

ROADS COMMITTEE COMITÉ DES CHEMINS

MINUTES

26 March 2025 09.30 a.m. Bureau du Connétable, Parish Hall

Committee Members:	Present:	Number of meetings held during 2025:	Number of meetings attended during 2025:
Kevin Lewis (KL) Connétable	Present	5	5
Rev. Martin Evans (ME)	Present	5	5
Stuart Pirouet (SP)	Present	5	5
Paul Houzé (PH)	Present	5	3
Michael Officer (MO)	Present	5	3

In attendance:

Marco Vieira (MV) Executive Officer

Paula Jespersen (PJ) Admin Support Officer (Minute taker)

1. INTRODUCTION & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming all members and expressing gratitude for their attendance. ME sent apologies that he would be joining the meeting late. The following conflicts of interest were noted, ME item 5.1, SP and PH item 5.4.

2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The approval of the minutes from the previous meetings held on 13 February 2025 and 12 March 2025 were read and approved. Proposed by SP seconded by KL.

3. ACTS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) AND MATTERS ARISING

The Committee reviewed the appendix notes from the previous meeting. MV provided a summary of key actions and decisions, highlighting any outstanding matters.

3.1 Traffic calming Albert Road: Further to concerns raised at the meeting of 20 January 2025 (item 5.3) regarding increased traffic volume and driver behaviour on Albert Road, the Committee reviewed historical traffic data spanning the past ten years, which had previously shown no safety or speed concerns. To ensure the situation remained unchanged, a Speed Indicator Device (SID) was installed to collect updated traffic data. **DECISION**: The data collected has now been reviewed and indicates no significant change. The Committee therefore resolved that no traffic calming measures are required at this time. Proposed by MO, seconded by PH.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1 RP/2025/0153 Samuel Le Riche House, Plat Douet Road: "REVISED PLANS to P/2023/0266 (Demolish existing buildings on site including Arzl House, Canning Court, Samuel Le Riche House and warehouse. Construct 2no. blocks consisting of 17no. 1-bed, 42no. 2-bed and 2no. 3-bed residential units; dementia care village comprising 3no. blocks and consisting of 10no. independent living units for dementia care, 57 bed dementia nursing care facility, 6no. 1-bed and 2no. 2-bed staff accommodation units; all with associated under podium parking. Alter existing vehicular access onto Plat Douet Road and access road between proposed development and Waitrose. Widen existing footpath at Plat Douet Road.

Construct substation to South-West elevation. Various landscaping alterations.): Construct Substation to West of Site".

Decision: The Committee reviewed the amended plans and, as no significant changes were identified that affected the responsibilities of the Roads Committee, it was agreed that no comment was required.

4.2 P/2024/1472 La Commune Farm, La Rue des Pigneaux:

Decision: It was noted that the application had been approved and that the Committee's concerns regarding drainage matters had been acknowledged and addressed in the planning decision. Accordingly, no further comment was deemed necessary.

4.3 pre-planning advice: Delmont, Langley Park - demolish wall and widen vehicular access onto Langley Park.

A request was received to remove a section of wall and one pillar at Delmont onto Langley Park. The Committee noted that the majority of the wall had previously been removed, leaving only a small remaining section. **DECISION:** The Committee agreed to the removal of the section of wall and pillar, on the condition that the two remaining pillars be reduced to a height of 90cm to improve visibility onto the highway. Proposed by SP seconded by MO.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Parking Restriction Request – Rectory Lane (Junction with St Saviour's Hill)

The Committee considered a resident's concerns regarding obstruction and limited visibility when exiting "The Birches," particularly due to vehicles parking in front of chevrons. It was agreed that chevron signage must remain visible at all times and that the visibility issue when exiting onto Rectory Lane is the primary concern. The potential installation of a mirror on the church wall was noted for further consideration. A late request received for a 3-hour parking limit will be reviewed and fully discussed at the next meeting, following a period of monitoring parking activity. **DECISION:** The Committee agreed to extend the prohibition lines beyond the entrance to The Birches, in line with the statutory 10-yard requirement at the junction. This will improve visibility and maintain a clear view of the chevrons. Proposed by SP seconded by PH.

5.2 Little Sunshine Avenue – parking concerns

Following complaints regarding parking on Little Sunshine Avenue, which has caused difficulties for some residents accessing their properties and raised concerns about emergency vehicle access, the Committee considered the matter. A request had also been made for the Committee to meet with affected residents. It was noted that, when approached previously about similar access concerns, the emergency services had assured the Parish that they would take all necessary action to gain access in the event of an emergency, including, if absolutely required, forcibly removing any obstruction. **DECISION**: To write to all property owners and occupiers in Little Sunshine Avenue to arrange a meeting with members of the Roads Committee. Proposed by MO seconded by SP.

