

Meeting of St Ouen's Roads Committee

20 May 2025 at 14:00

Agenda

1. Site visit at La Rue du Coin, following advice received from a parishioner of a collapsing wall.
2. Site visit at the property known as [REDACTED], Le Chemin des Monts
3. Site visit at Le Vier Mont, to follow up a previous inspection on 15 May 2025, of a damaged drainage pipe.

Minutes

In Attendance

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

Daryn Cleworth, Parish Secretary Designate & Minutes

1. The Roads Committee attended La Rue du Coin following a report received from a parishioner of a damaged wall that appears unstable. The wall borders field O1902, and JA commented that a significant amount of ground had slipped against the wall from the field, which had contributed to the significant bowing in the wall. He added that the roots had grown into the bricks, which would have weakened it further.

RM said it was the responsibility of the owner of the land to make the wall safe. MLM said that the wall will become dangerous with heavy rainfall. RH added that, at some point, it appeared that the wall had been struck by a vehicle.

DC to establish the field owner and a letter to go out with a request to make the wall safe.

2. In Attendance for item 2 only:

[REDACTED]

The Committee visited the property [REDACTED], at the owner's request, to consider an application to erect a gateway into the field opposite the property. A planning application was submitted and subsequently rejected, to build a livery yard and stables for retired horses. During the application process, [REDACTED] had been informed by his architects that permission was only required from the Roads Committee for a gateway into agricultural land.

RH advised that he was aware of a condition in the planning laws that restricts gateways into agricultural land to a certain width, which he believed was 11 feet. Anything wider than 11ft would require approval from The Planning Department. [REDACTED] replied that certain fields could have wider entrances.

RM asked [REDACTED] if he could submit a formal request to the Roads Committee, complete with concise drawings, so the request could be considered carefully. [REDACTED] replied that he would arrange this with his architect.

RH made the observation that a gateway opening out into the road would inhibit vehicles travelling down Le Chemin des Monts. The gates would need to open inwards towards the field, rather than into the road.

3. Further to the Roads Committee attending Le Vier Mont to inspect a damaged drainage pipe on 15 May 2025, a second visit was carried out with the Connétable unable to attend the first meeting.

The site foreman said that he had a discussion with his manager, who had advised the cost to repair would be in the region of £1k. DC confirmed that the quote was yet to be received, which the foreman would chase up.

RH advised that there were cracks all around the pipe, aside of the puncture. For the costs said to be involved in making the repairs, the Parish would have peace of mind that it had been repaired correctly. He added that, if the road was backfilled as it was, then it would likely collapse at some point in the future.

It was agreed that, providing the quote for the repairs was no more than £1k, then the repairs should be carried out.

Date Minutes Approved:.....

Signed:..... Connétable de St Ouen