

# ROADS COMMITTEE COMITÉ DES CHEMINS

# **MINUTES**

18 June 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	8	8
Rev. Martin Evans (ME)	Present	8	7
Stuart Pirouet (SP)	Present	8	8
Paul Houzé (PH)	Present	8	5
Michael Officer (MO)	Present	8	6

#### 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. There were no conflicts of interest. Apologies were received from PH.

#### 2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The approval of the minutes from the previous meetings held on 30 April and 21 May 2025 were read and approved. Proposed by SP seconded by MO.

#### 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 Elizabeth Villa, Elizabeth Street: on-site meeting

The Committee were asked to reconsider their decision made on 30 April 2025 (item 6.2) where they refused to grant permission for works to take place which would reduce the pavement width. They agreed to reconsider and attend on site to assess the wall and pavement. **Decision:** the Committee's recommendation is for the applicant to employ the service of a Chartered Building Surveyor for advice of the best course of action. Proposed by KL seconded by PH.

# 3.2 Langley Avenue and Langley Park - Parking Issues

Further to a request raised at the Committee meeting dated 30 April 2025 regarding onstreet parking concerns and a suggestion for an overnight residents-only parking scheme, it was agreed that an on-site visit be conducted to assess the situation. **Decision**: The Committee agreed to write to all residents of Langley Park outlining proposed parking improvements and the possible introduction of a residents' parking scheme. It was noted that the implementation of such a scheme would result in the loss of some parking spaces. The correspondence will also serve to gauge resident feedback and assess the feasibility of the proposal before any final decision is made. Proposed by MO seconded by SP.

#### 3.3 Highlands Lane – speed issues follow-up to item 5.3 – 30 April 2025)

Further to concerns raised at the meeting of 30 April 2025 (item 5.3) regarding vehicle speeds, particularly mopeds exiting the college, the Chair advised that the Chef de Police had engaged with the college, and that both Parking Control and the Honorary Police had increased patrols in the area. **Action:** The Committee requested a review of the data collected from these patrols.

# 3.4 Fountain Lane, Bagatelle Safer Routes to School

It was noted that officers from the Department for Infrastructure had requested a meeting with the Committee to further discuss proposals for the lane, following the Committee's decision not to proceed with the trial scheme or to close the lane. The Committee would instead explore the option of creating a footpath on safe land as an alternative solution to support the Safer Routes to School initiative.

# 3.5 Sunshine Avenue and Little Sunshine Avenue – update on Parking and Emergency Access

In response to ongoing concerns regarding parking and emergency access to the Avenues, and further to the Committee's willingness to work collaboratively with residents, members met with representatives from the Ambulance and Fire and Rescue Services to assess accessibility. As a next step, SIDs are to be installed at both ends of the Avenue. Once data has been collected, the Committee will undertake a full review before considering any proposals for the area.

#### 3.6 Green Lanes

Members reviewed the two proposed routes discussed at the previous meeting held on 21 May 2025 and considered whether the introduction of Green Lanes would be beneficial to the Parish. While the Committee agreed in principle to explore the concept, after further consideration of connectivity, safety, enforcement and concerns about the potential urbanisation of the countryside. **Decision:** The Committee agreed not to introduce Green Lanes and to concentrate on road safety improvements and visibility enhancements throughout the Parish. Proposed by PH seconded by MO.

#### 3.7 Field entrance S409 – confirmation of boundary measurements

SP reported that he and the Parish Infrastructure Manager had attended the site to verify the boundary measurements marked out by the applicant. He informed the Committee that there was a discrepancy between the markings on site and what had been agreed during the previous site meeting with both parties. **Decision**: To write to the applicant setting out the proposed boundary measurements as agreed. Proposed by MO Seconded by SP.

#### 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### 4.1. PRE-APPLICATION PA/2025/2024 Trescot, Langley Park

This request relates to a retrospective application for the removal of a garden wall and the creation of a parking area with direct access onto Langley Park, as the works have already been undertaken. The Roads Committee had previously considered this matter and expressed serious concerns due to poor visibility splays and the significant road safety risks associated with the location. **Decision**: The Committee does not support the application and strongly recommends that the wall be reinstated. Proposed by PH seconded by SP.

