

Paroisse de Saint Sauveur
Minutes of the Douzaine Meeting held in Douzaine Room at the Community Centre
at 7.00pm on Monday 26th October 2020

Present	<p>Messrs D Bertrand (DB), J Brache (JB), Mrs C Connolly (CC), Mr R de Garis (RdG), Mrs K Fooks (KF), Messrs J Gillson (JG), P Harris (PH), J Liddy (JL), R Murray (RM), J Norman (JN), P Connolly (PC) and N Le Poidevin (Constable – presiding).</p> <p>Mr G Chapman (GC), Parish Secretary was present to record the minutes.</p>	
Apologies	<p>Mr S Gibbs (SG). NLP reported that Mr K Ball has resigned his position as Douzenier with immediate effect.</p>	
Minutes of Meeting held on 21 st September 2020	<p>The minutes were agreed and signed by the Constable.</p>	
Matters Arising	<p>Douzaine Christmas Meal. CC reported that because of availability issues the venue she was proposing would be Hotel Fleur du Jardin on Friday 27th November. The Douzaine agreed that this date should be confirmed.</p> <p>St Saviour’s Community Centre (SSCC) – Funds for Repairs PC reported that the Property Sub Committee met with Mrs L Tempest (LT), the SSCC LBG Manager (and Director) at the end of September to discuss funding for repairs to ‘Andy’s House’, to replace the flooring in the Herm/Jethou rooms and to make minor repairs to parts of the roof. LT indicated that SSCC would need about £15k to pay for these items, and could (if necessary) obtain a loan at commercial rates. However, it was considered prudent to explore whether the Douzaine would agree to advance the sum (from the proceeds of the sale of the former Douzaine Room) which would then be paid back to the Constables within an 18-month period.</p> <p>JN said that he had been impressed by LT ably demonstrating that SSCC LBG has a proven record of repaying previous loans. The current loan they have is due to have the final repayment within a few months and if the Douzaine agree to advance funds, SSCC LBG would commence repaying the advance at the conclusion of their current loan repayment.</p> <p>JN added that he is aware of a suggestion that Andy’s House should be replaced rather than repaired, but JN’s opinion is that such matters are a decision for SSCC LBG to take.</p> <p>The Douzaine agreed with JN’s view that decisions concerning whether to repair or replace Andy’s house is a matter for SSCC LBG.</p> <p>DB pointed out that the capital sum in the Constables’ account is currently earning almost zero in bank interest, and suggested that the Douzaine should authorise the Constables to advance £15k to SSCC LBG to be repaid (without interest) within an 18-month period.</p> <p>KF proposed (seconded by JN) that £15k should be advanced to SSCC LBG to be repaid without any interest being applied, but to formalise matters there should be a written request from SSCC LBG requesting an advance, stating what it the advance will be used for and outlining the timescale for it to be repaid.</p> <p>The proposal was unanimously agreed.</p>	<p>NLP/PC</p>

	<p>Parish Rates.</p> <p>NLP reported that there are currently 9 outstanding rates accounts. One property owner has not paid rates since 2015. The accounts from 2016 – 2020 are outstanding because the owner in 2016 died in that year and (the Constables understand that) there has been a complicated legal dispute concerning ownership. It is likely, however, that when the dispute is resolved (and the property is sold) that all outstanding accounts (currently just under £700) will be paid.</p> <p>There are 2 accounts that are being paid in instalments and these will be paid in full before the end of 2020.</p> <p>The remaining 6 accounts (as per the decision made at the September meeting) are now the subject of Petty Debt proceedings, with a Court date pencilled in for 5th November.</p> <p>DB asked if any of the accounts subject to Petty Debt proceedings have made some effort to pay their account.</p> <p>NLP confirmed that all of those subject to Petty Debt proceedings have been sent their account, a reminder, a final demand and a separate letter advising that if payment was not received by 22nd September, Court proceedings would be commenced. None of the 6 has even contacted the Constables to discuss the accounts and how payment could be made.</p>	NLP/PC
Planning Applications	<p>PH presented a planning application that the Planning and Development Authority had sent to the Constables requesting any comment. The application concerns a development in La Grande Rue (Les Rouvets Canton). PH confirmed that parish officials representing Les Rouvets Canton had considered the application and could see no reason to object to the proposals.</p> <p>The Douzaine confirmed (the view expressed by PH) that there was no reason to make an objection.</p>	NLP/PC
Bornements	<p>The Douzaine approved 2 application for Bornements, one in La Grande Rue and the other in Rue des Huriaux.</p>	NLP/PC
Parish Elections	<p>NLP confirmed that there had been 1 nomination for Constable (1 vacancy), 3 nominations for Douzenier (3 vacancies) and 1 nomination for a position on La Houquette School Committee (1 vacancy). He reminded the Douzaine that the parish election meeting will be held on 4th November at 7.15pm, immediately after the meeting convened by the Churchwardens to elect officials to the Church Property Management Board.</p>	
St Saviour's Tunnels	<p>PC confirmed that the annual inspection of the tunnels under the parish church had taken place on 17th October and all was found to be in order.</p>	
Island Constables' Meeting	<p>PC reported that the most recent Island Constables' meeting had taken place on 19th October (minutes from the meeting are attached).</p> <p><u>LAPIS.</u></p> <p>PC reported that there are on-going minor issues with the system and the working group will liaise with Digimap to try to resolve the matter.</p> <p><u>Refuse Charges.</u></p> <p>Anomalies with unit classifications are still ongoing and efforts will be made to rectify them.</p>	
Hedges & Streams Inspections	<p>NLP asked that all re-inspections should be carried out promptly.</p>	
Motor Rally 2021	<p>NLP advised the Douzaine that 4 letters/emails have been received by the Constables making objections to the proposed motor rally. The</p>	

