



PARISH OF ST HELIER



Minutes	
<u>MINUTES OF THE ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING – A- AGENDA</u> <u>HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON</u> <u>WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2022 AT 9.30AM</u>	
PRESENT	Constable S Crowcroft (SC) Mr T Vibert (TV) Mr K Proctor (KP) Mr B Manning (BM) Mr J Baker (JB)
IN ATTENDANCE	Mr P Pearce (Procureur du Bien Public) (PP) Mr G Jennings (Procureur du Bien Public) (GJ) Mr J Turner (Chief Executive Officer) (JT) Mr S Alves (Head of Infrastructure) (SA) Mr A Sty (Infrastructure Manager) (AS) Miss E Sheehan (Minutes) (ES)
APOLOGIES	The Very Rev'd M Keirle (MK) Mr B Le Feuvre (BLF) Mrs A Roberts (Parish Secretary) (AR)
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	None.
OPEN MEETING	Having been previously circulated, the 'A' Agenda Minutes of the meetings held on 25 May 2022 were agreed.
MATTERS ARISING	
75/2022 UPDATES ON SCAFFOLDING IN CASTLE STREET AND ON BYRON ROAD	Previous minute 65/2022 refers GJ Requested an update on Byron Road. AS advised that the property owner has arranged for a detailed survey of his drains but unfortunately we still do not have a date when the work will be completed.
76/2022 VERBAL UPDATE ON THE NEW HOSPITAL PROJECT	Previous minute 68/2022 refers SC provided an update to the Committee regarding the compulsory notices served to the Parish. SC will not be holding a PA as Chief Minister reviewing the hospital. The Infrastructure Minister is reviewing the need for the changes to the roads.
77/2022 TO REVIEW CYCLE SIGNAGE ON LA GRANDE ROUTE DU MONT A L'ABBE	SA said on the 26 January 2022 following an incident that was reported by Ted Vibert that the Committee approved new signage on La Grande Route du Mont a L'Abbe. This decision resulted in concerns being raised by residents that the sign creates a safety issue for pedestrians who will need to share a footpath with cyclists. Therefore, following a further report from our Procurer Geraint Jennings we have been asked to revisit this. The Committee may recall that officer advise in January was to ensure that the virtual footpath was designated just for pedestrians. The request is for the Committee to change the signage to make it clear that the virtual footpath is accessible to pedestrians only, although there needs to be an understanding that there will be times that vehicles will need to pull onto the virtual footpath to cross each other as this road is two ways. However, SA advised that the Parish Chef de Police has raised concerns

as he advises that cyclists have been using the virtual footpath for a long time, especially students from the secondary school at the top, The Chef de Police expresses concern that the Committee would be forcing cyclists onto the busy road.

He added we also must consider that there are other virtual footpath in the Parish such as West Hill, are we seeking to introduce this rule to all virtual footpaths or is this just for La Grande Route du Mont a L'Abbe, in which case this could create some confusion for cyclist with no joined up approach. He asked if the Committee wishes for the signage to be changed and to refer to "Proposals" for examples.

The cost of this work we estimate in the region of £ 1,000 to cover link marking signage and road signage, the funding will have to come out of the existing road marking budget.

Enforcement:

Within the Road Traffic (Jersey) 1956 and Policing of Roads (Jersey) regulations 1959 Laws does not identify virtual footpaths.

Advice from our Chef de Police:

The Parish of St Helier Chef de Police will contact the Law Officers Department to give advice on the legal definition of Virtual footpath.

Policing would be very difficult and will likely cause immense frustration to the residents as Honorary Police due to resources are not able to enforce the area at all times.

GJ Did not support the proposal to stop cyclists.

Member of public, Mr Le Plongeon said it is an accident waiting to happen, cyclists speeding, lack of visibility as people pull out their driveway.

Member of Public, David said the red path was on the other side originally and he thought cycling both ways create issues.

TV thought prior legal opinion should be sought.

BM felt the school should inform students about cycling on virtual footpath and consider one way traffic for La Grande route du Mont a L'Abbe.

JB said island wide policy should be considered.

KP agreed with JB there should be an island wide decision to change should be held back.

PP said the signs should be removed now and suggested kerb edge/rumble strips along edge of Virtual Path.

