

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

**2 March 2025 at 14:30**

### **Agenda**

1. Site visit at La Profonde Rue and Les Ruettes, to meet with the landowner to assess wall and road damage.

A wall bordering field O1149 has collapsed, with other areas having become vulnerable following recent heavy rainfall.

Situated on a filed border in Les Ruettes, the roots of a pine tree has caused damage to the road. The landowner has questioned their liability, due to having only purchased the land 3 years prior.

### **Minutes**

#### **In Attendance**

Richard Honeycombe – Connétable (RH)

Jack A'Court – Roads Committee (JA)

Martin Le Maistre – Roads Committee (MLM)

[REDACTED] - Landowner

Daryn Cleworth, Parish Secretary Designate & Minutes

#### **Apologies**

Advocate Richard Michel

The Committee met with the landowner and inspected the road damage caused by the pine tree. The landowner queried his liability, as he only taken ownership in 2023 and the pine tree has been there for several decades. RH explained that, following a judgment granted by the Royal Court in 2025, on the occasion of the Visite Royale, damage caused to a road by any factor originating from a person's land, becomes the responsibility of the landowner(s) to resolve. As such, there was little that the Roads Committee can do as liability is proven. JA added that, once the road has been excavated, the tree root itself would also need to be removed.

There was also damage to a wall bordering a field in Les Ruettes. MLM will investigate and establish the landowner.

The Committee moved on to the wall bordering field O1149, which had partially collapsed. The landowner admitted ownership and, therefore, liability. The landowner asked of the timeframe permitted to make good the damage, to which RH replied 4 weeks. The landowner agreed to the timeframe.

Date Minutes Approved:.....

Signed:..... Connétable de St Ouen