

Summary of the Meeting of the Vale Douzaine

Monday 28 March 2022

Present: Miss R A Henry – Dean Mr J C S F Smithies – Vice Dean

Douzeniers: Mr N J Leale, Miss V J Robinson, Mr T I Ashworth, Mr R E Digard, Mrs P A Robinson, Mr A Quevatre, Mr P F van der Tang, Mr G Collins, Mr J H Niles, Mrs A B Setters

Constables: Mr R A Leale, Mr W H Cohu

Parish Secretaries: Mrs N J Gill, Mrs D R Breton

Apologies: Mr W J Le Page, Mr J E Bond

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th February 2022** were approved by the Douzaine.
2. **Matters arising:**
 - **Cemetery toilets.** These have been painted and are cleaner than at the time of the last meeting. It was mentioned that, as there is no electricity supply, it is not possible to install a hand dryer in the toilets. As the toilets are beyond the cemetery wall by the roadway, it was clarified that they are owned by the Douzaine.
 - **Platinum Jubilee Canopy.** RL and BC had recently planted some fruit trees and a willow in the field at the rear of the Douzaine Room. The Press attended to take a picture.
3. **Bornements:**

7 Bornements were approved.
4. **Douzaine Liaison Group – Parish Working Group.** JS said the meeting to be held on 7 March 2022 had been cancelled and no new date has been set.
5. **Platinum Jubilee Update.** The date is 3 June 2022.
6. **Civil Emergency.** Civil Emergency are looking for our assistance in case of an emergency to provide a building, collect people and bring them to the Douzaine Room and have some sort of recovery packs. The Douzaine members were asked to read the Civil Emergency Planning and email their thoughts.
7. **School committees report – relevant information.** RAL said that any Douzeniers attending a School Committee meeting should be given the opportunity to speak about their findings. ABS had attended Baubigny Schools, PVDT Capelles and JHN La Mare de Carteret. Vale School had not yet had a meeting. Various maintenance needed at the schools was discussed and who was responsible for carrying out the work. Education have their own maintenance team who prioritise the work so the process can be slow to get things fixed.
8. **Floors repairs.** Two quotes for sanding the floor down, to reglue loose blocks, making good the edge with new plywood and applying two coats of varnish were discussed. The quote from R H Le Tissier was accepted with a date still to be finalised.

9. **Parish website update.** RED read his report. An email had been received from the States concerning Data Protection and they had offered to hold training for Douzeniers. A date would be organised for May.
10. **Correspondence: Toby Gregg – Pembroke improvements.** A young teenager Toby Gregg had emailed the Constables/Commons Council with ideas for how the Pembroke area could be improved. RL invited the Douzeniers to have a look at the email and photos.

Strive Limited had also asked to put a semi-permanent bobber in place at the end of L'Ancrese bay for open water swim training over the warmer months. No objection was raised to this.

11. **Any other Business.**

- RL had obtained a quote to fill in the arch at the front end of the building with glass and also have a porch at the entrance to the hall but it was felt that these matters should be left in abeyance for the time being.
- BC reported that permission had been received for the Cavalcade to pass at approximately 1.45 pm in front of the Douzaine Room on 9 May. People had been invited from La Nouvelle Maraitaine, Gardenia Lodge and the older members of the Vale Church congregation and would begin assembling at 1.20 pm. Marshalls will be required for the roads. A tea party would be held afterwards. VJR was setting up her Liberation exhibition in the Harold Collas Room.
- RAH mentioned the installation of a defibrillator at Grosse Hougue.
- ABS asked when the Police are permitted to shoot on the common. Is it on a daily basis because dogs in the area were scared by the noise? RAH confirmed that it is not daily.
 - The Meeting closed with the Benediction at 8.45pm.