

## **Meeting of St Ouen's Roads Committee**

**11 April 2025 at 14:00**

### **Agenda**

1. Site visit at [REDACTED]. Report from the property owner of flooding during heavy rain, which flows into front garden.
2. Site visit at [REDACTED]. Report from property owner of damage to guttering, inducing water ingress into his shed.

### **Minutes**

#### **In Attendance**

Richard Honeycombe – Connétable (RH)  
Jack A'Court – Roads Committee (JA)  
Martin Le Maistre – Roads Committee (MLM)  
Richard Michel – Roads Committee (RM)

[REDACTED] – Property owner

Daryn Cleworth, Parish Secretary Designate & Minutes

1. The Roads Committee met with [REDACTED] at his property known as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised the Committee that flood water is causing an increasing issue at [REDACTED]. He advised that approximately 1 year ago there were 3 downpours, which flooded the drains and lawn on his property. He said that the road was Parish owned, so assumed the Parish would be responsible.

RM advised [REDACTED] that, in law, the lowest lying land is obligated to accept water from higher land. JA noticed a gulley running along the roadside, but [REDACTED] advised there was no drain at the end of it, so the water ran off in the direction of his property. RH inspected the gulley area and noticed a downpipe from the next property, which would contribute to the volume of water. He suggested installing a tarmac fillet at the end of the gulley.

[REDACTED] showed the Committee the drains on the property. RH said that there is a brook that runs directly under the road. He added that the water appears to run down his relief and so is not Parish responsibility. He advised that

the relief of a property is the responsibility of the land owner to maintain. RM reiterated that he did not know how the Parish could assist with mitigating the issue as the property is the lowest lying and, therefore, has to accept the water from the higher land. [REDACTED] replied that downpours are becoming more frequent and the drains are unable to cope with the volume.

JA suggested creating a drain at the end of the gulley. RM advised that, regrettably, this is not a Parish issue.

2. The Roads Committee attended the property known as [REDACTED]. The Committee noted that a concrete outbuilding used as a shed sits on the roadside.

MLM said the gulley running alongside the road was situated on the property relief. JA added that the base of the shed sat some 4-5 inches higher than the gulley and if the relief was cleared of growth, it would significantly reduce the volume of water that ran down. He said that this should be the first action, then the relief could be cemented over to stop the water ingress. Images of the relief and gulley are included in Appendix A.

The Committee agreed this should be the first action and noted the relief was the owner's responsibility to maintain.

Date Minutes Approved:.....

Signed:..... Connétable de St Ouen

## **Appendix A**

### **Relief of the property** [REDACTED]



