



PARISH OF GROUVILLE



Minutes	
<u>Minutes of the Parish Rates Assembly</u> <u>Held at Grouville Parish Hall on</u> <u>Thursday, 25 September 2025 at 19:00</u>	
PRESENT	<p>Connétable Mark Labey – Chairman Eric Gavey – Roads Committee Member</p> <p>Patricia da Silva – Parish Secretary and Minutes</p>
Open Meeting	<p>The Connétable opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance. The Connétable pointed out the fire exits at the Parish Hall and informed that the meeting will be recorded for the purpose of accurate minute taking. The Connétable reminded the Assembly that the minutes written are a summary of the meeting proceedings and do not represent a verbatim record.</p> <p>The Connétable advised that votes taken this evening will be by a show of hands.</p> <p>The Connétable invited the Parish Secretary to read out the Convening Notice.</p>
Apologies	<p>Apologies were received from the following:</p> <p>Deputy Steve Luce, Les Norman, Norma Norman, Mark Dawson, Maggie Esson, Mark Houze and Jo Thorpe, Neil Wade, Helen Gunton and David Cummins.</p>
1. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Assembly held 04 September 2025	<p>The Connétable explained due to last minute queries made today, amendments were made to the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 04 September 2025:</p> <p>Changes were made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 2, page 3, second to last paragraph Item 6, paragraph 7 – the word “abominable” was added. <p>Caroline Anderson spoke on behalf of Rod Amy, who could not attend this evening and expressed Rod Amy’s objection to the minutes.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 04 September 2025 were proposed by Stanley Payn and seconded by Andrew Koester. The Assembly voted and the minutes were approved by the majority.</p>
2. To approve the proposed speed limit amendments to Grouville Parish owned roads and to allow the Connétable to submit to the Government his recommended speed limits for government-owned roads	<p>The Connétable explained that the Government of Jersey have confirmed a speed limit review will be undertaken for the Parish of Grouville before the end of 2025, alongside the Parish of St Martin. The Roads Committee are due to meet with the Infrastructure and Environment (I&E) Department in October 2025, however, the Connétable emphasised that the final decision ultimately lies with the I&E Department. The Connétable said he will keep parishioners updated as best as he can.</p> <p>The Connétable referred to the list of proposed speed limit changes and highlighted that La Rue du Boulivot and La Rue de La Marais a La Cocque were omitted. The Connétable added these two roads to his proposal, with La Rue du Boulivot to be changed to 30mph and La Rue de La Marais a La Cocque to 20mph.</p>

The Connétable announced that the Roads Committee made a decision to recommend that the maximum speed in the Parish of Grouville is 30mph.

The Connétable invited questions and comments from the floor.

Filippo Rizzuto commented that changing the Parish wide speed limit to a maximum of 30mph is a good starting point, however proposed that La Route des Cotils is changed to 20mph from Grouville Church to La Rue Malo. This is due to the number of pedestrians and the increased risk during autumn and winter, when darker afternoons reduce visibility. This proposal was seconded by Peter Hargreaves.

The Connétable advised La Route des Cotils is a Government owned road and the Roads Committee have requested previously that the speed limit is reduced to Minister for Infrastructure, however this was declined.

Deputy Carolyn Labey requested to amend Filippo Rizzuto's original proposal to reduce the entirety of La Route des Cotils to 20mph. This was seconded by Filippo Rizzuto. The Assembly voted by a show of hands and the amendment was approved by the majority, with only 4 votes against.

Peter Le Maistre referred to La Rue a Don and commented that it is not necessary to reduce its speed limit, as there are existing measures in place to support drivers in managing their speed and the roads are wide enough with pavements for pedestrians. Peter le Maistre proposed that no further speed changes are made on the entirety of La Rue a Don. The Connétable advised from the Millennium Cross at the top of the hill, the road name changes to La Mont du Val a La Give back to La Rue a Don. Peter Le Maistre confirmed his proposal is to include La Mont du Val a La Give. This was seconded by Charles Pinel. The Assembly voted by a show of hands and the proposal was approved by the majority, with only 7 votes against.

