



## Gravesham Joint Transportation Board

Members of the **Gravesham Joint Transportation Board** of **Gravesham Borough Council** are summoned to attend a meeting to be held Virtually on **Wednesday, 2 December 2020 at 7.30 pm** when the business specified in the following agenda is proposed to be transacted. Details on how Members can attend the meeting will be sent separately.

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S Walsh  
Service Manager (Communities)

### Agenda

#### Part A

#### Items likely to be considered in Public

1. Apologies
2. To sign the minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 7 - 14)
3. Declarations of Interest
4. To consider whether any items in Part A of the agenda should be considered in private or those (if any) in Part B in public
5. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

**Minute 124. Corner Protection (Yellow Lines) at the junction of Cob Drive and Forge Lane - Requested by Cllr Bob Lane**

An update was received from Cllr Bob Lane; the informal consultation carried out by Shorne Parish Council received 24 responses (23 in Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend Kent DA12 1AU

favour, one neutral, none opposed). On 30th May 2020 KCC wrote to confirm that they will now proceed with the TRO request and formal Consultation process.

The Parking Services Manager informed Members that the matter had been progressed and KCC were due to start the formal consultation in the next 2-3 weeks..

With the agreement of the Chair, Cllr Leslie Hills asked that yellow lines be added to the junctions on Havisham Road, Chalk Road, Vicarage Lane and Lower Higham Road.

Cllr Leslie Hills advised that he had already spoken about funding with his KCC Councillor for Chalk, Cllr Alan Ridgers, but he was already in the process of funding a speed test in Lower Higham Road which would commence once Covid-19 was over.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) noted the requests and agreed to provide an update at the next Committee meeting.

Cllr Bryan Sweetland advised that he was still waiting for the extension of the yellow lines at the junction of Northumberland Road and Brookside Road in Istead Rise.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) advised that the action was with the contractors and he agreed to provide Cllr Bryan Sweetland with a date for when that would be completed.

**Minute 127. The Hill, Northfleet - Speeding issues and Accidents - Requested by Cllr Peter Scollard**

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) advised that he had no update concerning the Hill as Emma Green, the Schemes and Planning Manager had recently left her position at Kent Highways. The team had been looking at increasing the lining and signage along the Hill though and the District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) explained to the Chair that the automatic traffic counts carried out monitoring of the level of traffic in the area and took speed surveys to see what times of the day were busiest which then informed the team of trends/patterns.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) promised to come back to the Committee with an answer of when the traffic count surveys would be completed.

**Minute 147. Highways Works Programme 2019/20 onwards (Information only)**

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) agreed to inquire about the proposed cycle lane between Meopham and Istead Rise and provide an update to the Committee.

**Minute 148. Any Other Business which by reason of special circumstances the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency**

Whitehill Traffic Issues – raised by Cllr Tony Rana

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) assured Cllr Tony Rana that a site visit would be arranged in line with Government guidance of a group less than six people; with regards to the statistics they went directly to Cllr Marsh but he would attain them for the Committee.

### **159. Gravesham Highway Forward Works Programme - 2019/20 onwards**

The Committee were provided with the Gravesham Highway Forward Works Programme – 2019/20 which provided Members with an update on the identified schemes approved for construction.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) highlighted key points from various sections within the report.

#### Machine Resurfacing

Cllr Lauren Sullivan requested an update on the provision of the three roads that were highlighted by Members that needed urgent servicing especially St Marks Avenue and Haynes Road.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) advised that the three roads were submitted to the unfunded list of works; authorisation to spend had not been given yet and the team were waiting on a Council meeting to find out what was happening to the budget for that list and where it would be allocated.

#### Externally Funded Schemes

Cllr Bryan Sweetland further added that three Councillors put their names towards the proposed cycle path down the A227 and improving access for cyclists at the roundabout which received full backing from Cyclo Park.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) advised that it was Tim Reeds team who made the decision but he would find out if the proposed cycle path had been included.

Cllr John Burden advised that when the budget came forward, all Boroughs and Districts were asked by KCC to put forward roads that needed short term and long term work or they would lose any potential funding. GBC put forward the east/west and north/south cycle/foot path connections which would have linked the Town Centre to Cyclo Park and Meopham to Istead Rise.

