

Summary of the Meeting of the Vale Douzaine

Monday 27th November 2023

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 A. Quevatre, Mr R.E.

Digard, Mr W.J. Le Page, Mr P. 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.R. Breton

Absent: Mr O.C.E. Brock

A presentation was given by Guernsey Development Agency reference their plans for the Bridge Harbour area.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th October 2023 were approved by the Douzaine.

2. Matters arising:

- **Hougue Jehannet**. It took 2¾ hours to conclude the case for the closure of the road. Three people wished to speak on the matter. The Jurats retired for 20 minutes and came back with the view that the road should be closed.
- Barneville-Carteret. One further gentleman from St Peter's had been in contact but there did not appear to be anyone willing to take the matter further. In the circumstances JS will go back to the Mayor of Barneville-Carteret and we will draw a line under it.
- Rembrance Service. JEB was thanked for playing the bugle at the service and the general
 opinion was that it was great to have the St Sampson's High pupils playing the music and
 they will be willing to do the same again next year.
- **Playground.** As no contact has been made it is unsure whether an inspection has been carried out. The UK company and the local contractors have not been in touch recently. WC will get in contact with them again.
- Parish Working Group. There is a meeting on Thursday 30th November and JS was happy to attend on behalf of the Douzaine.
- **3. Bornements** there were three and these were approved.

4. Welfare donations

Cheques would be sent to Guernsey Welfare for the Food Bank, Age Concern Fuel Fund and Rotary Club in the same amounts as last year. The Douzaine members were asked to consider if they wish extra payments to be made from the Welfare Fund.

5. Traffic meeting with Environment

RAL has invited Deputy Lindsay De Sausmarez and Deputy Adrian Gabriel to talk to the Douzaine at the next meeting concerning the proposed traffic strategy for the north of the island.

6. Parish Election

The following were elected to serve on the Douzaine for the next four years:

Victoria Robinson Richard Digard Oliver Goddard John Niles

John Niles was also elected as Constable.

7. Playground – Wooden Spoon

The charitable group Wooden Spoon have joined up with Wigwam charity to investigate having three wheelchair swings installed, one each at Saumarez Park, Delancey Park and Les Amarreurs. Wooden Spoon will look into the best place to have a flat path laid to the relevant swing and will take on all that is needed for installation. The Douzaine would be happy to offer our support should additional costs arise.

8. Correspondence

- Douzaine members had been invited to attend a Christmas reception at Government House on Wednesday 6th December.
- An invite had been received to the St Sampson's High Christmas Carol Service at St Paul's also on 6th December.
- An invite had been received to the St Sampson's High Christmas Pantomime on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December. ABS would be attending and TIA if he is free.

The Meeting closed with the Benediction at 9.35 pm.