

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MINUTES

Monday, 3rd March, 2025

Present: County Cllr H Rayner (Chair), Cllr M A Coffin (Vice-Chair), Cllr R I B Cannon, Cllr A Cope, Cllr D A S Davis, Cllr F A Hoskins, Cllr D Thornewell, County Cllr M Hood, County Cllr S Hudson, County Cllr A Kennedy and County Cllr P Stepto

Councillor M A Coffin took the Chair for the duration of the meeting.

In attendance: Councillors R P Betts, R W Dalton, W E Palmer*, M R Rhodes*, R V Roud and M Taylor*

(*participated via MS Teams)

Mrs S Barker, Mrs S Butterfill and Mr Peter Leach were also present on behalf of the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Crisp, who participated via MS Teams in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 15.21, and County Cllr Mrs T Dean and County Cllr Mrs S Hohler.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

JTB 25/1 NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute members.

JTB 25/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

JTB 25/3 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held on 2 December 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**JTB 25/4 PARKING UPDATE REPORT**

(Decision D250015MEM)

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided an update on the progress of the current Phase (Phase 15), the larger area Parking Reviews and Phase 14 of the Parking Action Plan.

Local Members for Blue Bell Hill had approached the Council in relation to Common Road, requesting that the parking restrictions installed following consultation and concerns raised at the time regarding displaced parking, be removed due to the adverse impact that the restrictions were having on local residents.

It was noted that the current double yellow lines were defined from one junction to the next, and their removal would mean that the double yellow lines close to the junctions would also need to be removed or be unenforceable. To remove the double yellow lines, a revision to the current arrangements could be promoted to delete the double yellow lines that were over and above those that previously existed and, if required, re-instate the single yellow lines and white access protection markings. Due to external factors, and that consultation had previously been undertaken, agreement could be sought from the elected Members for the area. Members requested that a report to remove the restrictions installed at Common Road be presented to the next meeting of the Joint Transportation Board.

Concern was raised regarding the proposal to install double yellow lines on Upper Green Road, Shipbourne due to the negative impact the restrictions would have on local businesses, however Members supported double yellow lines on the corners to ensure visibility.

In terms of the Hildenborough Parking Review, the formal consultation stage had been completed, and the consultation responses and objections would be reported to the next meeting. Members noted that the proposed restrictions were not intended to apply at school pick up or drop off, with the exception of those restrictions on the junctions.

RECOMMENDED*: That

- (1) the request to review the restrictions installed at Common Road, Blue Bell Hill be considered following a request from Local Members; and
- (2) the current progress and approach to the Parking Team's work programme, be noted.

Decision taken by Cabinet Member*MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION****JTB 25/5 HIGHWAYS FORWARD WORKS PROGRAMME: 2024/25 AND 2025/26**

The report of the Kent County Highways, Transportation and Waste summarised schemes programmed for delivery in 2024/25 and 2025/26. The report provided an update on Road, Footway and Cycleway Renewal and Preservation Schemes (Appendix A), Drainage Repairs and Improvements (Appendix B), Street Lighting (Appendix C), Transportation and Safety Schemes (Appendix D), Developer Funding Works (Appendix E), Bridge Works (Appendix F), Traffic Systems (Appendix G), Combined Members Grant (Appendix H) and Road Markings (Appendix I).

Members were provided further details on the resurfacing works on Rochester Road between Bridgewood Roundabout and County Boundary, and at the junction of Higham Lane and Hadlow Road and an update was sought on the drainage works on Maidstone Road which had been delayed due to emergency works having taken place.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE**JTB 25/6 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm

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