5.3 La Rue de Beauvoir – reduce speed

A request was received to reduce the speed limit on Rue de Beauvoir to 20mph and/or to introduce traffic calming measures, such as speed bumps, due to the number of children using the road to access Bagatelle Road. It was noted that the current 30mph limit is considered too fast given the road's narrow width and bends. The Committee reviewed the request and agreed that speed data would be required to fully assess the situation. While reviewing the area, attention was also given to the junction of Rue de la Retraite and Rue de Beauvoir. MV informed the Committee that discussions had taken place with local

landowners regarding the potential for road widening at the junction and the creation of passing places. **Decision:** To install a speed indicator device (SID) on the lower section of Rue de Beauvoir where the road becomes one-way, and to assess the feasibility of widening the road or creating passing places at the junction. Proposed by PH seconded by MO.

5.4 Planning Application P/2023/1368 Field S470 & S415 La Rue de Friquettes

Representatives of the field owners, the developers and the architects attended the meeting to discuss details of the proposed development, including access points. The Committee took the opportunity to reiterate its formal objection to the development and expressed disappointment that the application had been approved by the Planning Department. The attendees sought to address the Committee's concerns raised during the planning process, specifically relating to access onto La Rue de Friquettes and road safety concerns. The representatives advised that the drainage system would be upgraded to handle increased demand and address flooding concerns. Surface water management would be improved through measures such as soakaways, helping to reduce the risk of runoff onto La Rue des Friquettes. The developers also confirmed their intention to resurface the full width of the road in the section where excavation works would take place. The Committee requested sight of the Environmental Management Plan, which the architects agreed to provide. **DECISION:** no decision required.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Maison St Louis update

Following the landslip on 30 January 2025, sections of the retaining wall collapsed onto the Parish highway at the entrance to Maison St Louis from Wellington Road. On the advice of structural engineers, the Parish closed the road for safety reasons. Temporary traffic diversions were implemented, allowing two-way access via the remaining entrance from Highlands Lane. The Parish continues to maintain regular contact with affected residents to facilitate the safe reopening of the road and ensure ongoing access to the estate.

6.2 Fountain Lane trial scheme / Safer Routes to School

Following feedback from the Fountain Lane Safer Route to School drop-in session, the Committee discussed concerns regarding obstruction caused by larger vehicles and the impact on safety and accessibility. Initial options such as designated parking bays and potential road widening were considered. It was noted that any changes would require consultation with nearby property owners and further assessment of feasibility. **DECISION**: The Committee agreed to undertake a site visit to fully review the parking concerns on Fountain Lane before making any final decisions.

The Committee discussed the unofficial footpath created by a farmer in a field at Les Varines, as well as the unofficial path leading up to JCG school. It was agreed that members would walk the route prior to the next Committee meeting to better inform further discussion.

6.4 St Saviour Public Park / Jardin Jeune- Vieillard - proposed plans

Further to the Committee meeting held on 12 March 2025, and in the absence of all members, KL and MV provided an overview of the Parish's proposed plans. **DECISION:** no decision required.

6.5 P/2023/0843 Field S409 La Rue des Friquettes - construction of wall

Further to the Committee meeting held on 6 November 2025, which followed an on-site meeting with the applicant, members of the Roads Committee, and the Parish legal representative, the Committee entered into negotiations with the applicant regarding the proposed widening of the highway. As part of the agreed safety improvements, the Parish also agreed to contribute towards the cost of constructing a new wall, with the applicant

to provide an estimate for the works. The applicant has since contacted the Parish to confirm their intention to proceed with the construction of the wall but no longer wishes to pursue the highway widening. They have requested a Trafficworx permit to close the road in order to carry out the works. **DECISION:** The Committee agreed that no permit for road closure or wall construction can be issued until the boundary between the Parish highway and the adjoining field has been formally established. Proposed by KL seconded by SP.

6.6 Rue de la Vignette – drainage update

The Committee were informed that a benefactor has agreed to contribute towards the cost of the drainage works. The project is scheduled to commence in mid-April. **DECISION:** no decision required.

6.7 Le Val Poucin – drainage update

The Committee met on site with the Connétable and Roads Committee of Grouville, along with the landowner, to discuss drainage issues raised by Grouville. The landowner agreed to clear in and around the inspection chamber located on their land to allow for further inspection and identification of the issue and any necessary remedial works. **DECISION:** Following the clearing of the chamber, the Committee will return to the site to carry out a further review. Proposed by SP seconded by PH.

7. NEXT MEETING & CLOSING OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 1.23 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 9 a.m.. The Connétable thanked all attendees and closed the meeting.

Kevin C Lewis (KL) ConnétableSigned by the Connétable as
President of the Roads Committee