

---

## Swale Joint Transportation Board

---

**MINUTES** of the virtual Meeting held on Monday, 30 June 2025 from 5.30 pm - 5.59 pm.

**PRESENT:**

**SWALE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:** Alastair Gould, Peter MacDonald, Karen Watson and Mike Whiting.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCILLORS:** Antony Hook, Isabella Kemp, Chris Palmer and Richard Palmer (Vice-Chair).

**KENT ASSOCIATION of LOCAL COUNCILS:** James Morrison (Parish Councillor) and Julian Saunders (Parish Councillor).

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Daniel Cannon-Skeet, Martyn Cassell, Mike Knowles and Philippa Richardson.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Simon Clark, Maxwell Harrison, Rich Lehmann and Jeff Tutt.

113 **Vice-Chair in the Chair**

Kent County Councillor Richard Palmer (Vice-Chair) took the chair for this meeting and would be referred to as 'Chair' for the remainder of these minutes.

114 **Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Councillor Simon Clark was confirmed as Chair and Kent Councillor Richard Palmer as Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2025 – 2026.

115 **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

This was not necessary as the meeting was held remotely due to the extreme high temperature.

116 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 March 2025 (Minute Nos. 698 – 709) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

117 **Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

118 **Public Session**

There were no registered speakers.

119 **Update Report - Proposed Double Yellow Lines, Park Road, Faversham**

The Seafront & Engineering Manager introduced the report as set out in the agenda papers.

Kent County Councillor Antony Hook thanked the Seafront & Engineering Manager for the report and considered the advice from Kent Fire and Rescue Service had been clear and unambiguous.

***Resolved:***

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

**120 An update from Kent County Council on their Grovehurst works on the A249**

The Swale Highway Manager said he would circulate the update report to members of the Swale Joint Transportation Board (JTB).

**121 Highways Work Programme**

The Swale Highway Manager introduced the report and asked that any questions be forwarded to him.

Councillor Mike Whiting sought clarification as to why many of the projects were programmed for 2026 – 27, not this year, and he hoped projects would progress more quickly. The Swale Highway Manager confirmed that he would respond to Councillor Whiting, and the rest of the Swale JTB.

Councillor Peter MacDonald asked that the dualling of the road between Barton Hill Drive and Cowstead Corner, Minster be included within the programme. The Swale Highways Manager confirmed that he would respond to Councillor MacDonald, and the rest of the Swale JTB.

***Resolved:***

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

**122 Progress Update Report**

Councillor Mike Whiting requested an update on Minute No. 337/10/23 LCWIP – Rural Highways Review – Borden & Grove Park Ward. The Seafront & Engineering Manager agreed to look into this and provide an update at the next meeting.

Kent County Councillor Antony Hook spoke on Minute No. 705/03/25 Parking in Faversham Town Centre and said that Faversham Town Council were in favour of double yellow lines in the vicinity of the Guildhall and had understood that this was what was going to be implemented. The Seafront & Engineering Manager confirmed that a Traffic Regulation Order had been drafted for the re-instatement of double yellow lines in this location. This would then go out for consultation and be reported back to the JTB in October 2025.

Councillor Mike Whiting requested that rail freight be considered by the JTB at a future meeting. The Chair said that Councillor Simon Clark, following an earlier request for a rail freight agenda item, was going to write to the relevant organisations. The Swale Highways Manager said he would contact Councillor Clark for an update.

***Resolved:******(1) That the report be noted.*****123 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Swale JTB would be on Monday 6 October 2025 at 5.30 pm.

Chair

Copies of this document are available on the Council website <http://www.swale.gov.uk/dso/>. If you would like hard copies or alternative versions (i.e. large print, audio, different language) we will do our best to accommodate your request please contact Swale Borough Council at Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or telephone the Customer Service Centre 01795 417850.

All minutes are draft until agreed at the next meeting of the Committee/Panel