



Minutes of a Meeting of the Roads Committee held on Friday 1st August 2025
at 9am Public Hall - Parish of St Martin

Present:

Karen Shenton Stone (KSS) (Chair)
Mick Jehan (MJ), Pete Stone (PS), Danny Wherry (DW) and Richard Le Cornu (RLC)

In attendance: William Sutton (WS) (Procureur) and Charles Alluto (CA) (Parish Secretary)

1. Agenda, Apologies and Conflicts of Interest:

No conflicts of interest were noted.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings held on 1st July 2025.

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Connétable.

3. Budget

The Procureur presented the Committee with a spreadsheet detailing their annual budget so that they could monitor expenditure on a regular basis. The Committee thanked the Procureur and agreed that his spreadsheet would be very helpful to review on a quarterly basis. In the intervening months they requested the Secretary to simply provide an ongoing total with details of each project completed to date.

It was agreed that it was important to have several quotes for large items of expenditure and that Pallot Tarmac would be invited to submit quotes for some of the forthcoming resurfacing works.

At this juncture WS left the meeting and the Committee thanked him for his attendance.

4. Action Points & Matters Arising:

Le Mont Gabard

It was noted that the stabilisation works appeared to have been undertaken without any professional input. It was agreed that Mark Smith from RGA Engineers would be requested to produce a brief one-sided response which would be submitted to the Royal Court for its further consideration.

Footpath Creation

The owners had advised that their agricultural tenants were not keen on a public footpath being created in the field as they had suffered problems in the past with litter and dog mess. In light of their tenants' concerns the owners had decided not to proceed with a footpath at this juncture.

Members of the Roads Committee agreed to consider whether there were any feasible alternatives including a shared cycle/pedestrian path through La Rue De La Haye.

Rue de la Vignette

It was noted that the Parish had received the photos of the works.

Rue de Bassacre

RLC continued to express reservations regarding the proposed installation of some trunks to protect the roadside kerb. However, it was agreed that some sections of tree trunk could be put in place on a trial basis to ascertain both their effectiveness and visual impact.

Valldemosa - Drain Quote

MJ confirmed that he had chased up the other contractors to submit quotes for the minor drainage work. He kindly agreed to chase them again.

Temporary Pothole Repairs

It was noted that these had been completed by the Parish team.

Parish Roads – Powers of Committee to prevent new openings on Parish roads

It was noted that the Connétable had raised the issue at the Comité des Connetables and the Chair had subsequently agreed to raise the issue at Ministerial level.

Given the potential legal ramifications the Committee requested the Connétable to seek a legal opinion from the Attorney General.

The Royal

The landlady had kindly agreed to cut back the bushes in the planters to improve visibility.

5. Pothole Repairs

It was noted that the pothole along La Rue de la Bauchederie would be repaired as part of the proposed re-surfacing works. Regrettably Normans had been unable to deliver the Tough Patch product in time for the meeting but the Secretary would follow this up after the meeting.

6. Planning Applications

It was noted that the Committee had not objected to the alteration of the entrance to Fields 561B and 683 along La Rue de la Clochette as it appeared to be a more practical option for the field owner. This was upon the basis that once the new entrance had been created the former entrance would be blocked and closed off.

7. La Rue de la Solitude

It was noted that the Infrastructure Department had agreed to omit the yellow lines from the front of the cottages and stop at the tree stump. Members of the Roads Committee

expressed concern that the proposed parking area included the road drain which could result in creating problems for access for maintenance/cleaning. It was agreed that this would be further discussed with the Infrastructure Department.

8. Les Ruettes – Proposed Trenching

Given the scale of the proposed works it was suggested that this could be an opportunity to deliver some full width reinstatement with the Parish making an appropriate contribution. It was agreed that members of the Committee would liaise with the contractors accordingly.

9. Branchage

It was noted that the Parish had received an appeal regarding a fine for £100. The Committee was of the view that the offence was significantly substantive to justify the fine and noted that it was a repeat offence. In addition the offender had received a letter prior to the Branchage highlighting the need to undertake the branchage in an appropriate and timely manner. Given the circumstances detailed above the Committee was of the view that the fine should be maintained at £100.

For the Branchage Supper it was agreed that a number of guests should be invited.

10. Date of Next Meeting – 9am, Monday 1st September

11. Signed: 
Connétable

Date: 1st September 2025

Site Visit Notes:

Action Points:

- a. To request a brief report from RGA Engineers for submission to the Royal Court – CA
- b. To review alternatives for shared cycle path – Committee Members
- c. To trial tree trunks along Rue de Bassacre – MJ & RLC
- d. To secure additional quotes for gully work opposite Valldemosa in Vallée de Rozel – MJ to forward to CA
- e. To contact Attorney General regarding new openings on Parish Roads – KSS
- f. To contact Infrastructure regarding drain along La Rue de la Solitude – CA
- g. To contact contractors regarding proposed works along Les Ruettes – Committee Members