# 4.2 P/2025/0465 Delmont, Langley Park – widen vehicular access onto Langley Park.

After review, the Committee had no objection to the removal of the remaining section of wall and one pillar, subject to the following, that the two remaining pillars must be reduced

to a height not exceeding 900mm to improve visibility onto the highway and the proposed access must be bordered by a kerb edging to prevent the escape of loose material onto the highway. **Decision:** the committee reviewed the planning application and had no objection. Proposed by KL seconded by SP.

#### 5. **NEW BUSINESS**

# 5.1 LA RUE ST THOMAS - parking issues

The Committee received reports of recurring parking issues on Rue St Thomas, with vehicles regularly parked for extended periods just after the bend when entering from Longueville Road. These parked vehicles are causing safety concerns due to restricted visibility at the bend. Requests were made for the existing prohibition lines to be extended and for consideration to be given to the introduction of an unloading bay to allow delivery vans to park safely and alleviate congestion. **Action:** The Committee discussed various options to address the issue and agreed to instruct Parking Control Officers and the Honorary Police to monitor the area. A full report is to be provided to the Committee for review at the next meeting, in order for an informed decision to be made.

#### 5.2 La Rue du Froid Vent - speeding and safety issues

A request was received from a resident raising concerns about vehicle speeds and safety near the college entrances, where a significant number of schoolchildren cross the road. **Action:** The Committee agreed to defer the matter until the next meeting to allow time to review data from the permanent SID located on the road.

#### 5.3 Introduce bicycle parking - at public parking bays

A request was received from a Parishioner for a bicycle rack at the Parish Hall, which has since been installed. A further request was made for additional bicycle parking facilities throughout the Parish. **Decision:** The Committee agreed to explore suitable locations for further bicycle parking within the Parish. Proposed by: KL seconded by PH.

#### 5.4 Rue a la Dame (top end) - additional speed hump

A request was received from a Parishioner following a recent road traffic collision. The Parishioner expressed support for the existing speed humps and requested that the Committee consider installing an additional speed hump near the former Five Oaks Ironworks. **Decision:** The Committee discussed the recent incident and noted ongoing liaison with both the Honorary Police and the States of Jersey Police. As the matter is currently subject to court proceedings, the Committee was unable to comment further. However, the Committee reviewed the request and did not consider there to be sufficient warrant for the installation of an additional speed hump Proposed by PH Seconded by MO.

## 5.5 Cycle track – to improve connectivity and pedestrian safety

A request was received from a Parishioner to extend the proposed cycle track opposite St Saviour's School in Field 528 which forms part of the Parish's proposed new park and road safety improvements. The suggestion included extending the track from Bagatelle Road through to Princes Tower Road at Clos Paumelle, along with recommendations for improved signage and the removal of certain barriers in the cut-through. **Decision**: The Committee reviewed the proposal in depth and, while supportive of the idea in principle, noted that the top section of the track lies on land where the Parish only holds a right of access and does not own the land. Additionally, the barriers in question were installed for safety reasons and are considered necessary. Proposed by: MO Seconded by: PH

# 5.6 Le Jardin à Pommiers – parking issues

Numerous complaints from residents of Le Jardin à Pommiers regarding parking issues during term time. Concerns have been raised about obstruction caused by parents and teachers from the nearby school who park in the estate, particularly at junctions and access points. Residents expressed worry that such parking may impede access for emergency and public service vehicles, while also requesting that the issue be resolved

without the introduction of prohibition lines or other restrictive measures. **Decision:** It was noted that the Connétable has a meeting arranged with the school to discuss the matter. The Committee resolved to request the Honorary Police and Parking Control to carry out enforcement and monitor the situation. The matter is to be deferred until a report is received. Proposed by SP seconded by PH.

## 5.7 Oak Villa, Sunshine Avenue – request to disburse surface water onto Avenue

A request was received to discharge surface water onto Sunshine Avenue. The Committee reviewed the request, taking into account existing drainage provisions in the area. **Decision**: Before making its decision, the Committee requests sight of a percolation test carried out by a qualified engineer. Proposed by SP seconded by PH.

#### 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

#### 6.1 Claremont Road - traffic congestion

A resident informed the Parish of a new drop-off and pick-up system implemented by the school, which is reportedly causing significant congestion in the surrounding area. **Action**: As the request was only received today, the Committee had not had time to investigate fully. It was agreed to liaise with the school and Parking Control Officers to gather further information and to review the matter at the next meeting.

#### 7. NEXT MEETING & CLOSING OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2:17 p.m. The date for the next meeting is to be confirmed. The Connétable thanked all attendees and formally closed the meeting.

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