Denis De Gruchy proposed to extend the speed limit of 20mph from Links Court to Verona Stores, due to the existing variation in speed limits when driving from La Rue a Don, into La Rue de La Ville es Renauds and La Grande Route des Sablons. This was seconded by Peter Hargreaves. The Assembly voted by a show of hands with 16 in favour and 10 against.

Peter Hargreaves proposed that all Parish roads have a maximum speed of 20mph, as almost all roads within the Parish are narrow and have dangerous bends. Charles Pinel disagreed and expressed that whilst 20mph may be justified in certain areas, drivers will find it difficult to keep to 20mph when travelling through the Parish. It was noted that speed limits indicate the maximum allowable speed, not a target to aim for. Deputy Carolyn Labey seconded Peter Hargreave's proposal. The Assembly voted by a show of hands with 6 in favour and 28 against.

Anne Hargreaves proposed that due to the high volume of traffic, pedestrians, cyclists and blind bends, the speed limit should be reduced to 20mph from the top of La Rue Horman to Le Chemin des Maltieres and La Rue du Moulin be Bas to Le Catillon. This was seconded by Wendy Durell.

Andrew Koester commented that 20mph is too low and 30mph would be sufficient for those proposed roads.

Peter le Maistre expressed that reducing speed limits affects businesses considerably and is something that is often overlooked during speed reviews. Filippo Rizutto supported Peter le Maistre's comment and advised there a many roads in the Parish that are wide enough, which should be left at 40mph. Charles Pinel added it is less environmentally friendly for vehicles to travel at low speeds. Tania Bearryman disagreed with some points and advised due to the nature of roads in Jersey and the size of the island, motorists don't travel hundreds of miles like in the UK and therefore businesses won't be affected significantly.

The Assembly voted for Anne Hargreave's proposal by a show of hands with 16 in favour and 18 against.

Caroline Anderson advised La Rue au Long has a high volume of traffic and pedestrians due to visitors frequenting Holme Grown and Jersey Hospice Care Charity Shop. Caroline Anderson proposed the speed limit is reduced further to 20mph on La Rue au Long up to St Peter la Rocque. This was seconded by Filippo Rizutto. The Assembly voted by a show of hands and the proposal was rejected by the majority, with only 8 votes in favour.

Simon Perchard proposed that the one-way section on Le Vier Mont from La Rue a Don to Le Chemin du Radier is reduced to 15mph as the area is used often by pedestrians and cyclists. This was seconded by Filippo Rizutto. The Assembly voted by a show of hands and the proposal was approved by the majority.

Peter Hargreaves proposed to reduce the speed limit at the bottom half of Le Vier Mont from La Rue a Don to junction at Le Chemin du Radier to 15mph. This was seconded by Peter Le Maistre. The Assembly voted by a show of hands and the proposal was approved by the majority, with only 1 vote against.

Denis de Gruchy referred to the painted red pavements and proposed that La Rue de La Haye du Puits is reduced to 15mph to make the area safer. This was seconded by Deputy Carolyn Labey. Eric Gavey commented the Roads Committee have sought to maintain consistent speed limits on certain roads in order to reduce signage costs. The Assembly voted by a show of hands with 23 in favour and 4 against.

Denis de Gruchy proposed a reduction of La Sente des Fonds to 15mph, highlighting the risks associated with its double twist bend and motorists speeding in the area. The proposal was seconded by Peter Hargreaves.

Peter le Maistre commented that a 20mph limit would be sufficient and expressed his objection as 15mph roads are for areas that provide access to fields or properties. Eric Gavey endorsed Peter Le Maistre's comments. Denis de Gruchy said he has witnessed motorists speeding along La Sente des Fonds. In response, Eric Gavey replied that motorists who choose to exceed the speed limit are likely to continue to do so regardless of any reductions made. The Assembly voted for Denis de Gruchy's proposal by a show of hands with 4 in favour and 31 against.

Roger Russ commented on the danger of vehicles pulling out on the bend on La Grande Route des Sablons by La Rocque and proposed that from Rue de la Lourderie to La Rue du Pont is made 20mph. This was seconded by Peter Hargreaves. Charles Pinel acknowledged the danger, but suggested exploring alternative solutions, such as the installation of a roadside mirror. The Assembly voted by a show of hands and the proposal was rejected by the majority, with only 2 votes in favour.

