

Summary of the Meeting of the Vale Douzaine

Monday 25 April 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 A Quevatre, Mr T I Ashworth, Mrs P A Robinson, Mr W J Le Page, Mr P F van der Tang, Mr J H Niles, Mrs A B Setters
- Constables: Mr R A Leale, Mr W H Cohu
- Parish Secretaries: Mrs D R Breton
- Apologies: Mr R E Digard, Mr J E Bond, Mr G Collins, Mrs N J Gill

Steve Roussel from Ronez - report on quarrying at Chouet Headland

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th March 2022** were approved by the Douzaine.
2. **Matters arising:**
 - **Dog Fouling Survey.** Mr Angus Bodman had written to see whether the Douzaine would consider conducting a survey of dog-fouling in the parish. None of the Douzaine members expressed an interest so RAL suggested details be put on the parish website to enlist volunteers.
 - TIA brought up the subject of Toby Gregg and his ideas to enhance the Pembroke area. RAL said that Toby's mother had given her permission for her son's ideas and photos to be put on the website.
3. **Bornements:**

4 Bornements were approved.
4. **Douzaine Liaison Group – Parish Working Group.** JS said this had been a big disappointment. The original civil servant has left and no one has been in touch to arrange a new date. RAL advised a new contact for the States has been instated.
5. **Platinum Jubilee Update.** This is progressing. AQ said he would contact everyone by email reference commitment to help. There is a meeting in two weeks' time of both Douzaines.
6. **Civil Emergency.** At the last meeting RAL had asked Douzaine members to read through the paper and email their thoughts on the subject. No communication had been received. RH said that Derek Howlett is away until next week so, until he is back, we do not know what he wants from us so he may have the matter in hand.
7. **School committees report – relevant information. Vale School Committee's report.** NJG had attended a meeting of the Vale School Committee on 6 April 2022 and the report was sent to all the Douzaine members.

8. **Floors repairs.** RH Le Tissier would probably split the job as the hall has to close totally. It was thought that the work would take place at the end of July/beginning of August but no further clarification had been received on a definite date.
9. **Report Waste Meeting.** NJG had attended this meeting on 11 April 2022 and prepared the Minutes which were given to Douzaine members. Basically, our refuse contractors did not attend and NJG feels it is not necessary to meet so often.
10. **Correspondence: Russells Day Centre talk.** RAL asked for volunteers to give an informal talk on the work of the Vale Douzaine to the Carers at the Guernsey Alzheimers' Association at Delancey. TIA volunteered for this and a date will be arranged.

11. **Any other Business.**

- Data Training – Saturday 21 May from 9 am till 1 pm at the Vale Douzaine. Seven people have put their names forward.
- Security Cameras – there had been another incident of vandalism outside the Douzaine Room and the Police had been informed.
- Liberation Day – BC thinks he now has enough people for marshalling the Cavalcade. This should take no more than an hour if there are no delays.

VR said she would put something on Facebook about her Liberation exhibition to try to drum up interest.

PR mentioned that her sister had written to the States as they had put an article in the Press about delivering Liberation hampers to people in care homes, those who had meals on wheels and others who attended Age Concern or the Specsavers Tea Dance but there was no mention of independent elderly people living at home on their own being considered for such a gift.

- Pollinator patch – would the Douzaine have any objection to a couple of benches by the Pollinator patch at the Vale Cemetery? The Douzaine is happy to donate a bench for this.
- The cost of a burial plot – At the last parish meeting on 30 March 2022 the rate payers instructed the Committee to raise the cost of a burial plot to £250 from January 2023. RH suggested time should be given to consider any point on an agenda and BDJ of the Cemetery Committee had been unprepared when the matter came up. Also results on the charges by the other parishes have not all yet been received.
- EVie bikes – PR had been contacted by the owner of the EVie bikes saying that he had received a negative response to his bikes being located at the Vale Douzaine Room and didn't understand why. RAL said he did not want to favour one business over another and that bike racks at the Douzaine were there for the users of the Douzaine Rooms.

- Weedkilling – AQ brought to the Douzaine's attention that a field behind the quarry at the bottom of the lane had been sprayed with weedkiller and set fire to. The Douzaine shares the boundary. RH thought that Guernsey Water may be interested to hear about this weedkilling for water catchment issues. AQ will email them.

The Meeting closed with the Benediction at 8.50 pm.