



DELIBERATION

The Electors of the Parish of the Vale have met at the Douzaine Room on this 1st November 2023 for the election of One Constable, Four Douzeniers, Two Members of the Parochial Cemetery Committee and Two Members for the Church Management Board

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Jon Bond and Richard Digard

The Dean of the Douzaine thanked everyone (62 parishioners) for turning out in such awful weather. The Dean started to read the publication when a parishioner interrupted her to call for a deferred election. The Dean advised that she would be coming to that and continued to read the publication outlining the election of the one constable, four Douzeniers, the two Members of the Parochial Cemetery Committee, the two members for the Church Management Board and the other items on the Agenda. The same parishioner stood again calling for a deferred election and the Dean started to explain the process when she was interrupted again. The Dean explained that seven people were required for an election to be deferred. The first parishioner continued standing and was joined by a further three, the Dean advised again that seven were required. A further two parishioners stood up and again the Dean advised seven were required. One further parishioner stood and the Dean declared the election of the four douzeniers deferred and the election would now be held on the 15th November 2023 and after a small confusion was announced it would be between the hours of 8am and 8pm. The Dean asked the seven parishioners calling for the deferred election to come forward to the table to be checked on the electoral role. Some of those calling for the deferral then left the meeting.

The Dean asked the proposer, seconder or candidates for Douzenier if they wished to stand and set their stall. Mr Smith stood and spoke of the proven track record of Mr Smithies as Vice Dean, Douzenier and Church Warden and was always available to discuss parish matters with.

Miss Henry spoke on behalf of Mr Digard. Mr Digard has an extensive knowledge of local matters, he has completed two terms on the douzaine and has contributed huge amounts of his time to the well being of the parish and runs the parish website. The parish needs people like him.

Mr Cohu advised that Mr Niles had been on the douzaine and church management board for a number of years and helps around the parish. He hopes he is able to carry on.

Mr Quevatre spoke for Miss Robinson who has been a valuable member of the douzaine over the last four years and always contributes at meetings. She is a silver accredited guide and has written a book called Occupied. She assisted with the jubilee celebrations held on L'Islet common and has been on the Vale Commons Council and would like to see the common preserved. Victoria also created the display boards shown at the douzaine rooms on the Liberation Day weekend. She would like to contribute more to her parish.

Mr Marquis has known Mr Torode for over 20 years through the Barras Car Centre. He has a good knowledge of people and has raised over £30,000 for charity.

Mrs Branch is a work colleague of Mr Goddard who works in the governance of a bank making evidence-based decisions and challenging management. He walks the parish and would be a committed douzenier following in his father's footsteps. Mrs Branch is happy to support him.

The candidates were asked to stand with the Dean explaining both Mr Digard and Mr Goddard were out of the island.

ONE CONSTABLE

The Dean then continued with the election of one Constable. As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, and the requirements of the Law being duly observed, the Returning Officer, Miss Rosemary Henry declared Mr John Harold Niles duly elected.

TWO MEMBERS FOR THE VALE PAROCHIAL CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The senior constable, Richard Leale read out the candidates, proposers and seconders. As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, and the requirements of the Law being duly observed, the senior constable, Mr Richard Leale declared Miss Rosemary Anne Henry and Mrs Michelle Juliette Harris duly elected.

FOR THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE VALE PARISH CHURCH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BOARD (2 SEATS)

The Dean asked for nominations from the floor. The meeting was advised that there are normally three or four meetings a year.

Mr J Smithies proposed Mr Colin Smith and seconded by Mr J Niles.

Mr J Smithies proposed Deputy Neil Inder and seconded by Mr A Quevatre.

Mr Smith and Deputy Inder were duly elected.

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 2023. Proposed by Deputy Inder and Seconded by Colin Smith. This was approved.
- b) To fix the time at which Parish Meetings shall be held in 2024. It was agreed to start at 7.30p.m. – the Meeting Approved.
- c) To take all measures as the Electors and Ratepayers have deemed advisable, viz:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Dean informed the Meeting that the Remembrance Day Service is to be held at the War memorial starting at 10am on Sunday 12th November 2023.

Mr de Jersey – Has there been any progress on the closure of Hougue Jehannet? R Leale advised that the original court hearing was cancelled and is now due to be heard in the Royal Court on Monday 13th November 2023. The jurats will make the decision.

Mrs Smith – Could a dog mess bin or litter bin possibly be placed in the cuckoo lanes? Advised that the cuckoo lanes are owned by the States, but the office would ask Environment and Infrastructure if something could be put in place.

The Dean of the Douzaine gave a tribute to Mr William Cohu for the hard work and time he has given to the parish as Junior Constable. Mr Cohu stood and asked for confirmation of date and time for the deferred election which was given as 15th November between the hours of 8am and 8pm.

The Dean thanked everyone for attending.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

Signed



Miss Rosemary Henry
Dean of the Douzaine
1st November 2023