Phill Burton queried why the Roads Committee have chosen to reduce La Charriere au Long to 30mph only as it is a very narrow lane. The Connétable replied that the Roads Committee have chosen to reduce La Charriere au Long to 30mph to ensure consistency with the surrounding roads. Phill Burton proposed La Charriere au Long is reduced further to 15mph. This was seconded by Peter le Maistre.

Hamish Scott asked how this proposition would affect vehicle access to the slipway. The Connétable explained vehicles would have to adhere to the 15mph limit. However, some confusion was raised regarding the legality of public access to the slipway by car if the road was reduced to 15mph. The Assembly voted for the proposal by a show of hands with 8 in favour and 16 against.

Roger Russ referred to Phill Burton's rejected proposal and proposed that La Charriere au Long is reduced to 20mph instead. The Assembly voted by a show of hands and the proposal was approved by the majority.

Ian Gray proposed both Le Petit Bourg and Les Huriaux to be reduced to 15mph. This was seconded by Andrew Koester. The Assembly voted by a

	<p>show of hands and the proposal was approved by the majority, with only 1 vote against.</p> <p>Peter Hargreaves proposed that La Rue de Grouville is reduced to 20mph. This was seconded by Denis de Gruchy. The Assembly voted by a show of hands and the proposal was rejected by the majority, with only 4 votes in favour.</p> <p>Philip Le Maistre commented on road signage and remarked on the fact that the Parish of Grouville only owns a few metres of the road on La Rue Laurens. The Connétable said he will look into the matter.</p> <p>Peter Hargreaves proposed that La Rue du Puits Mahaut be reduced to 20mph. This was seconded by Denis de Gruchy. Peter Le Maistre commented that the road is wide enough and only three properties are in the area. The Assembly voted by a show of hands and the proposal was rejected by the majority, with only 2 votes in favour.</p> <p>Peter Hargreaves noted his appreciation for the Roads Committee's plan to propose a maximum 30mph speed limit throughout the Parish.</p> <p>Hamish Scott inquired if cyclists have to adhere to speed limits. Drew Livingston, Grouville's Chef de Police responded that he does not believe cyclists are required to adhere to speed limits.</p> <p>Deputy Carolyn Labey suggested that a map with the approved proposed speed amendments is made available to parishioners, and for the Connétable to coordinate with neighbouring parishes regarding the review of speed limits. The Connétable said he will do so.</p> <p>Neil Sawyer proposed that La Rue Jutize is reduced to 15mph, as the surrounding roads have been proposed at 15mph. This was seconded by Liz Viney. The Assembly voted by a show of hands and the proposal was approved by the majority, with only 6 votes against.</p> <p>Charles Pinel queried both the anticipated timescale for the speed limit review and the associated costs. The Connétable explained the process may take some time, providing that the I&E Department approve the proposed changes.</p> <p>Charles Pinel referred to a previous Parish Assembly regarding the reduction of speed limits and asked if those approved roads have been included in this evening's proposal. The Connétable said the roads have been included, but with a further reduction in speed.</p> <p>Deputy Rose Binet noted the Roads Committee's intention to reduce the speed limit on Princes Tower Road to 30mph, however highlighted that motorists may become confused by the differing speed limits as portions of it fall within both the Parish of Grouville and St Saviour. The Connétable assured he will speak to the Parish of St Saviour.</p> <p>No further questions and comments were raised from the floor.</p> <p>The Connétable asked for a proposer and seconder to approve the submission of the proposed speed limit amendments, including those agreed upon at this evening's assembly, for both Parish and Government owned roads, to the Government of Jersey's I&E Department.</p> <p>Caroline Anderson proposed and Tracy Laurent seconded. The Assembly voted by a show of hands with 36 in favour and 0 against.</p> <p>Peter le Maistre requested that the minutes of this Assembly are made available before the Roads Committee approach the I&E Department. The Connétable said the minutes will be published and will include a map.</p>
3. Meeting Closed	The Connétable closed the meeting at 20:24.