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## SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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**MINUTES** of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Monday, 6 March 2017 from 5.30 - 6.54 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Cameron Beart, June Garrad, Bryan Mulhern, Prescott, Ghlin Whelan and Mike Whiting (Vice-Chairman).

Kent County Councillors Mike Baldock, Bowles (Chairman), Adrian Crowther, Harrison and Roger Truelove.

Kent Association of Local Councils: Councillors Dave Austin, Peter Macdonald and Richard Palmer.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Alan Blackburn, Philippa Davies and Mike Knowles.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Andy Booth, Tina Booth, James Hunt, George Samuel and David Simmons.

**APOLOGIES:** Kent County Councillor Tom Gates and Councillor Ken Pugh.

### 1224 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman drew attention to the evacuation procedure.

### 1225 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 December 2016 (Minute Nos. 1075 – 1089) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 1226 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

### 1227 PUBLIC SESSION

Councillor George Samuel presented a petition on behalf of local residents which sought support to provide Tunstall School with a pedestrian crossing. Councillor Samuel reported that the school had been open for a year. He explained that the parking and drop-off facilities at the school were very good, but the lack of a pedestrian crossing presented danger to pedestrians on a daily basis. A high volume of commuter traffic past by the school, and there was often confusion at the crossing points, which were not pedestrian crossings, where one vehicle from one direction, stopped to allow pedestrians to cross, but the traffic coming from the other direction did not always stop. Councillor Samuel explained that the school was not yet at full capacity, so the problem would get worse. Over the past five years there had been five separate incidents on Tunstall Road, with some near misses as well. He reported that the petition had 278 signatures and he highlighted the importance of having formal pedestrian crossings at this location.

The Chairman accepted the petition and advised that a report would be written and submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

Councillor James Hunt presented a petition on behalf of local residents which sought support to introduce a 20mph restriction on all roads within The Meads, Sittingbourne. Councillor Hunt reported that 481 signatures had been received, and he explained that speeding vehicles were a concern on the estate. He considered that as there were only two entrances to the estate, the 20mph restriction would be easy to implement.

The Chairman accepted the petition and advised that a report would be written and submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

Kent County Councillor Roger Truelove presented a petition on behalf of local residents which sought support to address the problems caused by non-permit holders parking on Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne. He explained that as the road was so near to the town centre, cars were often parked there by visitors to the town centre, which meant that residents were unable to park. There were 34 signatures on the petition.

The Chairman accepted the petition and advised that a report would be written and submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

### **Part One - Recommendations for Kent County Council's Cabinet**

#### **1228 A REQUEST FROM EASTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLING A ONE-WAY SYSTEM IN THE UPPER SECTION OF CHURCH ROAD, EASTCHURCH**

The Chairman welcomed the representatives from Eastchurch Parish Council to the meeting.

Parish Councillor Mike Brown explained that Eastchurch Parish Council requested that investigation be made to the possibility of installing a one-way system on the upper section of Church Road, Eastchurch. Mr Brown provided a background to the problems, caused by Church Road being largely residential, with a lack of driveways and footpaths. He explained that at the top of Church Road, there was a four-way junction, and vehicles constantly abused the parking restrictions. Mr Brown reported that the Parish Council had petitioned the Police, and the Council, to impose enforcement of the parking restrictions, but this reverted back to the issue, once the period of enforcement presence had ended. He explained that the problems increased during the holiday period when caravans passed through the village, and he also highlighted the potential problem of inaccessibility for emergency services.

Mr Brown proposed that Church Road be re-designated into a one-way road with traffic flowing southbound. He explained that local residents had been consulted and were in favour of the one-way system, and he advised that the Parish Council was happy to fund the scheme.

Members made comments which included: congratulated the Parish Council on the work they had carried-out; supported the proposals, as residents supported it and the Parish Council were happy to fund the scheme; Kent County Council (KCC) Highways & Transportation would need to look into it further to ensure the scheme was safe; the upper section of Church Road as two-way was 'laughable', one-way was more realistic; local residents knew what was best; and this was a necessary scheme.

