



DELIBERATION

The Electors of the Parish of the Vale have met at the Douzaine Room on this 4th November 2025 for the election of Five Douzeniers and Two Members of the Parochial Cemetery Committee.

The Meeting was opened by the Dean of the Douzaine who led the opening prayer.

Apologies were given from Rev Herve and M Le Clerc.

60 parishioners attended the meeting.

The Dean read out the publication and explained that the vote can either be by a show of hands, a secret ballot on the night or deferred for two weeks to be held on 19th November 2025.

FIVE DOUZENIERS

The candidates or proposers were invited to give a small speech on the candidates and their manifestos. 11 members of the audience stood and requested a deferred election, only 7 were required as follows:- Mr O Goddard, Miss V Robinson, Mr G Collins, Mrs J Creed, Mr P Creed, Mrs W Fothergill and Mrs M Lowe.

With the requirements of the Law being duly observed, the Returning Officer, Miss Rosemary Henry declared a deferred election which would be held on Wednesday 19th November 2025 between the hours of 8am and 8pm.

TWO MEMBERS FOR THE VALE PAROCHIAL CEMETERY COMMITTEE (one for Clos du Valle and one for Vingtaine de L'Epine)

One nomination form had been received late due to illness for the Clos du Valle. Further nominations were asked for from the floor.

Peter John Lowe

Proposed by Richard Brown

Seconded by Rosemary Anne Henry

Duly Elected - Clos du Valle.

Simon Carre

Proposed by Michelle Harris

Seconded by Wilson Le Page

Duly Elected - Vingtaine de L'Epine

The Dean thanked Maria Van der Tang for her long service as secretary/treasurer on the Cemetery Committee.

BY THE ELECTORS AND RATEPAYERS

- a) RH asked the meeting for approval to continue with Messrs. Collenette Jones as Auditors for the Constables Accounts for 2025. The meeting approved.

b) To fix the time at which Parish Meetings shall be held in 2026. It was agreed to start at 7.30p.m. The meeting approved.

c) To discuss contributions to school library books.

The Senior Constable, Richard Leale, advised the meeting that donations had been sent out to the various schools in September with a letter requesting information on what the money had been spent on. Only the primary schools had replied advising that class sets for developing reading curriculum, reading books to boost stock in their libraries plus class texts on specific subject curriculum. The donations have been made historically since the second world war when parishes were asked for money. All parishes continue to donate to their schools with the Vale donating to the Vale Primary School, St Sampson's High School, Haute Capelles Primary School and La Mare de Carteret Primary School. The question was raised, "Do you as parishioners want the Douzaine to continue to contribute?" A majority of the meeting wanted the Douzaine to continue to support giving only to the primary schools and Le Murier School. One parishioner advised that literacy is falling away in primary schools and most benefit from having reading books available to build language. It is also critical that secondary students are also encouraged to keep reading. Another parishioner advised that school books are given out monthly by libraries.

d) To consider installing solar panels to the Douzaine Room.

The meeting was advised that the douzaine only had one quote but if parishioners wished to go ahead then the douzaine would have to go out for 3 quotes. The following figures were given to the meeting:- battery over £9,000 with a warranty of 10 years and the solar panels approximately £60,000 with a 30 year warranty. At present hall hire fees cover the cost of the heating and electricity. The question was raised about installing panels at intervals, how much a new heating system would be and about funding the cost. The meeting was advised that it would be one large request on the remede to do the work in one go. It was put to the Douzaine to revisit the matter in 5 years. A further question was then asked if the douzaine rooms could be insulated better. Quotes on this would be requested.

e) To take all measures as the Electors and Ratepayers have deemed advisable, viz:

A parishioner who walks their dog through the cuckoo lanes advised the meeting that they are constantly picking up litter and discarded bottles along the lane and asked if the douzaine would provide public bins at either end. They were advised that the refuse contractor would be consulted if this would be possible and how much extra the douzaine would have to pay for this extra service.

The Cemetery Committee has removed the litter bins from the cemetery at the Vale Church and they would like to know why. They felt this was an important facility to keep the cemetery clean and tidy. The president of the Cemetery Committee advised that income from burials has decreased as less of them are carried out and that costs are rising. She advised that it is for a trial period, they had only received 5 complaints and once it had been explained that flowers can be placed on the compost heap, they had no objection to taking the packaging home. It was approved that notices should be placed on site to leave the green waste but take home the rubbish.

Deputies put on a monthly meeting with parishioners in the past but is no longer available since island wide voting. Would the Douzaine consider reinstating a monthly meeting with parishioners and douzeniers attending. The senior constable advised this would be discussed and could possibly happen for a trial period.

The Dean thanked everyone for attending then read the closing prayer.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:30 pm

Signed

Julie Creed

Signed

Wendy Fothergill

Witnesses by

JULIE CREED

Witnessed by

WENDY FOTHERGILL.