

## SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2017 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. London (Chairman)

County Cllr. Chard (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Clack, Edwards-Winsor, Esler, Layland and Williamson

County Cllrs. Brazier, Horwood and Lake

Parish Cllr. Parry

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllrs. Crabtree and Gough

Cllrs. C. Barnes, J. Barnes, Canet and Eyre were also present.

JOHN MORRISON

The Chairman advised Members of the sad passing of John Morrison who had regularly attended meetings and had been a member of the Cycling Strategy Working Group representing the Sevenoaks Cycle Forum.

### 12. Minutes

The Chairman advised that Parish Councillor Parry should have been marked as present.

Councillor Clack requested an amendment to the minutes as he did not believe the second paragraph of Minute 6 accurately reflected the email that had been read out in the previous meeting in his absence.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2017, be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the following amendments

- a) Parish Councillor Parry being marked as present; and
- b) all wording after the words 'which asked for' on the first line of the second paragraph of Minute 6 being deleted and replaced with 'the consultation to continue as planned, but that if it were decided to put off the consultation until after the holistic review, that any recommendation to scrap the consultation for Argyle and Gordon be postponed until December 2017.

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### 13. Declarations of interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

### 14. Matters Arising/Update (Including Actions from Previous Meetings)

There were no matters arising.

### 15. Applications for Disabled Persons' (Blue Badge) Parking Bays

The Parking Engineer presented the report which reported on applications received and consideration of informal consultations to proposed disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bays. Members attention was drawn to the supplementary agenda with amended recommendations.

Resolved: That

- a) it be noted that the 4 applications for disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bays detailed in Appendix 1 to the report would proceed no further as they did not meet Kent County Council's assessment criteria; and
- b) it be noted that the application for a disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bay at Church Road, West Kingsdown detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, had met Kent County Council's assessment criteria and had been the subject of an informal consultation with no objections received; and
- c) the application for (b) above, be approved and an interim disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bay be marked.

### 16. Parking in Goldsel Road, Swanley

The Parking Engineer presented a report which had been submitted in response to the local community raising concerns with their local County Councillor with regards to parking in Goldsel Road, Swanley.

The Chairman exercised his discretion and allowed a local resident to address the Board. The resident stated that there were safety concerns with a parking bay adjacent to the junction of High Firs/ Goldsel Road. He stated that although one bay had been removed, there was still not enough visibility at the junction. The Board was informed that a van was frequently parked in the first bay, which reduced the already poor visibility further and adjacent to the junction was a bus stop, which provided another obstacle for drivers. Residents were also concerned by vehicles travelling at high speeds. He stated that the average speed of vehicles was recorded at 36.9mph and a top speed was recorded at 37.88mph. There was a primary school in the area and as a result the safety concerns and congestion were increased during peak times at this particular point of the road. There was one interactive sign installed as a traffic calming measure, but the local County Councillor had requested another. White lines were also placed as a traffic calming

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measure but had faded. He concluded that residents would like another bay to be taken away to alleviate some of the congestion and risk to safety.

County Councillor Horwood tabled [pictures of the junction](#) taken from Google Maps and explained that these were taken from a higher perspective, so were not completely representative and did not fully show the inclination of the road. He stated that he understood that there were minimum requirements to be adhered to when Officers considered where bays were placed and that they had to be a certain distance from a junction. However, he believed Goldsel Road should be considered as a special circumstance, ideally with two bays removed. He further advised that Kent Highway Services (KHS) had confirmed that the white lines would be repainted by the end of summer 2017.

Members discussed the height at which the photograph had been taken and concluded that the distance between the junction and the first bay should be looked at to gain a better perspective and that it be considered whether one or two bays should be removed. It was discussed that the accident record was low and KCC advised that a website called CrashMap highlighted the number of accidents in a given area, but it was noted that not all minor accidents were reported to the Police and therefore would not be shown on the website.

The Chairman exercised his discretion and allowed Councillor C. Barnes to address the board. She stated that she lived in Goldsel Road and expressed her own personal concerns and those of residents that she had received concerning the safety of the road.

Resolved: That

- a) the parking issue in Goldsel Road, Swanley raised by the local community via their local County Councillor be noted; and
- b) KCC and SDC Officers investigate the issue raised, and report their findings back to a future meeting

### 17. Sevenoaks Highway Works Programme

Members' considered a report which gave an update on the identified schemes approved for construction in 2016/17. In response to questions, the Mid Kent Highway Manager (KCC) stated that the resurfacing at Morley's Roundabout scheme was still to be programmed.

A Member commented on the resurfacing of Worship Hill in Appendix A, expressing that she thought the whole road needed to be resurfaced and not just the section between Cold Arbor Road and Cranmer Road. In response to the comment, the Mid Kent Highway Manager (KCC) said that she would advise the Member when the rest of the road was scheduled to be resurfaced.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

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18. Notes of the Cycling Strategy Working Group

Members discussed and noted the action notes from the meeting of the working group held on 13 July 2017.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.44 PM

CHAIRMAN