SC advised that speaking to the IHE Minister that PoSH to take lead on cycling strategy.

Action points:

Circulate previous policy and update it.

Request Honorary Police to enforce speed limit.

	<p>Arrange for IHE Minister to attend Roads Committee meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the signage is to be removed and the painted walking man be applied to the virtual pathway.</p>
<p>78/2022 ROADS PROGRAMME (1 MAY 2022 – 30 APRIL 2023)</p>	<p>SA said work is in place and planned for the road-resurfacing programme, we are currently working on Undercliffe Road.</p> <p>In terms of road Improvements:</p> <p>Janvrin Road: we have scheduled the new crossing to be installed over the school summer Holidays,</p> <p>Neighbourhood Improvements: we have made an initial start to the area with the posters drafted, although we are at very early stage, we will be liaising with our Town Centre Manager to look at a consultation strategy of this project.</p> <p>Regent Road safety measures: are in hand we are currently out for pricing.</p> <p>Vallee des Vaux: details are progressing with the traffic engineer appointed and a scheme will be available for consultation as soon as possible.</p> <p>Barbizon: this is the last property on La Pouquelaye to be altered to accommodate a new footpath, we will be briefing the new deputies in the area in due course as we will need to acquire the necessary land to construct the footpath.</p> <p>My department's aim is to deliver the approved programme, which is our main focus, any additional work that is requested that is not on the approved programme will be investigated as soon as there is available resources.</p> <p>AS Janvrin Road; crossing being installed early August.</p> <p>SC Neighbourhood improvement areas; SC committed to commence the study ASAP, he nominated KP which originally raised this at the Branchage and GJ for his knowledge in cycling and legislation and member of Infrastructure (either SA or AS)</p> <p>GJ raised Halkett street, SA advised that the funding is for addressing any emergency work, such as pot holes, it will not necessarily improve the aesthetics.</p> <p>SC advised that he is aiming to get the Chief Minister to approve Urban Task Force, focusing on Halkett Street and New Cut. PoSH will contribute to the cost.</p> <p>SC request that Tower Road corner (Broomhill) be added to the list and to revisited. SA will report back.</p> <p>SC raised La Pouquelaye footpath improvements and questioned its position on the list, SA advised SC that it is for the Committee to decide if they wish to push this further up which will result in something dropping off.</p> <p>JB La Rue de L'Etou, requested update on crossings, as SoJDC should be providing these, he understands that the crossing will be at grade not on raised island. SC agreed that the crossing should be on raised humps as it will also help reduce speeding.</p>

	<p>BM Questioned speed on traffic in La Rue de L’Etaue and asked if it was 20mph. SA advised that this formed part of Phase 2 speed limit review and PoSH waiting for legislation changes to implement the new speed limit.</p> <p><u>Action points:</u></p> <p>SA to email Lee Henry to of SoJDC for an update on the crossing ASAP, as SC requested an update, the requirement is for crossing to be on raised tables, not at grade.</p> <p>SA to advise property owner at Barbizon that the Parish will be continuing with the project, and briefing to be put together for the deputies.</p> <p>SA requested to revisit Tower Road Broomhall and report back to Committee</p>
<p>79/2022 TO CONSIDER DRAFT POLICY ON ROAD RESURFACING</p>	<p>The committee requested that Infrastructure review the use or red asphalt on Parish by-roads within the ring road, and as part of the review we have extended this to produce a draft Resurfacing and Road works policy.</p> <p>SA said historically, it seems that this arrangement was passed down from one engineer to another (for the last 15 to 20 years) that footpath areas within the ring road would be surfaced using a red asphalt.</p> <p>Whilst it has been what the Parish and Government of Jersey (IHE) have worked to, it seems that there was no formal policy written.</p> <p>The Government of Jersey IHE department are currently developing a “Style guide” as part of the Public Realm work.</p> <p>We need to reconsider the use of red asphalt as Ronez who supplies the asphalt does not recommend the use of red asphalt on any areas that are to be heavily trafficked, where constant turning, and parking take place.</p> <p>The pigment was a red iron oxide, however this is no longer available for the type of batching plant that Ronez has, therefore they have moved to wax pellets, but this changes the chemistry of the material.</p> <p>Therefore no specific time frame can be suggested for product integrity/warranty</p> <p>We are also informed that the new product is a considerable cost increase to the old red oxide powder.</p> <p>We also need to take into account that red asphalt is 56% more expensive than black asphalt and there is a minimum order of 1 ton of red, this results in service companies patching up in black and once they have sufficient red, they return to remove the black patch to apply the red asphalt, this is not only a waste of time and resources but also increase carbon footprint.</p> <p>Due to the uncertainty of red asphalt, this results in vehicle access points being installed with black asphalt, resulting in a patch quilt of red and black, which in our view creates confusion for pedestrians as this gives the wrong message as it indicates that vehicles have priority over a footpath.</p> <p>You can imagine this on road that has multiple vehicles entrances, which would result in a patch quilt of red and black along the footpath which in his personal view would look awful.</p>

