

## **Roads Committee meeting**

### **Trinity Parish Hall**

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 10:00am**

The Roads Committee (Constable, Rector, B Fossey, A Dunford and N Le Maistre) assembled at the Parish Hall at 10.00 am and commenced the meeting with site visits to the following:

- Lowlands, La Rue de la Fontaine de Colard
- North Lodge, Trinity Manor, Rue des Monnières
- The Old Pump House, La Rue de la Vallee

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were approved and signed by the Constable.

#### **Matters arising from the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

- **La Rue de la Bergerie** – it was noted that following the liquidation of the former builders, the Constable would write to the new builders regarding the pothole caused by the large vehicles using the site.
- **Rue d’Empierre road sign** – it was noted that the road sign would be moved to the wall of La Croix. As the wall was curved, a new sign was in the process of being made.
- **La Fontaine, Ville a l’Eveque** – it was noted that the property owner was now looking at alternative solutions regarding the drainage at their property.
- **Haut de l’Orme junction** – it was noted that the acquisition of private land and the statutory transfer of land to Government to facilitate the formal widening of the junction had been approved at the Parish Assembly on 12<sup>th</sup> December. It was further noted that the formal contracts would be passed in January 2025.

#### **Lowlands, La Rue de la Fontaine de Colard**

Earlier in the meeting the Roads Committee had met with the property owners on site and it was relayed to them that the flooding at their property was not caused by the lay of the Parish road. The Roads Committee advised the owners that the Parish had already undertaken reasonable steps to limit flooding to the property and had increased the diameter of the drainage pipes under the garden of the property, with the agreement of the previous owners. Nevertheless, at the request of the owners the Roads Committee agreed to investigate the placing of a raised edge on the road outside Lowlands. However, it was noted that the problem was, in essence, a private one.

#### **North Lodge, Trinity Manor**

The meeting considered a concern from Trinity Manor that cars were pulling into the entrance of the Manor on Rue des Monnières and this was causing disruption to the tenant of North Lodge and also made the entrance and exit of farm machinery difficult. The Roads Committee had attended the site earlier in the meeting and it appeared that cars were using the entrance of the Manor as a passing

place. The Constable agreed to draw up a plan of the entrance detailing the edge of the road as it appeared that the problem was occurring on private land.

### **The Old Pump House**

The meeting had visited the driveway to the property earlier in the meeting as it had been noted that the start of the domestic driveway had been excavated and this had exposed the edge of the Parish road resulting in damage to the Parish road. The Constable agreed to write to the owners of the property to ascertain what was proposed in respect of the driveway.

### **Road Traffic Order Amendment**

The meeting considered the proposed amendment to the Road Traffic Order which would:

- (a) Introduce parking restrictions on La Rue de la Falaise to limit parking to 12 in any 24 hours
- (b) Permit Les Ruelles to be closed when the school was open to children

The meeting agreed to support the above amendments proposed by the Minister.

### **Any other business**

#### **Route de la Trinité**

Mr Le Maistre raised concerns regarding the temporary crossing outside Trinity School. He expressed concern that the crossing was regularly flooding when it rained, part of the flood water being caused by the run off of rain water from the driveway of the RJA & HS, a government owned driveway. He advised the meeting that when flooded, parents and children could not use the crossing and were forced to cross the road in different areas of the road.

Mr Le Maistre also expressed that larger emergency vehicles (e.g. fire engines, ambulances etc) could not turn into Les Ruelles, when approaching from St Helier, to reach the school playground and would be forced to turn around in the RJA&HS before gaining access to the school playground.

The Rector suggested that the Parish should be better communicating the consultation to parishioners but it was noted that the project was a Government project and they had their own communication officers. It was further noted that the consultation was open on the Government website.

Following discussion, it was agreed that, on behalf of the Roads Committee, the Constable would write to the Department for Infrastructure and Environment setting out its concerns regarding:

- (a) Flooding of the crossing
- (b) Inability of large emergency vehicles to access the school playground from St Helier
- (c) The reduced traffic flow at school drop off and pick up times
- (d) The distance between the road narrowings as the large distance caused confusion to motorists

- (e) The volume of signage used to identify the crossing
- (f) The length of the 20mph speed limit
- (g) The hazard the temporary restrictions present to motorists who are unfamiliar with the layout in the absence of any street lighting.

As alternative solutions the Roads Committee would propose to Infrastructure and Environment:

- (a) That a zebra crossing replace the existing temporary crossing. Reference was made to the crossings in St John and also in St John's Road, St Helier as examples
- (b) If a zebra crossing was installed, the 20 mph speed limit could be reduced in length and would only be required when children were in the school
- (c) That Les Ruelles be permanently pedestrianised other than for emergency vehicles.

The meeting closed at 11:45am.

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**Connétable**

31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

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