

Summary Minutes - Douzaine Meeting held on Monday 5th March 2018 (postponed February Meeting)

Present: Mr D H Le Moignan (Constable), Mrs C E Goodlass, Mrs K E Jones, Mr B J Cash, Mrs J C Robin, Ms D Sebire, Mr D Falla, Ms M B McDermott, Messrs. M G G Garrett, Mrs R Henderson, Messrs. C Blin, T A C Bush, Mrs Z C C Lihou, Mr C P Meinke, Mrs J B Gallienne & Mr M A Guilbert (Secretary)
Apologies were received from: Mrs J M Tasker (Constable), Messrs. R H Harding, J Mooney, A Gabriel & S W Place.

The meeting was postponed on 26th February 2018 due to bad weather.

Declaration of Interests

There were none.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes were accepted.

Matters arising

Mr Le Moignan asked the Secretary to give an update on the new website, which was progressing well. A visual of the home screens formatted for PC, tablet and smart phone was tabled. There was some discussion as to the suitability of images showing people, especially children, and MAG would take this up with the web developers. A meeting would soon be held for the steering group.

Mr Le Moignan advised that Darren King had been recruited for the post as Grounds man, as none of the applicants for the recent advertised post proved suitable. Mr King had worked for the Constables in 2016 and was keen to return. Jon Morris was to be kept on for the summer months only as he had not completed his probationary period (he had not succeeded in passing a driving test).

Two Douzeniers would be elected at the March Douzaine meeting to the newly formed Church Management Board. Two further members would be elected at the Spring Parish meeting on the 11th of April. Mr Le Moignan explained the purpose of the new Management Board. Information on these appointments would need to be publicised in advance of the Parish meeting by media release, social media and our website.

The issue of poor street lighting in Elizabeth Avenue was discussed. Amenities had not yet followed this up, though as this is not a public road, it may not be possible to effect improvements.

Constables Report

The Constables had not produced a written report as only routine business had been dealt with since the last meeting. The Constables had been invited to a meeting of the Police and Fire Inspectorate, which had proved interesting and comment was made on the working of JESSC.

Committee Reports

Reports had been circulated.

Amenities –A query was raised as to whether the Town Church (Rector) had been approached to take part in the community WC scheme. Mr Gabriel would be asked to follow this up.

School Reports

Amherst and Vauvert schools have their first meeting on Thursday 8th March 2018.

Waste Strategy Update

The Secretary gave an overview of the letter received from Trading Assets giving information on some workshop sessions on the Waste Strategy implementation. The sessions would be for Parishes, contractors and members of Trading Assets. It was agreed that Mr Le Moignan and Ms McDermott should represent the Parish. The Secretary also gave an over-view of the new contract with our waste contractor, States Works. It was suggested that a short explanation of the Waste Strategy and system of charging should be prepared for the Parish meeting.

Any Other Business

Mrs Goodlass – Advised that since the collapse of a wall in Valnord Road access for pedestrians had been blocked in a haphazard manner. This was reported to Traffic & Highways. Mr Le Moignan agreed to take this up with Traffic & Highways.

Mrs Jones – asked who was responsible for clearing litter from the harbor. She was advised that the Harbour Authority are responsible for this.

Ms McDermott - asked how any long term matters arising items could be tracked from year to year and suggested that our minutes should include an "action by" column and a tabular, numbered list of any items that needed to be tracked over a longer period. The Secretary would follow this up.

Mrs Henderson – reminded the Douzaine that one of our community police officers, PC Gary Ashford, had offered to come and talk to the Douzaine. All agreed that this would be a good idea and Mr Le Moignan or the office would arrange this. Any queries or suggestions regarding community policing should be sent in

to the office beforehand. Mrs Henderson also queried the role of the Constables at Committee meetings and also asked why St Peter Port Constables operated differently to other Parishes, as in most Parishes, the Constables “do the bidding” of the Douzaine. Mr Le Moignan gave an explanation for this.

Mr Blin – pointed out that there was slippery steel cover near the steps at the Picquet House that several people had slipped on. The Secretary would report this.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm

D H LE MOIGNAN
J M TASKER
Constables