

Roads Committee meeting

Trinity Parish Hall

15th June 2023 at 10am

The Roads Committee (Constable, Rector, B Fossey, A Dunsford and N Le Maistre) met at the Parish Hall at 10.00am.

Jane Sappé in attendance to take notes.

Minutes of the meeting on 15th February 2023 were read by the Committee and approved as accurate by those present at that meeting and for signature by the Constable.

Visites du Branchage

The first Visite du Branchage is on 14th July 2023.

It was noted that it was vital that the correct Branchage process as required by the 1914 Law be followed. Last year, the lack of involvement of a Vingtenier at a particular stage when that was required by the Law meant that a Branchage fine was ultimately irrecoverable.

Wooden stakes along Rue D’Empierre

The Constable advised that he had received an enquiry from a Parishioner as to whether the newly sited wooden stakes, which have presumably been installed by or on behalf of the owner of the property adjacent to the road, were on the owner’s property or in the Parish road.

This was discussed. It was acknowledged by the Committee that, based on previous communications with the owner, the precise boundary line between their property and the Parish road was and would continue to be disputed.

It was agreed that a response to this effect would be sent to the Parishioner making the enquiry, which response would also confirm that for there to be certainty as to the boundary line, it would initially need the co-operation and agreement of the owner. In the absence of such co-operation and agreement, the only way to achieve certainty would be to bring the matter to the attention of the Royal Court. Such a course of action would require resourcing, and as such, it would need to be brought to the attention of a Parish Assembly for it to decide whether to pursue and fund by way of a Special Vote such a course of action. Whilst the Constable has no current intention to convene a Parish Assembly in respect of this matter, it would be open to a group of Parishioners to form a requete to do so.

Trinity Village Improvement Scheme

The Constable noted that the last time the Committee met, it had given its agreement to proposed speed reductions in respect of the Village and its vicinity.

Technical drawings having now been received in advance of the Exhibition at the Parish Hall on 22nd June, the Constable took the Committee through them, explaining the various traffic calming measures and extensions of pavements to allow safer travel on foot through the Village.

Some issues were raised:

- NLeM voiced concerns about the movement of the bus stop resulting in the loss of parking for the shop which tends to be used by lorries and larger vehicles.
- NLeM confirmed that he did not agree with the one-way system around the Church. The Rector advised that this was the only way to ensure that there was a walking route from the Village to the Church.
- AD expressed a concern about logistics along Rue du Prèsbytere. It was confirmed that bollards would divide pedestrians from vehicles. The bollards could be removed to allow a hearse to park on the occasion of a funeral.
- AD confirmed that the flashing speed signage in other parishes was a useful reminder.
- The issue of cost was raised; the Constable there is no expense to the Parish as a majority of the roads are GoJ owned and it is a DFI project.
- The Rector advised that he had met with the Constable a couple of days ago, as he has a concern about the loss of parking adjacent to the Church on Rue és Picots, and he hoped that a solution would be found. NLeM asked why the parking could not be left as is.

The Rector reminded the Committee that in respect of the Scheme its purpose was to facilitate what the community wants and AD acknowledged that personal opinions were not relevant.

The Constable advised that the proposed layout would probably encourage commercial vehicles accessing Springside Industrial Estate to use St John's Road rather than Trinity Hill (which had been the stated intention at the time of the creation of the Estate).

BF said he found the proposed changes confusing, and it was noted that all change has that potential at first. The overlap between the Village Improvement Scheme and the current Parish-wide speed consultation has definitely created some confusion.

It was noted that when the Roads Committee met with the DFI officers at their offices at Bellozanne in March 2023, and received more information about the Framework for Speed Limits and its application to Trinity, the Committee had then reaffirmed its agreement at its meeting on 15th February 2023 to the proposed reductions to speed limits in and around the Village as part of the Village Improvement Scheme.

The Constable concluded that the Exhibition was going ahead on 22nd June and everyone was welcome to attend to discuss matters with the GoJ officers who would be attending it.

Visite Royale

The Visite Royale is taking place on 2nd August 2023.

The Constable asked for suggestions from the Committee as to what the Court could be asked to adjudicate upon within the Parish.

Various options were discussed, and it was agreed that further consideration was needed.

The Constable advised that the current plans for the day was for the Court to have morning coffee outside in the area of the Queen's Canopy and for the Court to swear in two new Honorary Police officers.

Resurfacing of Rue des Brulées

It was noted that this resurfacing had been done as agreed by the Roads Committee at the September Branchage and in accordance with the quote circulated by the Constable to the Roads Committee on 8th March 2023.

Future resurfacing projects

It was noted that other Parishes have used and reported favourably about a new company, ADM Asphalt.

The Constable has asked both PSP Asphalt and ADM Asphalt for their rates.

It was agreed that the next time a cluster of potholes needed attention, both PSP and ADM would be asked to quote for the job.

Potholes

There was a general discussion about potholes and road surfaces.

It was noted that the Parish's groundsmen have the resources to deal with small erosions in road surfaces, and that La Neuve Route is likely to need to be resurfaced rather than patched up.

Other matters

- 1. Roads Inspectors** – it was noted that some inspectors are much more active in their role than others. All inspectors will be asked by the Royal Court at the Visite Royale to confirm that they fulfil their role.
- 2. Meetings attended by the Roads Committee** – in addition to the DFI meeting regarding the Framework for Speed Limits, the Committee had also attended a meeting at St Martin's Public Hall.
- 3. Banks needing cutting prior to Branchage** – the Committee identified a couple of banks in need of immediate cutting in order for pedestrians to be able to use pavements safely, and it was agreed to write to the relevant occupiers/owners.

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