The District Manager – Gravesham (KCC) agreed to look into the second tranche of funding for projects and report back to the Committee.

#### Old Road East

There was an unresolved issue brought by Mrs Pannell about speeding vehicles in old road east, the Chair had previously offered to pay for speed checks and requested an update.

6. Recommendations for decision by Kent County Council

None.

7. Recommendations for decisions by the Council

None.

8. Reports from Officers

- a) Formal Consultation for the remaining Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ's) in the Borough (Pages 15 - 24)

The attached Notices were submitted to the previous Gravesham Joint Transportation Board on 09 September 2020.

The purpose of this item is to update the Board on the outcome of the Formal Consultation and seek the Boards approval to implement the changes as per the Notice of Intentions.

- b) Local Winter Service Plan (Pages 25 - 26)

- c) Highway Forward Works Programme - 2019/20 onwards (Pages 27 - 48)

9. Issues raised by Councillors with the approval of the Chair

- a) Speed Limits and Traffic Calming in The Ridgeway, Shorne - Request by Cllr Bob Lane

At a previous meeting of Gravesham Joint Transportation Board on 14 March 2018, it was **Resolved** that the Board unanimously endorse the petition to KCC to implement traffic calming and extended 30 mph speed limits in The Ridgeway and Pear Tree Lane and note the work that has already begun."

It has been nearly 3 years since the petition was submitted to KCC. KCC has agreed to extend the existing 30mph limit in Pear Tree Lane to the traffic lights at the A226, and this is welcomed, but they have now refused to extend the 30mph limit in The Ridgeway by 225 metres to where it meets Brewers Road. This means that a high proportion of traffic is still travelling over the speed limit when it enters the built-up village environment, which has no footpaths. This is demonstrated by the constant activation of the interactive speed sign, and borne out by the results of Speedwatch sessions carried out at this location.

Cllr Lane has requested that the Board reaffirm its endorsement of the petition, and to request KCC to reconsider its decision not to extend the 30mph speed limit in The Ridgeway.

- b) Petition - Hamerton Road and Station Road - Request by Cllr Lauren Sullivan

A petition was submitted to the Council on Thursday, 12 November 2020; the petitioned stated:

*We, the undersigned, petition the Council to: Amend the traffic regulation order to make Hamerton and Station Road one-way traffic, in the direction of Station Road entrance and exit via Hamerton Road, Northfleet.*

*This is due to the increased traffic on these roads and the lack of available passing spaces leading to anti-social behaviour and damage to parked vehicles.*

Due to GDPR, the petition has not been published with the agenda but it gathered 92 signatures.

The lead petitioner will be given three minutes to address the Board and discuss his petition.

c) Petition - Covid-19 Road Closures Riverside Ward - Request by Cllr Alan Ridgers (Pages 49 - 52)

A petition was submitted to the Council on Sunday, 22 November 2020; the petitioned stated:

*We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders at Gravesham Borough Council and Kent County Council to act now on our behalf as we are **against** the plan to prohibit through traffic on part of Albion Terrace & Norfolk Road, Gravesend in place from Monday, 21 September 2020 for 18 months. We, the local residents, are **against** this action due to the inconvenience to all local residents, making parking very difficult & causing extreme difficulty to those who have to serve the vulnerable, disabled & elderly residents in the area. We hereby ask with this petition that the scheme be removed entirely.*

Due to GDPR, the petition has not been published with the agenda but it gathered 184 signatures.

The lead petitioner has submitted written representation which is attached at Appendix Two to the report.

10. Any Other Business which by reason of special circumstances the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

11. Exclusion

To move, if required, that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from any items included in Part B of the agenda because it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted that if members of the public are present during those items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**Members**

County Councillor Alan Michael Ridgers (Chair)  
Cllr Peter Scollard (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: Brian Francis

Leslie Hills  
Nirmal Khabra  
Bob Lane  
John Burden  
Diane Marsh (KCC)  
Bryan Sweetland (KCC)  
Lauren Sullivan (KCC)

Substitutes: To be notified