

Summary of the Meeting of the Vale Douzaine

Monday 22nd May 2023

Present:	Miss R.A. Henry – Dean	Mr J.C.S.F. Smithies – Vice Dean
Douzeniers:		obinson, Mr T.I. Ashworth, Mr A. P. Van Der Tang, Mr G. Collins, Mr J.E. tters
Constables:	Mr R.A. Leale, Mr W.H. Cohu	
Parish Secretaries:	Mrs N. Gill, Mrs D.R. Breton	
Apologies:	Mr N.J. Leale, Mr R.E. Digard	

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th April 2023 were approved by the Douzaine.

2. Matters arising.

- Iceland zebra crossing. A long, detailed email was received from Traffic and circulated to all Douzeniers. As a result the Douzaine will not take the matter further at this time.
- Coronation. A songs of praise was held at Vale Church and RAL thanked OB for doing a reading.
- Liberation. A letter of thanks for all her efforts on behalf of the Douzaine was sent to Denise Cohu. A lot of good comments and thanks had been received from people attending the party. The Douzanine agreed that they would like to continue with the tea party in 2024 and the States would be organising a big event in 2025 so it will be decided whether it will remain or if there will be a change of direction after this.

3. Bornements - None.

4. Hougue Jehannet

The Douzaine are still awaiting a letter from Guernsey Electricity and, once this is received, a copy will go to the Crown Officers who will inform the Douzaine of a date for the Royal Court.

5. L'Epine Quarry

The road has been closed due to the slippage of the roadside edge and undercutting of the road. The road was originally closed fully but has now reopened to cyclists and pedestrians

6. Douzaine Council meeting Thursday 27 April.

ABS attended on behalf of the Douzaine and found it very interesting.

7. Hedges and Streams - dates and times were confirmed for inspection.

8. Update on rates

It was confirmed that 4,723 invoices were sent out and 3,099 have now been paid with 1,624 still outstanding.

9. Correspondence

- Goal posts at Les Amarreurs. The goal posts are fine but the nets need replacing so GC said he would ask Vale Rec who they order their nets from. It was mentioned that some of the rabbit holes should be filled in but apparently this was done in the past and they came back within six weeks.
- Motorcycle & Car Club Vale Castle Sprint. This is scheduled for 13th August 2023, all were in favour.
- Parish Working Group. The procedures had been circulated to all Douzeniers and JS read through the Charter and it seemed straight forward.
- Motor vehicle parade. One for tractors, one for military and one for old cars. There was a problem last year with getting up the hill so it will not be coming past the Vale Douzaine again. Other entertainment had been organised for Liberation Day which was well received.
- Blue Plaques. It was suggested that Thomas Henry who had filled in the Braye du Valle was a good nomination and it was decided to go ahead with proposing him for a blue plaque at this stage.

The Meeting closed with the Benediction at 8.05 pm.