

Summary of Douzaine Meeting on Monday 27th October 2014

Present: Messrs, B J Cash, (Constable), D H Le Moignan (Constable), Mr F J Roper, Mrs C E Goodlass, Mr R R Matthews, Mrs A M Outram, Mr P J B Wilson, Mrs K E Jones, Messrs K R Pike, J H Sarre, R A Grant, R L Lord, L C Queripel, R H Harding, P R Johnson, P B Burtenshaw, D Falla and Mrs J C Robin.

Apologies were received from: Mr N E Forman and Ms D Sebire

Deputies P Harwood, R Domaille, J A Gollop, M Le Clerc, J Kuttelwascher, E Bebb and B Brehaut were in attendance.

The Douzaine congratulated Mrs Jones, Mr Johnson and the Floral Committee in achieving a Gold Medal and "Best in Class" in the Britain in Bloom competition awards.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of September's meeting were agreed.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

School Reports

Amherst – Mrs Jones had visited Amherst School to thank the pupils and teachers for their support in the Britain in Bloom competition.

La Mare de Carteret – GCSE exam results were likely to be much improved with the influx of new teachers and La Mare was the only school to achieve 100% GCSE passes.

Committee Reports

Circulated with Convening Notice.

A requested was made that a new chairperson is appointed for the Street Lighting Committee.

Parochial Election Reform

A response would be sent to the Chairman of the GDC in support of the recommendations.

Proposed Redevelopment of La Mare de Carteret School

The following opinions were expressed:

In support of Education proposals including inclusion of a swimming pool and sports hall.

Education must also fund pool maintenance.

Rebuilding of Beaucamp School was poor value for money as budget cuts were applied late in the planning process.

The PTA were in favour of keeping the existing outdoor pool.

Concerned with the high cost of maintaining school pools and cut-backs in the capital cost. Only genuine savings should be made. The demographics had been worked out whilst St Andrews and St Sampson junior school were open and now closed some schools eg. St Sampsons High, were too small.

The high cost of training teachers at Vauvert school had forced the reduction of use of their pool.

Planning Applications

Guernsey Hockey Club, Osmond Priaux Playing Fields – install spectator seating with balcony above on east elevation, reposition existing external staircase on north elevation and install new external staircase and sliding access door on south elevation. **Extend existing liquor licence to cover new seating area** – no objections from the Douzaine, though noise levels should be monitored.

Ivy Lodge, Amherst Road – Mrs C Robert - demolish existing and erect two semi-detached buildings – no objections.

41 & 43 Victoria Road – Mr & Mrs D J Carre – demolish existing buildings and erect eight apartments with associated car parking – concerns with sight lines in and out of garage, loss of on street parking, driving over pavement.

1 & 2 Portland Place, Cambridge Park Road – Mr J Gavey – extend and alter two dwelling to six flats and one dwelling house – concerns with over development, no parking putting more pressure on on-street parking, no refuse provision.

The Villa, Grange Road – Grange Properties – demolish existing side extension and erect extensions, sub-divide existing building to create 11 units of accommodation (Protected Building) – no objections

The Gables, Green Lanes – Mr & Mrs G Kaye – demolish existing dwelling and erect three dwellings – no objections

Crewkerne, Le Foulon – Jenemies Properties – extension and sub-division of existing residential unit to provide two new dwellings, and alteration of access – no objections.

North Beach Car Park – Guernsey Harbours – change of use of eastern section of North Beach car park to port operational area – objection to loss of parking but no alternative.

Maison Funeraire, Huberts Lane – Mrs Whittam – convert existing commercial building into five residential units (revised) – no objections

Plot D, Mon Plaisir, Upper St Jacques – Mr D De La Mare – erect dwelling and restore outbuilding (revised) – no objections

Any Other Business

Concerns were raised over the placing of summarized Minutes on the parish website. An independent review of these summarized Minutes by someone not present was suggested. An agreement had been made at a recent Douzaine meeting that reduced “bullet point” type minutes would suffice.

A Douzenier asked if the TCM report was going forward to the Parish meeting as a recommendation of the Douzaine. Mr Grant confirmed this.

Placards recently erected around the town, notably the ones promoting 6-a-side football were ugly and not approved. The office would investigate.

Change of date for the dedication of the Smith Street war shrine, now taking place at 12.30pm On Friday 7th November. A booklet including photos of the event will be available shortly after.

Two Douzeniers highlighted the poor and worsening condition of parish roads and asked that this be taken up with Public Services. A suggestion was made that the Douzaine photograph any potentially dangerous roads, so that a report could be sent to Environment.

Proposal that a petition objecting to paid parking approved by the States should be available at the Constables Office. The proposal was defeated by a vote of 10 against, 4 for and 4 abstentions.

Parish meeting – vote on TCM. The means by which tenants of commercial properties in St Peter Port could be nominated in writing by the property owner if owned by a company or association was clarified.

Progress was questioned in getting a kerb lowered in Town Church Square for easier wheel chair access. This would be followed this up with Environment and Public Services

Three Douzeniers had taken part in the inter-Douzaine bowls which had been won by St Pierre du Bois. Eight Douzaine's took part. It was an enjoyable evening and suggested some Douzaine support if the event is held again.

The meeting was advised that a claim for losses due to the fraudulent activities of four past members of our refuse contractors had now been submitted to our advocate, who would then forward to the Law Officers. Legal costs would also be claimed. Any monies raised by this claim would need to be returned to the Ratepayers in the form of a reduced Refuse Rate.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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