

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

**12 June 2025 at 14:00**

### **Agenda**

- 1. La Ville des Marettes – Request from owner for permission to remove section of roadside wall and to lower kerb to provide extra parking within the curtilage of the property. May require a planning application.**
- 2. Le Rue du Mont Capel – drainage issue.**
- 3. La Route des Landes – Damaged wall. Reportedly, a high risk of collapse.**
- 4. [REDACTED] - To consider the property owner's proposal to raise the level of the driveway so the excess water runs on to the top of his field to join the Parish culvert. This is a follow up visit following an initial site meeting of 11 April 2025 – Excerpt for that agenda item included in Appendix C.**

### **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

**[REDACTED], owner of [REDACTED] – ITEM 4 ONLY**

- 1. The Committee attended [REDACTED] La Ville des Marettes to meet with the owner and discuss a request to extend the entrance to their driveway to enable extra off-street parking. The property owner did not attend. Images of the driveway are included in Appendix A of these minutes.**

JA noted that it appeared the driveway had already been extended as a section of wall at both ends had been removed. He added that the Committee would need to work on the presumption that the proposal was to extend the low part of the kerb, to a width of 2.5 feet. JA observed that the property immediately opposite had carried out similar works to good effect.

RM suggested the right hand side of the footpath could be extended in line with the wall. The Committee agreed, with MLM adding that the work must be carried out neatly and professionally. The Committee will inspect the completed works to ensure it was of the required standard.

2. Le Rue du Mont Capel was visited to inspect a drainage issue along the section of road running adjacent to the properties known as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

JA said the water runs off the pathways and down into the surrounding fields. RH noted a cattle grid located 35 metres down the road was blocked, and RM advised that marked the point where the road becomes privately owned. Further inspection of the grid showed it was blocked solid with ground and growth. JA said that any water that runs to the grid must build up on the road, which then causes flooding to the two properties. He added that the Parish could consider clearing the road of weeds and growth, as it is Parish owned, but it was noted by the Committee that that alone would not be sufficient a measure to resolve the issue entirely.

RH said that [REDACTED] is lower-lying than the road, meaning the property owner has to accept the water. JA suggested that the owner unblocks the cattle grid and the Parish clears the road of growth. RH then noted that the entrance to the two properties had been worn down by vehicles entering and exiting them. This would provide no protection against water that builds up in the road due to the blocked grid.

Following lengthy discussion, the Committee concluded:

- The owner of the private land containing the cattle grid needs to unblock it and to keep it unblocked going forward.
  - The Parish is to clear the road of growth and weeds.
  - The owners of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] should be advised to install a tarmacked lip at the entrance of the driveway, to create a further barrier against water build-up.
3. The Roads Committee moved on to item 3 of the agenda, an eroded wall in La Route des Landes. Images of the issue are included in Appendix B of these minutes.

RH said that the weight of the ground from the field above, combined with natural erosion from weather conditions, had pushed down on to the wall making it bulge, with many of the stones becoming loose and others dislodged and lying in the road. RM added that a tree at one end of the field immediately above the wall had exacerbated the issue. The Committee felt the condition of the wall presented an extremely high risk of collapse and the owner of the field is required to make good the damage at the earliest possible opportunity.

JA asked what the Parish's position would be should the landowner be disinclined to fix the wall. RH advised that, in which case, the matter would be brought before the Royal Court in the forthcoming Viste Royale in August for a Judgment. He added that the damage continues for the whole length of the wall.

**NB: Time was provided for members of the Committee to discuss an additional item not on the agenda. Consequently, the Connétable instructed a Signification to be issued to the owner of the property known as [REDACTED], La Rue de la Devise, for a branchage infringement.**

4. Item 4 of the agenda was a second site visit to the property known as **[REDACTED]**. The Committee met with the property owner and the builder responsible for the works. The minutes of the first visit are included in Appendix C of these minutes.

The builder was invited to explain the proposal to resolve the flooding issue that occurred during heavy rainfall. He advised that he wanted to install a 200mm drain, as well as a second smaller drain, to take the excess water. A pipe would take that water into the culvert. Furthermore, he would like to dig a trench at a point located around 6 feet in from the entrance to provide a further drainage safeguard between the road and the property. Water, again, would be channeled from the trench into the culvert.

**[REDACTED]** advised that he thought the existing drain led to the culvert but can now confirm that the pipe is not connected. **[REDACTED]** also clarified that the brook that lies to the south of the culvert is on his land. Accordingly, as landowner, RH advised **[REDACTED]** that if he owns the land he owns the brook, so any blockages would remain his responsibility. JA added that he would be well advised to place a grid over the drain once he had cleared it to reduce risk going forward.

Following due consideration, the Roads Committee agreed that the work could be carried out at the owner's expense.

**NB: Time was provided for members of the Committee to discuss two additional item not on the agenda. Firstly, the Connétable instructed a Signification to be issued to the owner of the property known as [REDACTED], La Rue des Nouettes, for a branchage infringement.**

**Furthermore, the Connétable instructed the Parish Secretary Designate to arrange for the yellow line situated at the junction of La Rue des Nouettes and La Rue de Grantez to be repainted.**

Date Minutes Approved:.....

Signed:..... Connétable de St Ouen

## **Appendix A**

### **Item 1 – Roadside Wall and Kerb at La Ville des Marettes**





## **Appendix B**

### **Item 3 - Damaged Wall in La Route des Landes**



## **Appendix C**

### **Item 4 - Le Cotel au Rocher**

#### **Excerpt of Minutes of Roads Committee meeting held on 11 April 2025**

#### **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.

#### **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.