



## Paroisse de Ste. Marie

### Comité des Chemins

#### Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 5:00pm

**Present:** David Johnson(DJ) (Connetable and Chair), Peter Le Liard (PleL), Trevor Le Sage (TleS), Alan Moullin (AM)

**Apologies:** Revd K Allan

		Action
1.	The Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th October 2024 were approved. There were no matters arising other than covered elsewhere in the Minutes.	
2.	The reports of the Roads Inspectors had been circulated and their contents were duly noted. PleL reported that the pothole outside the pub in Route de L'Eglise had been patched earlier in the day. PleL would liaise with AM and arrange another potholing run with Jersey Roads and Driveways, once the weather had dried up.	<b>PleL /AM</b>
3.	It was reported that the balance on the Roads Account as of 20th January 2025 was approximately £20k. However, there were bills for drain cleaning and some road repairs awaited, and the Parish's proportion of the cost of signage for the proposed changes in speed limits in the Parish had been tentatively estimated to be £8k, albeit it was expected to be less than that. Consequently, the available balance was likely to be less than £10k.	
4.	<p><u>New Repairs and Signage Matters:</u></p> <p>Other than 'running repairs' as identified in the Inspectors' reports and as referred to below, there were no major road repairs to report. A couple of road signs for Rue du Pont and La Dimerie required re-erecting and PleL would liaise with Denis Le Brocq accordingly. There were also a couple of signs in the Parish Hall foyer that either were redundant or needed reinstating. PleL to advise what was required.</p> <p>AM advised that some of the road-signs in the Parish needed cleaning. It was suggested that in the Spring, and once all the new speed limit signage had been erected (during the course of which, some of the existing signage would have been replaced) he would arrange to do a tour of the Parish with other volunteers to clean the signs that needed it.</p>	<b>PleL PleL  AM</b>
5.	<p><u>Other Roads Matters:</u></p> <p>a) DJ had made renewed contact with the owners of Stuart Farm, La Chève Rue and would revert to the Committee with the outcome of any discussions regarding the boundary of their property with the road.</p> <p>b) DJ referred to the proposed changes to speed limits in the Parish, full details of which had been circulated to the Committee. A meeting with staff from Infrastructure &amp; Environment Department (I&amp;E) had recently been held and had approved the proposed changes, subject to a number of minor points made at that meeting. The Parish would be responsible for all of the consequential road signage on its roads, except where a change in signage was necessitated by a change in speed limit on</p>	<b>DJ</b>

	<p>the adjoining I&amp;E road. The schedule of requirements for new signage would be revised and a better estimate of cost forwarded in due course, and prior to any works being undertaken. It was noted that the previous proposals for the one-way scheme around Rue à Georges had now been permanently abandoned.</p> <p>c) As part of the planning application for the Champs Verts solar panel farm project, I&amp;E had made some comments on traffic management for the site and requested the Parish's input also. In response to that Jersey Electricity (JE) had produced a report on traffic management arrangements and sent that to the Planning Department, I&amp;E and to the Parish. There were no immediate concerns noted but members agreed to revert to DJ with any further comments and he would then arrange to meet with I&amp;E prior to submitting a response to Planning. A question was raised as to whether there would be a need for any road excavations for cabling to the site and PR agreed to enquire of JE and revert.</p> <p>d) Some damage had recently been caused to the road surface in Chemin du Catel by a tractor exiting a field entrance. The driver had reported the damage to the Parish Hall and PleL had obtained a quotation from JR&amp;D for a repair. The farmer had reverted with an alternative quote, for a less substantive repair, which the Committee agreed was inadequate and likely to result in a need to carry out further repairs. PleL had asked Denis Le Brocq give a view as to what was required in order to form an effective and permanent repair and he had submitted his recommendations. PleL would ask him to provide an alternative quotation. Once received PR would revert to the farmer with Denis Le Brocq's brief report and quotation.</p> <p>e) A property-owner at the top of Vau Bourel had complained of the road drains being blocked. PleL advised that the drains had been cleared twice recently and the contractor had advised that the pipes leading from the drains appeared to be obstructed, and had recommended a camera survey. PleL would discuss with the contractor and arrange for a survey to be undertaken.</p>	<p><b>DJ</b></p> <p><b>PR</b></p> <p><b>PleL</b></p> <p><b>PR</b></p> <p><b>PleL</b></p>
6.	The Committee considered whether it would be prepared to publish the Minutes of their Meetings on the Parish website (noting that they were, in any case, disclosable under Freedom of Information legislation) and agreed that they could be from this meeting forwards.	
7.	<p><u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <p>AM asked if there were any other contractors we could approach in order to obtain competitive pricing for annual road sweeping. The conclusion of the subsequent discussion was that St Ouen may be able to offer such a service using their in-house team, although they had previously advised they could not quote to undertake rubbish collections for this Parish. DJ agreed to raise the matter with the Connétable of St Ouen.</p>	<p><b>DJ</b></p>
8.	The date of the next meeting was fixed for Thursday 13th March at 5pm. The principal item for the Meeting would be to consider any significant projects that were required to be undertaken in the forthcoming financial year and to draw up the Committee's budget, incorporating the amount to be voted by the Parish for the Committee's use next year.	

Signed

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