**Recommended:**

**(1) That KCC supports the proposals set-out by Eastchurch Parish Council for the re-designation of Church Road, Eastchurch, as a one-way road, and note that the Parish Council was happy to fund the scheme.**

**1229 A REQUEST FROM MINSTER-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE SPEED LIMIT ON SCOCLES ROAD, MINSTER**

Parish Councillor Peter MacDonald, representing Minster-on-Sea Parish Council, spoke on the request from the Parish Council to reduce the speed limit to 30mph along the entire Scocles Road in Minster.

Mr MacDonald explained that half of Scocles Road had 30mph restriction, whilst the other half was 60mph. He acknowledged that this had been more acceptable in the past, but considered as there was now more housing there, that the entire length of the road should be 30mph. Mr MacDonald reported that the Police supported the Parish Council on this matter, and advised that only one additional sign was required. He stated that the road was not designed to be an artery road, and he requested that the JTB supported the scheme and suggested to KCC that they looked at the matter again.

Members made comments which included: if KCC cannot attend site meetings, the local Member was happy to attend; new roads were being opened-up along Scocles Road and this made the road very dangerous; this was the right thing to do; would the Parish Council consider funding the scheme?; the appropriate speed limit should be implemented; and the whole length of the road should be classed as built-up, with 30mph speed limit.

**Recommended:**

**(1) That KCC supports the proposals set-out by Minster-on-Sea Parish Council to reduce the remaining part of Scocles Road, Minster from 60mph to 30mph, so that the entire length of road has a 30mph speed limit.**

**Part Two - Items for Noting**

**1230 HIGHWAY WORKS PROGRAMME**

The Board considered the report which provided an update on the identified schemes approved for construction in 2016/17.

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A Member agreed to speak outside of the meeting on the progress of gully-clearing.

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SW/2045 – Mill Way, Sittingbourne

A Member requested more information, and site plans, on the work that would be carried out in the vicinity of the railway station.

SW/3037 – Stickfast Lane, Iwade

The District Manager agreed to look further into the potentially dangerous trenches/indents on the road caused by lorries going to the extraction works.

SW/003025 – Sheppey Way, Iwade

A Member commented that the work had been going on for some time.

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SW/003035 – Staplehurst Road, Sittingbourne

A Member sought clarification on the road closure and work start dates. The District Manager confirmed that an update would be sent to the KCC Member, the Chairman and the Ward Member.

SW/003050 – Love Lane/Graveney Road, Faversham

The Chairman requested a copy of the initial design submission.

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A2/A251 junction

The Chairman requested that an update report be submitted to the next JTB meeting.

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Bobbing Village School

A Member reported that some of the markings on the road outside the school had already worn away.

**Resolved:**

**(1) That the report be noted.**

**1231 PROGRESS UPDATE REPORT**

Members considered the report which gave an update on the progress made regarding various schemes in the Borough.

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218/09/14 – Lower Road Junction with Barton Hill Drive, Isle of Sheppey

Members requested an update on this as soon as possible.

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1079/12/16 – Update on the 20's Plenty for Faversham Working Group

The District Manager agreed to look into this further and provide Members with a further update.

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1083/12/16 – Update on the Progress of the Swale Freight Transport Plan

The Chairman drew Members' attention to the tabled paper which outlined Swale Borough Council's (SBC) response to the Freight Action Plan for Kent Consultation.

Members made the following comments and suggested amendments to the consultation response:

- That the Swale Freight Management Plan be included as an appendix;
- Acknowledge mention of managing the routing of HGVs so they remain on the strategic road network, and not on minor lanes, but hauliers should be encouraged to use SATNAVs designed for HGVs;
- Lorry parking – massive investment in Dover is a nonsense; better to invest in locations where the HGVs need to be;
- Overnight lorry parking – effective enforcement was required for this to be effective.

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1084/12/16 – A2 Teynham Speed Limit Petition Response

Members agreed that a further update be reported to the next JTB meeting.

**Resolved:**

**(1) That the report be noted.**

Chairman

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