

Summary Minutes - Douzaine Meeting Monday 26th June 2017

Present: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable), Mrs J M Tasker (Constable), Mrs C E Goodlass, Mrs K E Jones, Messrs. B J Cash, K R Pike & R H Harding, Mrs J C Robin, Ms D M Sebire, Mr D Falla, Ms M B McDermott, Messrs. M G G Garrett & J Mooney, Mrs R Henderson, Mrs L Vahey, Ms P Fath, Messrs. T A C Bush & R Hamon.

Apologies were received from: Messrs A Gabriel & C Blin.

Declaration of Interests

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th May were approved.

Matters arising

Mr Hamon reiterated his comments from the May Douzaine meeting that he thought that the dog signs at Cambridge Park were misleading, as dogs were only actually banned from being let off the leash on the marked playing field according to the recent interpretation by the Law Officers. The Constables advised that they were awaiting a response from the Law Officers from a letter sent in March querying the status of Cambridge Park. It was suggested that a sign be erected advising dog owners accordingly. A further letter would be sent to the Law Officers to try to progress this matter before making any changes to signage.

Constables' Report to the Douzaine

Mr Le Moignan had circulated a report and Mrs Tasker had also added (by email) information about the Douzaine attendance at the RGLI services at the White Rock and Town Church.

Committee Reports

Profile Committee – A report had been circulated. Upcoming social events would be circulated by email.

Amenities Report – A report had been circulated.

Floral Committee – Mrs Robin was pleased to see that the school children's herb garden at the Brock Road garden had now been planted. Mr Le Moignan said that an area of the Upland Road plantation would be made available next year.

School Reports

Mrs Tasker tabled a report for Baubigny Schools.

Parochial Church Law

A letter from Policy & Resources referring to the commencement of the Parochial Church Property (Guernsey) Law, 2015 had been circulated. Mrs Tasker pointed out that most of the Law did not apply to St Peter Port as the Rectory is in church ownership. Mrs Tasker had written to P&R to seek exemption from the requirement to form a management board.

Waste Strategy

The Constables had recently had an informal meeting with Richard Evans of Trading Asset. There are still decisions to be made and tenders assessed before firm costings can be produced. Mr Le Moignan had seen a sample of the food waste caddy which included sealable plastic liners. Mrs Tasker reminded all that the per bag cost and the TA standing charge will cover all aspects of waste disposal including recycling and green waste. This needs to be made very clear to the public. This needs to be made very clear to the public. The new Waste Strategy Law has not yet been enacted and certain aspects may change in light of feed-back from the Parishes.

Mr Le Moignan advised that he and Mr Mooney had been working for many weeks on an alternative means of waste disposal for St Peter Port, which involved the direct export of all waste materials by ship to Jersey. Whilst this may bring considerable benefits and cost savings to the Parish, any contract could be over-ruled by the States of Guernsey. On this basis, it was thought inadvisable to carry on with further investigation at this time.

The Douzaine was reminded that the Parochial Appeals Tribunal would also be available in any cases of refuse infringements.

Any Other Business

Mrs Jones – asked Douzeniers to check for obstructed signs and blocked road gullies whilst out doing hedge inspections.

Mr Pike – expressed his disappointment that the Parish floral competition was not being run this year and thought this had not been sufficiently publicized. Mr Henderson replied that letters had gone out to all last year's entrants (*advertised since placed in the Guernsey Press*).

Ms Sebire raised two points – 1) a data protection officer will need to be appointed under the new Data Protection Law. 2) asked if any guidance was available for prospective Constables. She was advised that there was a booklet of advisory notes which had been in use for many years. Though some of the contents were out of date, she was welcome to call in to the office and read this document.

Ms McDermott – suggested having a meeting to discuss ways of developing the Douzaine in light of the gradual reduction in functions of the Douzaine.

Mr Le Moignan – thanked Ms Fath for her hard work and input as a Douzenier. (Ms Fath is moving out of the Parish). Ms Fath replied that it had been a pleasure to serve and thanked the Douzaine for their kindness to her. Mr Le Moignan updated the Douzaine on arrangements for the Senior Citizens' Tea Party on Sunday 2nd July at Les Cotils.

The meeting closed at 9.52pm

D H LE MOIGNAN

J M TASKER

Constables