	<p>Douzaine had determined (at the September meeting) to neither support nor oppose the proposed plans for the 2021 rally.</p> <p>NLP said that one correspondent suggested that it is wrong for the Douzaine to remain neutral and should have a view on the matter.</p> <p>JN reminded the Douzaine that although some parishioners have expressed opposition there are others who wholeheartedly support it.</p> <p>The roads belong to Traffic and Highways Services (THS) and it is they who should determine whether or not the event should be held.</p> <p>KF said that the rally route has involved the lane in which she lives on 2 occasions and the organisers were very efficient and she could not complain about the way the event was staged.</p> <p>The Douzaine reconfirmed the decision (made in September) to neither support nor object to the proposed 2021 rally.</p>	NLP/PC
Correspondence	<p>Rue du Felconte.</p> <p>NLP said that the Constables have received a letter from a resident who lives close to the junction with Rue du Felconte and Les Rouvets, together with a petition, asking for the junction to become a ‘filter in turn’ or if this was not possible for the speed limit in Rue du Felconte to be reduced.</p> <p>The Constables have forwarded the letter and petition to THS, but advised the writer that the matter would be brought to the attention of the Douzaine at the October meeting.</p> <p>NLP reminded the Douzaine that previously when there has been requests from parishioners concerning traffic matters the Douzaine has referred the matter to THS.</p> <p>The Douzaine determined that it is the responsibility of THS to resolve road safety matters and that the Constables should advise the letter writer accordingly.</p> <p>Rotary Club – Christmas Parcels</p> <p>NLP reminded the Douzaine that any nominations for receipt of a Rotary Club Christmas parcel should be made so the Rotary Club can be notified before 15th November.</p> <p>Christmas/New Year Refuse Collections.</p> <p>NLP advised the Douzaine that Christmas week (2020) and New Year Week (2021) refuse collections would have to change because of public holidays falling over that period.</p> <p>The proposal from Guernsey Waste (GW) is that collections for both weeks should be moved from Thursday (set out – collection overnight in to Friday) to Saturday (set out – collection overnight in to Sunday).</p> <p>The parish’s contactor is content with this proposal, but it cannot be confirmed by GW until they have heard back from other parishes.</p> <p>Church Hall.</p> <p>The Constables have been notified by the Churchwardens that the 5 electric heaters in the Church Hall have been condemned by an electrician and are in need of replacement and that the Church is happy to pay for this.</p> <p>Constables’ Accounts.</p> <p>NLP reported that the preparation of the 2020 accounts can be completed in the same way as has been done previously (an accountancy report). However, it is likely that the Remede for 2021 will be in excess of £250k (stipulated in the 2013 Parochial Administration Law) and therefore, from 2022 there will be a need for a full audit which it is estimated to cost in the region of £8k (against the £2,250 paid for a report in 2020)</p>	NLP/PC

	<p>JN said that he believed the £250k limit in the 2013 law should be increased, and it would be interesting to learn what the amount would be now if RPI had been applied to the figure over the last 7 years. It was agreed that this should be raised at the next Douzaine Council meeting.</p>	KF
Any Other Business	<p>General Election. RdG thanked all those who had assisted in the 2020 General Election.</p> <p>Granite Bench adjacent to dduit at Sous L'Eglise. RdG reported that the granite bench (installed by the Constables some years ago) was loose and in need of remedial work to ensure it was safe to use. <i>(The Constables subsequently engaged a stonemason to carry out remedial work)</i></p> <p>Tea Party – November 5th. RdG invited the Douzaine to attend a tea party at the Church on 5th November.</p> <p>Remembrance Service. RdG reminded the Constables that there would be a remembrance service at the parish Church on 8th November.</p> <p>Deputies Attending Douzaine Meetings. RdG asked the Douzaine if they wished to invite States' Deputies to attend Douzaine meetings on a regular basis. KF said that she was aware of parishes that no longer requested Deputies to attend, although now that RM has been elected to the States there will be a Deputy at every Douzaine meeting he attends. RdG said that might not always be the case because RM might be asked to attend Douzaine meetings at other parishes. JB said that he has always been in favour of Parish Deputies attending Douzaine meetings so that Parish Officials can make their views known. JN suggested that it was not necessary for Deputies to attend every meeting because often there is nothing on the States' agenda that concerns the parish. However, should there be an item on the States' agenda that is of concern the Constables can always invite a Deputy (or indeed more than one Deputy, because there are now two who live in St Saviour – RM and Deputy Burford). The Douzaine agreed with the suggestion put forward by JN.</p> <p>Douzaine Council Meeting. KF reminded the Douzaine that there would be a Douzaine Council meeting in November and asked anyone who had items for discussion to bring them to her attention.</p> <p>Douzaine Liaison Group. KF said that it is hoped that the new Policy and Resources Committee will continue with the Douzaine Liaison Group meetings because they have proved beneficial over the last 2 terms of government.</p> <p>Cemetery Committee. KF advised the Douzaine that Cemetery charges have been revised.</p> <p>SSCC Christmas Market CC advised the Douzaine that there would be a Christmas Market at SSCC between 2pm and 7pm on 27th November and asked for assistance in erecting marquees the previous day.</p>	<p>NLP/PC</p> <p>NLP/PC</p> <p>NLP/PC</p>
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.	
	The next meeting is to be held at the Community Centre, at 7.00pm on Monday 23 rd November 2020.	