p>NLP asked if the Douzaine considered that they should change their opinion on the rally in light of the complaints.</p> <p>It was decided that the correct way to proceed was not to change the decision made in June (not to object to the rally) but to ensure that T&amp;HS are made aware of the concerns of those residents (who contact parish officials) before (T&amp;HS makes) a decision is made about whether to grant final approval for the event.</p> <p><b>Hedge at Fort Richmond.</b></p>	<p>NLP/PC</p> <p>SG</p> <p>NLP/PC</p>
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Any Other Business	<p><b>Retiring Douzenier.</b> MdG said that this is his last Douzaine meeting (he is unable to make the December meeting) after 15 years of parochial service and wished to thank colleagues for their assistance and friendship during that time. He wished the Douzaine well for the future. NLP and RdG both expressed both their personal thanks and that of parishioners for the service that MdG has contributed to parochial affairs during his time in office.</p> <p><b>Douzaine Council.</b> KF reported that a proposal at the Douzaine Council AGM (in February) is to meet every 4 months and asked if St Saviour would support this. KF confirmed that she (as the parish representative) has no objection to the proposal and the Douzaine agreed to support the proposed change. KF also reported that Vale has indicated that they will no longer be attending meetings of the Douzaine Council, but the reason for this is not known.</p> <p><b>Road Safety.</b> PH confirmed that issues at Rue des Cinqs Vergees (road cleaning) and Ruelle de La Bataille (missing sign) have now been attended to.</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 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019.	