

Meeting of St Ouen's Roads Committee

27 October 2025 at 14:30

Agenda

1. Site visit at Le Mont Vibert, to consider the landowners' issues with flooding in the driveway and car port areas.
2. Site visit to Jubilee Cottages at L'Etacq, to consider report from tenant regarding cracking and damp forming at this property, which he believes has been caused by the condition of the Parish road.

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 (DC)

[REDACTED] & [REDACTED] – Landowners ([REDACTED])

1. The landowners met with the Committee and directed them to a cattle grid at the entrance of the property driveway, containing a large drainage pipe. [REDACTED] advised that the pipe is not sufficient to drain the excess water away when flooding occurs. He added that puddling, at times quite severe, occurs at the other side of the road opposite the driveway. The Committee also noted 2 drains, 1 either side of the driveway, situated on the Parish road.

RM advised that he felt there was little the Parish could do in this situation as, by law, a lower lying property or land has to take water from higher land. He asked the landowners how often they experienced flooding. [REDACTED] responded that, during the first 7 years of occupation, there hadn't been any flooding at all. Now, it is around twice per year. RM commented that the property lies in a dip, resulting in the landowners taking water from both sides. He added that the Parish would need to unblock the drain to the right of the driveway. MLM noted

that the camber of the road results in the water being directed by its natural flow on to the driveway. JA agreed the Parish should unblock the one drain, and the owners unblock the cattle grid, which has significant amount of fallen leaves, grit and mud.

Action Point: DC to approach Drain-It to unblock the drain to the right. The drain on the left is working well. The clearing of the cattle grid can be carried out at the same time, to the owner's expense. DC to request separate invoices, with one being received by the Parish and the other going to the landowners.

2. Jubilee Cottages was visited following a report from the occupier of number 5, that cracking and damp that had been incurred on the property was a result of damage to the road.

The site visit showed the gulley running immediately down the relief of the property was in poor state of repair, with many cracks showing. The Committee were unanimously in agreement that these cracks would let water in and should be repaired as soon as possible. In all likelihood, these cracks were the cause of the damp in the property.

The Committee concluded that this was not the Parish's responsibility and directed DC to write a letter to the occupier to advise.

The meeting ended at 15:34

Signed:.....
Connétable de St Ouen

Date:.....