



Summary of the Meeting of the Vale Douzaine

Monday 31st October 2022

<u>Present:</u>	Miss R.A. Henry – Dean	Mr J.C.S.F. Smithies – Vice Dean
Douzeniers:	Miss V.J. Robinson, Mr T.I. Ashworth, Mr A. Quevatre, Mrs P.A. Robinson, Mr W.J. Le Page, Mr P.F. van der Tang, Mr G. Collins, Mr. J.E. Bond, Mr J.H. Niles, Mrs. A.B. Setters	
Constables:	Mr R A Leale, Mr W.H. Cohu	
Parish Secretaries:	Mrs N. Gill, Mrs D. Breton	
Apologies:	Mr R E Digard, Mr N J Leale	

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2022 were approved by the Douzaine.

2. Matters arising.

- RAL thanked TIA for his talk to the Alzheimers' Carers which had been well received.
- Playground matting - All Douzaine members are in favour of replacing the matter and all are happy for the money to come out of the Public Improvement Account.
- Parish rate update - There are now only 14 outstanding rates. Several of these are paying by instalments and final letters are going out to the remainder.
- Ground maintenance. It is felt that States Works do a good job providing plants at a reasonable cost and watering from a tanker as required. It was felt unlikely that we would get this service from another source. The contract runs till the end of the year and a quote should be received soon for 2023. The rate should only be subject to a small increase as in previous years.

3. Bornelements.

- There were none.

- 4. Parish Elections – Parish meeting 2nd November.** We have the right number of nominations as Ollie Brock has put himself forward to replace PAR.

For La Mare de Carteret Primary School Committee, Mary Lowe and JHN were standing again so a full complement.

For La Mare de Carteret High School Committee, Mary Lowe and Deidre Dudley-Owen had both put themselves forward for one seat.

For the Cemetery Committee, Maria van der Tang will stand for the seat in the Vingtaine and there are two other nominations for the Clos du Valle seat replacing Brian de Jersey, namely JHN and Peter Lowe.

- 5. Hedges and streams.** RAL asked for comments from the Douzaine members but it was felt that these were better than they had been for a long time.
- 6. Liberation Day.** RAL attended a meeting with the Education Department, two civil servants and Constables of St Peter Port, Forest and St Andrews and the bottom line is parishes must do their own thing in 2023 and 2024 with an island wide celebration in 2025. The matter will be put back on the Agenda for discussion next time.
- 7. Vale Parish Procedures.** It had been suggested that the Douzaine draw up and have procedures in place. RAL had drafted a document which has been sent to all members of the Douzaine for their comments and he needs everyone to sign up to it and be part and parcel of it. Particular reference was made to health and safety and freedom of information and Douzaine members were asked to email comments or amendments to RAL.
- 8. Remembrance Sunday.** A service will be held at the Vale Ware Memorial at 10 am on Sunday 13 November.
- 9. Heat Pump.** It had been suggested to go green and run the building on a heat pump and one quote had so far been received. However, it was thought that this should be looked at in the future should the boiler need replacing so the Douzaine decided not to progress at this time. TIA asked about roof insulation and quotes will be obtained.

10. Correspondence:

Invitation to St Sampson's High – Class of 2022 YR 11 Presentation Evening. ABS is already attending.

Coffee tricycle in St Sampson and Vale. The Douzaine have no objection and an email would be sent to the person concerned wishing him luck with his venture.

Town bunting. Parishes had been asked to contribute towards the amount required each year for town bunting. The Douzaine members felt it was not something we should be involved with.

11. Any Other Business:

Eye sore properties. It was felt that it would be good to have a law in place to get derelict properties done up and inhabited.

Parish Working Group. JS mentioned a Parish Working Group meeting on 9th November from 11.30 am – 1 pm at Sir Charles Frossard House but he was unable to attend. JEB will go instead.

Android phones. RAH had heard from a parishioner who had several of these and wondered if they could be used to make money for charity.

Drop-in session at Beau Sejour. PVDT had attended and said there were quite a few questions regarding road changes.

The Meeting closed with the Benediction at 7-50pm.