



Summary of the Meeting of the Vale Douzaine

Monday 29th April 2024

<u>Present:</u>	Miss R.A. Henry - Dean	Mr W.H. Cohu – Vice Dean
Douzeniers:	Mr O.C.E. Brock, 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 G. Collins, Mr J.E. Bond, Mrs. A.B. Setters, Mr. O. Goddard	
Constables:	Mr R.A. Leale, Mr J.H. Niles	
Parish Secretaries:	Mrs N. Gill, Mrs D.R. Breton	
Absent:	Mr R.E. Digard	

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March 2024** were approved by the Douzaine.

2. **Matters arising:**

- **Playground** – We received two further quotes following the article that went in the Guernsey Press, copies of which have been forwarded to Douzeniers. The large swings should be replaced as the pipes are rusting at the bottom although they are safe to use at the moment. To replace a set of four swings will cost £5,000. The Douzeniers approved one quote for the playground resurfacing.
- **Liberation Day** – VJR confirmed that she is sourcing raffle prizes. The number of people putting their name down for the party was less than 2023 when we hosted 100 so it was suggested we invite members of Age Concern.
- **Guernsey Gardens** – have planted two cherry trees, one on either side of the flagpole in front of the Douzaine Room. These are approximately four to five feet in height.
- **Harbour Action Plans** – The Douzaine have viewed the plans and a written response has been forwarded to the relevant States Department.

3. **Bornements** – there were five which were all approved.

4. **Purchase of land at Bordeaux**

This has finally happened. We are now the proud owners of a patch of scrubland with a small concrete building on it. We will increase the charge for keyholders to the hut from £10 to £50 and boat owners will also be charged £50 to lay up their boats for winter. It was hoped to provide water and electricity to the site which is being investigated. We will also check with our insurers that we are covered.

5. **Election 2025**

Vale Douzaine was the most popular polling station last time and we have been asked if we want to remain a polling station for the Vale only or open up to all parishes to vote over one or

two days. It was felt that one day and just to have Vale voters would be more than enough as volunteers have to man it.

6. Parish Working Group Update

JEB confirmed there was nothing further to report and the next meeting is scheduled for 14th June with the new Chair John Gollop.

7. Correspondence

- **British Skinny Dip – 8th September** – There were a few complaints from parents with young children that it should be on a more secluded beach or at a later hour but the Douzeniers approved the event going ahead.

8. Any Other Business

- Japanese knotweed had been found in the Quarry Field and it was felt that we should get advice and tackle the problem early.
- The war memorial has been inspected and is looking good after renovation. It is hoped it will be unveiled ready for Liberation Day.

The Meeting closed with the Benediction at 8.00 pm.