

Roads Committee meeting

Downstairs Committee Room, Trinity Parish Hall

Monday 2nd August 2021 at 10am

In attendance:

Philip Le Sueur, Connétable (“PLS”)

Alan Dunford (“AD”)

Barry Fossey (“BF”)

Norman Le Maistre (“NLM”)

(Jane Sappé (JS) taking minutes).

1. Apologies were received from the Rector, Geoffrey Houghton, who was out of the Island on holiday.
2. The minutes of the previous committee meeting on 22nd March 2021 were reviewed and approved.

3. Matters arising

- It was noted that since the last meeting, Charles Ahier had sadly died whilst in office. His service to the Parish had been acknowledged in a Parish Assembly at which NLM was elected as a member of the Roads Committee.
- La Verte Rue drainage – completed at the expense of the parishioner.
- Rue Becq – project completed.
- Update about the progress of the Village Scheme – a parish-wide consultation will take place, probably towards the end of this year.

4. La Rue de L’Empierre – connection to mains water

Previously, the Roads Committee had decided that any excavation of La Rue de L’Empierre for services would be conditional on the full reinstatement of the road at the expense of those benefitting from the installation of services, the road being in very good condition.

PLeS has been approached by two of the three property owners looking to connect to mains water, who have explored all the possible routes for the

laying of the water pipes. Every route involves excavation in La Rue de L'Empierre. The cost of full reinstatement would be passed on to the property owners, making it unviable financially for them to access clean drinking water.

The Committee reviewed its previous decision and decided that rather than paying for the full reinstatement, each property owner should contribute £1,000 each, making a total of £3,000, which the Parish would then apply to future maintenance of the road. It was noted that a wayleave passed before the Royal Court would also be necessary, and that the Parish's legal costs would need to be met by the property owners.

The Committee raised the issue of whether these properties are connected to mains drains or not, and if not, whether there is an opportunity for them to do so at the same time, avoiding unnecessary excavation in future. This is to be raised with the property owners at the same time as advising them with the Committee's revised decision.

5. Rue du Côtel – branchage issues – XXXX and XXXX

It was noted that the branchage had not been done by one of the property owners, and that another property owner had a green oak overhanging the road to such an extent that large vehicles had to cross onto the other side of the road to get around the overhang.

The Committee agreed that letters should be written to both property owners asking them to deal with these two issues.

6. Lane off of La Rue de la Garenne – request for contribution to cleaning of road by XXXX

It was noted that the Parish is only responsible for the middle part of lane, but has in the past, in a gesture of goodwill and without assuming responsibility, repaired pot holes on the edge of the lane.

It was agreed that AD would attend and take a photograph for review of the Committee.

7. Rue de L'Epine – proposed excavation by JEC/ requests from XXXX

PLS brought the Committee up to date with his exchanges with the JEC, and the requests from the property owner.

It was agreed that PLS and NLM would meet with the property owner to look at and discuss the various issues.

8. Rue de la Fosse – failure of reinstatement of the road

PLS advised the Committee that he had written to the JEC in June raising this problem, but had not received any reply.

The Committee agreed that the Parish should now write to the CEO of the JEC, Christopher Ambler, indicating that a failure to enter into meaningful discussions about the rectification of the reinstatement of the road could lead to Parish consent not being given in respect of other Trafficworx applications by the JEC.

9. La Ruelle de Mont Ifer – correspondence with XXXX

It was noted that two issues had recently been raised by the property owner:

- The dumping of green waste on their property, which the property owner had indicated should be removed at the cost of the Parish: and
- The use of the property owner's land by off road cyclists.

The two issues were discussed by the Committee, and no correlation could be seen between the reinstatement of the public footpath and the two issues, as both were prevalent in other areas of the parish and the Island.

It was however noted that PLS had previously arranged for signage to be produced the wording of which encouraged sensitive usage of the footpath, and that this would be erected in any event at the La Verte Rue end of the footpath, and that permission would be sought from the property owner to erect the new signage at the La Blanche Pierre end of the footpath.

10. XXXX, Rue du Côtel

It was noted that regrettably, the previous owner had sold the property on without replying to the Parish's letter of 9th April 2021, and adequately resolving the issue of the field entrance.

A planning application has been submitted by the new owner, XXXX, and there is no reference to the establishment of a field entrance in an appropriate place.

In addition, concerns were expressed by the Roads Committee about the deteriorating condition of the road due to its continual usage by heavy vehicles accessing the property, and complaints being received about the route being used by those vehicles.

It was agreed that PLS would write to the new owner raising these issues.

11. Rue de la Garenne – safety issues raised by XXXX

PLS confirmed that he had passed on the parishioner's concerns and suggestions to the Minister for IHE, who had responded to say that they had been referred to the Transport Team who would liaise with the Roads Committee.

Pending hearing from the Transport Team, it was agreed that the yellow line would be reinstated, and confirmation of this to be provided to the parishioner.

12. Rue des Pelles - XXXX

PLS advised the Committee that a pot hole at the side of the road was going to be repaired and involved the tarmacing by consent of a small area where the bank belong to the parishioner and his sister had been eroded. In essence, the road was being widened very slightly by the repair of the pothole.

13. La Rue des Haies - XXXX

A planning application was considered. As the existing entrance off of La Rue des Haies was to be used for the proposed project, it was agreed that a no comment response would be made in response to the consultation of the Parish by Planning.

14. Rue de la Haut de L'Orme

PLS gave the Committee an update. The Public will not pass contract until the work has been completed to an acceptable standard.

The Parish has two options:

- Mirror what the Public is doing (which is the recommended option by our lawyers) which will make the passing of contracts easier.
- Insist on passing contract prior to the work being done.

The Roads Committee decided to follow the legal advice given by its lawyers and go down the first option route.

15. Any other business

- **La Verte Rue – XXXX**

In the dip in the road, there is some erosion at its edge and the bollards are disappearing into the meadow.

The parishioner has offered to build up a bank to rectify this issue, consisting of stone, topsoil, and hedging to replace the bollards. This will support the road and is of long term benefit to the Parish.

The budget for the work was discussed and it was agreed to offer a contribution of a maximum of £1,800 to pay for the stone.

- **La Rue du Mont Pellier** – wall in need of repair

PLS gave an update about the recent enquiries into the ownership of the wall, and the imminent sale of the property on the other side of the wall (XXXX). It was noted that the Parish owned the wall, and agreed that discussions should be had with the new owners about the work to be done on the wall.

- **Branchage**

NLM identified the failure of XXXX/XXXX to take action to complete the branchage and it was agreed that this should be referred to Nicola Noble to follow up.

- **Roads Inspectors**

NLM raised the role of the Roads Inspectors and it was agreed that the next Branchage would start earlier in order for that role to be discussed at the outset.

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29th November 2021

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