

# PARISH OF ST HELIER

## MINUTES

### Havre des Pas Improvement Group Meeting

#### The Lido

Thursday 9 November 2023 at 6pm

#### Minutes of a meeting of the Havre des Pas Improvement Group held at 6pm on Thursday 10 November at the Lido, Havre des Pas

**Chairman:** Sam Mezec  
**Present:** Simon Crowcroft, Tom Coles, David Warr  
**Apologies:** Beatriz Poree, Tom Binet

#### Approval of Minutes for 12 October 2023.

It was noted that the date in the header of the last minutes was incorrect. The minutes were hereby approved subject to the date amendment.

#### Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

#### Update from the Police

The Police were not in attendance.

#### Update from IHE (Tom Binet)

Tom Binet was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a message to say that there wasn't much of an update to give but he is hopeful that an update on South Hill Gardens will be available for the next meeting. It was noted that there had been some damage from fallen trees in the area. It was noted that there will also be a focus on the walkway extension.

The residents requested an update be provided on the skatepark. SC confirmed that an FOI request had been made to the Parish regarding their support of the the skatepark however SC confirmed that he does not believe the residents group has ever endorsed the plans for the skatepark. It was resolved that clarity on both the location of the skatepark and a timeline for the South Hill Gardens was required.

It was confirmed that there are currently no plans for Fort Regent and that any plans that have been created have been thrown out due to costs.

An update was requested regarding the closure of Pier Road as it was reported that South Hill is a lot busier with traffic being pushed away from Pier Road. It was confirmed that there are no plans to reopen the road and that the two damaged buildings either side of the site of the explosion at Haut du Mont have permission to be destroyed. It was further confirmed that the site had been split between the Government and Andium and that a memorial garden will be built. There are plans for a new development which could include the permanent closure of the road.

It was requested that Tom Binet provide an update on the toilets/ changing rooms at the next meeting. It was noted that maintenance work was being undertaken on the toilets currently. It was reported that the contracts undertaking the maintenance had barricaded the front of the toilets and were using the entrance through the Lido. The residents expressed their feelings of dissatisfaction with the quality of the maintenance/ cleaning work that was being undertaken. It was reported that the toilets and changing rooms were now closed to the public. Tom Binet had confirmed at the last meeting that he is hopeful that a new arrangement with the contractors that clean and maintain the toilets on the Lido will be finalised in January and will include year-round opening hours for the toilets/ changing rooms. SC confirmed that the decision was made in the States to keep the toilets open all year round as well as creating a steering group for Havre des Pas and neither agreement had been followed through. It was resolved to send a letter to the Minister from the residents of Havre des Pas requesting a reason for why this has not been followed through. A copy of the letter will be made public on the sthelier.je website.

It was requested that clarification be provided on the money outlined in the Government's Island Plan for the Lido. How much is available, what can it be used for and how can it be accessed?

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#### **Any other business**

The residents at the meeting wished to express their gratitude for the tireless work of the Parish staff and Honorary Police for preparing the Havre des Pas area for the storm. Their efforts were described as phenomenal.

An update on cyclists being permitted on the promenade was requested. SC confirmed that at the next Island Plan review he plans to request that grants for electric cars are stopped whilst there is nowhere safe to cycle as this is a more important issue within the sustainable travel policies. SC further confirmed that the Roads Committee will discuss and provide an update at the next meeting.

It was confirmed that there will be the possibility of more areas for cyclists in the future as Havre des Pas will have extra land reclamation in the future.

It was raised that all the issues raised at these meetings seem to be a result of a lack of a master plan. SC confirmed that the Planning Minister had promised a St Helier master plan however nothing has been done yet.

Discussing the development of Havre des Pas it was confirmed that the character of the area is protected meaning that all new buildings must be built in keeping with the existing character of the area.

A question for Deputy Warr as Minister for Housing and Communities was raised about what can be done about a derelict shop by Prince's Bar. Deputy Warr confirmed that 240 properties have been reported and added to the derelict property register. He confirmed that he was unable to confirm whether the property in question was on the register but encouraged the resident to contact him regarding the property so it can be added. He confirmed that the register is currently a data collection exercise, and the team is looking into what can be done about the properties on the register.

SC confirmed that he had spoken to Sovereign Hire Cars whose planning appeal had been turned down on the basis that you cannot safely get vehicles in and out of the entrance. SC expressed plans to get government to agree in the States that a car park is needed at Havre des Pas and confirmed that the Parish are in talks to potentially purchase the land to turn it into a car park. It was raised that there have been rumours about the Seymour's developing on their car park which would result in more cars in the area being unable to park. It was agreed that a Resident's Parking Zone would spoil the area as only residents would be able to park on the roads impacting businesses in the area and would hinder visitors coming to the area.

SC provided an update on the Community Room within the new Andium development. He confirmed that the room was being run by Jersey Cheshire Homes and that a café and patonque area were being opened. It was confirmed that the room is too small to host the resident meetings but that residents are able to use the room.

It was requested that Christmas lights be put up at Havre des Pas.

It was reported that a string of the coloured lights had come down over the slip and was dangling dangerously.

It was noted that there will be roads committee and roads inspector elections on Wednesday 6 December in the Town Hall from 7pm. Residents wishing to vote must attend in person and bring ID.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 December at 6pm at the Lido, Havre des Pas**