	<p>Our recommendation is that the use of red asphalt is phased out and that we move to installing granite paving wherever possible as we currently have sufficient stock in our yard to undertake many footpaths without the need to purchase new granite.</p> <p>We need to be mindful that we only have one stonemason who is able to construct granite paving, granite does take longer to install however it is a far superior product both aesthetically and durability when compared to asphalt.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to approve the proposed policy which the primary scope is that we omit red asphalt and use granite wherever possible or black asphalt.</p> <p>We will continue to review the policy as IHE are producing their new style guide, and specification/technical details for utility companies which the Parish will review and adopt if suitable.</p> <p>If approved this policy will be uploaded to the Parish website. We will continue to develop the policy further with more technical details, but the principle will remain as approved by the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee also requested that we provide you with a list of our roads future planning we have provided a full list of the roads, this list is reviewed regularly by my team and will be updated.</p> <p>PP: Raised questions on Seale Street and why it needs to be resurfaced as it was last resurfaced in 2010. SA advised that the road has substantial traffic through it, over the years there has been a need for the road to be dug up, the condition of the road has deteriorated and can be seen by members walking along the road.</p> <p><u>Action point:</u> Policy approved</p>
<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p>	
<p>80/2022 24, WINDSOR ROAD, ST.HELIER, JE2 3YF</p>	<p>Convert existing six bed dwelling to create 1 two-bedroom residential unit and 1 three-bedroom residential unit.</p> <p>The Roads Committee approved the draft comments detailed in the planning report dated 13 July (refer to documentation attached)</p>
<p>81/2022 THE LIMES DEVELOPMENT SITE, GREEN STREET, ST HELIER, JE2 4ZE</p>	<p>Revised plans to previously approved RM/2021/1135 (RESERVED MATTERS to PP/2020/1453 (OUTLINE APPLICATION: Demolish existing nursing home, health centre and residential accommodation. Construct 39 one-bed, 81 two-bed and 7 three-bedroom residential units with associated partial underground parking and landscaping. Alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian access onto Green Street. Extinguish 2 existing accesses on Green Street. Fixed Matters: Scale and mass, siting, means of access and landscape): Reserved Matters: External appearance and materials. 3D Model available.) : Create external stair up to podium. Change previously approved apartments at lower ground level to create a day care centre. Extend parts of the lower ground floor car park. Relocate JEC Substation and bin store enclosure.</p> <p>The Roads Committee approved the draft comments detailed in the planning report dated 13 July (refer to documentation attached)</p>
<p>82/2022 INDIAN COTTAGE, 78, NEW STREET, ST. HELIER, JE2</p>	<p>Demolish existing building consisting of a vacant ground floor restaurant with single dwelling unit above. Construct 2 one-bed and 2 two-bed residential units. Provide communal electric bike storage and bin store. 3D Model available.</p>

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83/2022 INFORMATION REPORTS	PP: noted that item 8 on the Live Matters Report should state Halkett Place not Halkett Street.
84/2022 AGREED DECISIONS	<p>The following decisions were agreed:</p> <p>The Committee agreed to remove the current signage at La Grande Route du Mont A L'Abbe.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the policy on road resurfacing.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the roads programme 1 May 2022 – 30 April 2022.</p> <p>SA to email Lee Henry of SoJDC for an update on the crossing ASAP, the requirement is for crossing to be on raised tables, not at grade.</p>
NEXT MEETING	
	The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 August 2022 at 9.30am Assembly Room Town Hall.