



Paroisse de Ste. Marie

Comité des Chemins

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 5:00pm

Present: David Johnson(DJ) (Connetable and Chair), Alan Moullin (AM), Trevor Le Sage (TleS), Adrian de Gruchy (AdeG), Peter Routier (PR) (Parish Secretary)

In Attendance: Ivor Barette (IB), Nathan Beddoe (NB) (Roads Inspectors)

Apologies: Rev Kirsty Friend

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1.	The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th October 2025 were approved.	
2.	Matters arising: DJ agreed to chase up Infrastructure Department re new road signs on entering the parish from St Peter opposite St Mary's Village/Clos de l'Arsenal. PR agreed to raise with National Trust the issue of vehicles exiting from the track from Catel Fort not turning right onto Chemin du Catel, to suggest that NT place a sign near the end of the track advising drivers to turn right, and also suggesting to them that consideration be given to widening the access at the end of the track. PR agreed to make contact with the Parish of St Saviour to establish if they were interested in tendering for the Parish's roads sweeping requirements.	DJ PR PR
3.	It was reported that the balance on the Roads Account as at 10th March, 2026 was £40,652.	
4.	The reports of the Roads Inspectors had been circulated and their contents were duly noted.	
5.	AM reported that he had been approached by a contractor who currently undertook works for a number of other parishes. His approach to repairs was generally to carry out patch repairs, rather than plug holes, and his quoted price was somewhat cheaper than the contractor predominantly used at present. AM was asked to clarify that the contractor's price included for the lining of the base of holes to be patched with bitumen, in addition to the edges, and if this practice was not already covered by his quote, then to obtain a revised price. It was agreed that AM and TleS would arrange to meet with the contractor, to review those areas that needed attention as identified in the Inspectors' reports, and to instruct him to proceed with repairs accordingly.	
6.	Subject to the outcome of the discussion with St Saviour referred to above, a quote would be requested from the existing contractor for roads cleaning. A cost of having a second sweep would also be sought, as well as his advice as to the best timing for it to be undertaken.	PR
7.	a) <u>Water discharge onto Rue es Abbes</u> The Department for Infrastructure (Dfi) had written to the Parish to advise that water flowing down Rue es Abbes and into Rue d'Olive was contributing to the fact that the drainage provision in Rue d'Olive was becoming overwhelmed at times of heavy and sustained rainfall. Flooding had occurred to a number of properties in the road in recent years. Dfi had identified that a property	

	<p>adjoining Rue es Abbes was discharging water onto the road, and this was a significant contributor to the quantity of water that flows down Rue es Abbes and into Rue d'Olive. The Committee agreed that in the first instance, contact would be made with the Planning Department to establish what, if any, requirements had been made with regard to drainage when the land from which the discharges were being made was developed. Following that, an approach would be made to the landowner to request that he make proper arrangements for dealing with rainwater runoff from his developed land.</p> <p>b) <u>Road sweeping & verges</u> A property owner had complained that the road sweepers were not collecting the mud (and grass growing in it) that collected in the angle that the walls to his field made with the road. In times past such material would have been removed with a tractor mounted plough, or by hand. The Committee agreed that there were not the financial resources to deal with this and there was no significant detriment to road users caused by such modest accumulations.</p> <p>c) <u>Presentation re rules re electoral posters etc</u> Mr T Renouf had offered to give a presentation to the Committee regarding this matter, in view of the forthcoming election. The Committee considered this to be more a matter for the Honorary Police, in terms of ensuring compliance with the law on the subject, but nevertheless would be pleased to receive any guidance document on the subject, so that they could alert the Honorary Police to any apparent breach they may become aware of during the course of their duties. PR to revert to Mr Renouf accordingly.</p>	PR
8.	<p>AM asked about plans for the extinguishment of the part of Rue Bechervaise that would be necessary to facilitate the expansion of the quarry owner by Granite Products, and whether the Parish could derive some value from it. AM pointed out that the road could be dispensed with and not replaced, and the saving by doing so might enable the payment of significant compensation to the Parish. DJ advised that there was still considerable opposition to that redevelopment and there was little prospect of it happening in the near to medium term.</p> <p>DJ asked if Committee members were satisfied with the current processes for circulation of planning applications relating to developments in the Parish to Committee members, for their consideration. The Committee agreed that they were, but noted that they could always request Parish Hall staff to print off or acquire such other information as was required to enable them to review relevant applications.</p>	
9.	The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 27th April, 2026 at 5pm.	

Signed

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