



Summary of the Meeting of the Vale Douzaine

Monday 27th February 2023

<u>Present:</u>	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 A. Quevatre, Mr W.J. Le Page, Mr P. Van Der Tang, 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.R. Breton	
Apologies:	Mr O.C.E. Brock, Mr R.E. Digard, Mr G. Collins	

- 1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th January 2023** were approved by the Douzaine.
- 2. Matters arising.**
 - JCS handed out copies of the Churchwardens' Accounts and Vale Parish publication as VJR and AQ were unable to open the documents sent on email.
- 3. Bornements.**
 - Three Bornements were approved.
- 4. Parish Accounts.** The cost of the utilities was queried as had all increased.
- 5. Church Accounts.** Approved.
- 6. Cemetery Accounts.** There were no comments so these were approved.
- 7. Election of two Douzeniers for Church Management Board.** AQ and JHN put themselves forward and WJLP seconded them both. They were duly elected.
- 8. Island Development Plan.** The States are looking at rezoning areas of land outside the original areas. It was felt a collective response should be made on behalf of the Douzaine. Without the infrastructure in the higher parishes, developments will always be in the lower parishes and the IDP should be looked at carefully. Deputy Victoria

Oliver had previously been very supportive of reducing permissions given on applications to extend domestic curtilage but no progress had been made.

9. Review of Island Wide Voting. The next election will not be until June 2025. It was felt that island wide voting had made no difference to the quality of the deputies. As there are no actual parish deputies, they are less accountable.

10. Douzaine Council future/Parish Working Group. The Minutes had been circulated of the last meeting but there were no comments. The Douzaine Council has now actually found someone to chair the meetings and one Douzenier said he was still happy to go along and observe and report back to the Douzaine. It was pointed out that the Douzeniers can now attend the meetings virtually through teams but cannot make any comments on what is discussed.

11. Blue Plaques. The Douzeniers were asked if they could nominate anyone (who had been dead for 25 years) who had been born in the Vale or lived in the Vale and had made a special contribution to the parish. It could be an individual or an organisation.

12. Correspondence:

- **RNLI flag day – 16th June 2023** – Approved
- **Guernsey Ultramarathon – 14th May 2023** – Approved
- **Guernsey Motorcycle and Car Club trial – 12th March 2023** – L'Ancrese Common to Fort Doyle area – Approved

13. Any Other Business:

- **Liberation Day.** It is unsure whether the Cavalcade will pass the Douzaine Room this year.
- **Bordeaux Beach corner.** Although the reed grass has been trimmed back it has not helped visibility on this corner and the area is still dangerous for mothers with pushchairs as cars cut in close to the corner. The Douzaine will contact the Traffic Committee to request a pavement is installed.
- **Access to L'Ancrese Beach.** It had been brought to the attention of the Douzaine that mothers with pushchairs have difficulty accessing the bay because of barriers at the top and they would look into it.

The Meeting closed with the Benediction at 8 pm.