
Swale Joint Transportation Board

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Monday, 6 October 2025 from 5.30 pm - 6.27 pm.

SWALE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS: Simon Clark (Chair), Peter MacDonald, Karen Watson and Mike Whiting.

KENT COUNTY COUNCILLORS: Maxwell Harrison and Richard Palmer (Vice-Chair).

KENT ASSOCIATION of LOCAL COUNCILS: Julian Saunders (Parish Councillor).

PRESENT (VIRTUALLY): Councillor Paul Stephen.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mike Knowles and Kellie MacKenzie.

OFFICERS PRESENT (VIRTUALLY): Daniel Cannon-Skeet, Barry Stiff and Sophia Taylor.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE (VIRTUALLY): Councillors Carole Jackson, Tony Winckless and Dolley Wooster.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Alastair Gould, Rich Lehmann and Chris Palmer.

371 **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

The Chair outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

372 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 June 2025 (Minute Nos. 113 – 123) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

373 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

374 **Public Session**

There were no registered speakers.

375 **Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order - Swale Amendment 16 2025**

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

Parish Councillor Julian Saunders proposed the recommendation, and this was seconded by Kent County Council (KCC) Councillor Richard Palmer.

Recommended:

- (1) *That the disabled Persons' parking bays in Cambridge Road, Faversham, Alexandra Road, Sheerness and Ospringe Road, Faversham be formalised as proposed in the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).***

376 Formal Objections to TRO - Swale Amendment 17 2025 - Belmont Road, Faversham

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

In response to a question, the Seafront & Engineering Manager outlined the reasons for delaying the scheme, as set out in the report.

Councillor Mike Whiting moved the following motion: That the proposed extension of the Faversham Residents' Parking scheme be progressed as per the advertised . This was seconded by KCC Councillor Palmer.

Parish Councillor Saunders spoke against the motion and considered that the officer recommendation to delay the scheme to allow formal consultation with residents of the adjoining Kingsnorth Road, Faversham was sensible. Discussion ensued and the proposer and seconder of the original motion, agreed to withdraw it. .

Parish Councillor Saunders proposed the recommendation in the report, and this was seconded by KCC Councillor Palmer.

Recommended:

(1) That the proposed extension of the Faversham Residents' Parking Scheme be progressed as per the advertised TRO, but be delayed to allow formal consultation in the adjoining Kingsnorth Road, Faversham for possible implementation of the Scheme in both roads at the same time.

377 Petition and Informal Consultation Results - Request for Residents' Parking Scheme - Kingsnorth Road, Faversham

The Seafront & Engineering Manager introduced the report as set out in the agenda papers. He reported that following publication of the report a further response had been received supporting the proposal.

Parish Councillor Saunders proposed the recommendation, and this was seconded by Councillor Karen Watson.

Recommended:

(1) That the petition and the results of the recent informal consultation with residents be noted, and a TRO be drafted to include Kingsnorth Road in the Faversham Residents' Parking Scheme.

378 Formal Objections to TRO - Swale Amendment 19 2025

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

Councillor Dolley Wooster, speaking on behalf of Sheerness Town Council, supported the TRO and thanked Swale Borough Council (SBC) for their work in the area and on

the Shingle Bank.

The Chair invited Members to make comments which included:

- Fully supported the proposals;
- aware that the KCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport had approved the 30mph speed limit scheme for Marine Parade, Sheerness;
- considered that displaced parking at the Shingle Bank was unlikely as it was free to park there during the day; and
- the concrete bollards at the Shingle Bank needed to be looked at as currently it was difficult for camper vans to negotiate.

In response, the Seafront & Engineering Manager agreed to ask colleagues in the Parking Services team to review the positioning of the concrete bollards at the Shingle Bank.

KCC Councillor Maxwell Harrison proposed recommendations (1) and (2), and these were seconded by Councillor Peter MacDonald.

KCC Councillor Harrison proposed recommendation (3), and this was seconded by Councillor Whiting.

Recommended:

- (1) That the proposed double yellow lines in Shellness Road, Leysdown, be progressed as detailed in the advertised Traffic Regulation Order.***
- (2) That the proposed amendments to the seasonal double yellow lines in Shellness Road, Leysdown, be progressed as detailed in the advertised Traffic Regulation Order.***
- (3) That the proposed double yellow lines in Marine Parade, Sheerness, be removed from the Traffic Regulation Order following comments received from Kent County Council, and the parking situation be monitored.***

379 Formal Objections to TRO - Swale Amendment 21 2025 - Proposed Reinstatement of Double Yellow Lines, Faversham Town Centre

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

The Chair invited Members to make comments, and these included:

- The scheme should be progressed as it would improve parking in the area;
- the objection from the business was covered in paragraph 3.2 of the report; and
- could look to provide a loading bay in the future.

Councillor Whiting moved the following motion: That the double yellow lines in Faversham Town Centre be progressed as detailed in the advertised TRO. This was seconded by Councillor Watson.

Recommended:

(1) That the double yellow lines in Faversham Town Centre are progressed as detailed in the advertised TRO.

380 Highways Work Programme

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

In response to a request from Councillor Whiting, the Swale Highway Manager agreed to include the speed reduction measures for Marine Parade, Sheerness in Appendix D of the Highways Work Programme.

Resolved:

(1) That the report be noted.

381 Progress Update Report - including updates on Grovehurst Road junction Sittingbourne and Key Street junction Sittingbourne

The Senior Assistant Project Manager, KCC gave a verbal update on the Grovehurst Road junction works, Sittingbourne. She reported that officers were working closely with the contractors to minimise the impact of the works. Members would be notified in advance of further road closures, which were expected.

The Senior Assistant Project Manager, KCC gave a verbal update on the improvements to the A249 Key Street junction, Sittingbourne. She reported that to allow for the new slip road from the Chestnut Street roundabout to be constructed, the southern-bound entry slip road to the Key Street roundabout would be closed from Monday 27 October 2025 until 5 December 2025. A diversion would be via the Bobbing junction. The Senior Assistant Project Manager advised that the improvements were currently on target for completion in February 2026. Members were asked to contact her if they wished to be added to the contractors mailing list to receive updates.

In response to a query from the Chair, the Senior Assistant Project Manager (KCC) advised that she was aware of concerns about the location of a lamppost at Grovehurst Road. She said that the area was congested with existing drainage and utility services, however the lamppost had not been connected, and officers were liaising with the contractors to find a more suitable location.

The Chair invited comments from Members and points raised included:

- Concerned that the signage provided on the Grovehurst Road junction works were not adequate and the site was difficult and dangerous to navigate. Also making it unsafe for the contractors;
- the contractor for the Grovehurst Road junction works was not communicating with local parish councils;
- navigating the Grovehurst Road junction works at night was particularly hazardous;
- please could the cones on the A249 to the Isle of Sheppey be removed? Work on the slip roads to the Grovehurst Road junction had been completed;

- hoped that the signage for the diversions at Key Street would be from the old A249; and
- a reminder for road closure notifications to be advertised as soon as possible.

In response, the Senior Major Capital Programme Manager agreed to liaise with the Grovehurst Road contractor about improving the signage to ensure it was safe and appropriate. The Senior Assistant Project Manager added that the Traffic Management Plan for the Grovehurst Road junction would be reviewed.

The Chair thanked the officers for the updates.

Resolved:

(1) That the update report and verbal updates be noted.

382 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Swale Joint Transportation Board would be Monday 8 December 2025 at 5.30 pm.

Chair

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