

Folkestone and Hythe Joint Transportation Board

Held at:	Remote meeting
Date	Monday, 22 November 2021
Present	Councillors Miss Susan Carey, David Godfrey (Vice-Chair), Tony Hills (Chairman), Frank Hobbs, Rory Love, Terence Mullard, Andy Weatherhead and John Wing
Apologies for Absence	Councillor Peter Gane
Officers Present:	Kate Clark (Case Officer - Committee Services), Ellen Joyce (Democratic Services Trainee) and Paul Thompson (District Highways Engineer)
Others Present:	James Bowen (Interim Folkestone and Hythe District Manager, KCC) and Wendy Boorman (Schemes Programme Manager, KCC)

12. Declarations of interest

None to declare.

13. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record. The Chairman's signature will be added to these.

Cllr Rory Love raised a procedural question regarding how long the meetings will be remaining online.

Chairman deferred to Mrs Kate Clark, Case Officer (Committee Services), Mrs Clark explained that there were no plans as yet to return to physical meetings as the Joint Transportation Board is not a formal committee so can remain online. Not likely to be reviewed until the Annual Council meeting in May, at which point reference could be made to the Chief Executive.

14. Proposed Parking Restrictions

Report JTB/21/03 was a report by the FHDC Highway Engineer.

The Chairman went through the report and asked members for their comments on each section. Comments and questions raised as follows:

Campbell Road, Hawkinge: members welcomed the change but queried the size of the area having a ban when there is already limited parking available and would like officers to explain size and reasoning?

Paul Thompson, Transportation Specialist, explained due to resident email regarding grass verge and driveways, cars are parking over the highway and footpath causing residents to have to walk in road or on grass verges.

Member queried could letters not just be sent to residents to stop nuisance parking.

Mr Thompson advised that it is going out for consultation with residents and that the only way parking could be enforced is with restrictions.

Prospect Road, Hythe: members welcomed the decision, thanked FHDC and Mr Thompson for speed in adding to agenda.

15. **Highway Works Programme 2021/22**

Report JTB/21/04 updated members on the identified schemes approved for construction.

The Chairman went through the report and asked members for their comments on each section. Comments and questions raised as follows:

A member raised an issue regarding the spelling of some road names within the report and did not feel members should have to highlight inaccuracies, James Bowen from KCC advised he was aware of inaccuracies and apologised. This issue had been raised with staff who build report.

Alkham Valley Road (Road Asset Renewal Schemes) – a member hoped a solution could be found for issues here as situation still not great.

Bluehouse Lane (Surface Dressing) – Mr Bowen advised that an update had been received today that drainage issue has been addressed and will be added to resurfacing calendar in the next financial year.

Harden Lane (Appendix B) – Chairman was happy to see these issues are to be investigated.

Street Lighting (Appendix C) – Mr Bowen advised dates are incorrect for works programs to be completed and should read February 2022.

Member also raised that ward names are out of date in report.

Black Bull Road j/w Linden Crescent (Appendix D) – member thanked KCC for steps taken forward with work on Black Bull Road.

Cinque Ports Cycle Route Phase 3 (Appendix D) – Wendy Boorman from KCC advised she was not aware of funding being available for the Cinque Ports Cycle Route Phase 3 so the report may be incorrect.

Cinque Ports Cycle Route Phase 5 – Nikoll's Road to Dymchurch Redoubt (Appendix D) – members wanted to clarify that there would be no obstacles to Phase 5.

Ms Boorman explained that Phase 5 works have started this week and only last part of this phase awaiting MOD to finalise on land being made available.

Chairman requested that he and other local members be updated on developments prior to next JTB. Ms Boorman agreed and would update accordingly.

Active Travel cycle route Cheriton to Folkestone Central (Appendix D) – members wanted to thank KCC officers for attending the public meeting in Cheriton and explaining the plans. They looked forward to the outcome of the consultation as many did take part and also queried whether a petition had been received or not.

Ms Boorman agreed that public meeting was well attended and that the team are currently analysing all comments which is why the consultation results was taking time. Residents' views will be taken on board. Confirmed petition has been received and will check with Democratic Services at KCC if it will be actioned and will update.

Externally Funded Schemes - Councillor Weatherhead mentioned the Scanlons Bridge junction improvements and Dymchurch 'zebra crossing' scheme outside the Tesco Metro. He and local residents were very pleased to see these proposals and looked forward to positive updates.

Cheriton High Street/ Cheriton Approach (Appendix E) – a member raised a question regarding the bus shelter on Cheriton High Street and if it is back in position outside Tesco? Also queried the pedestrian crossing and why it will not be completed until June as crossing is dangerous and confusing for residents.

Mr Bowen advised he will find out about the bus shelter and update. Agreed the traffic light button on the pedestrian crossing is an issue and will provide an update.

A259 Former Sands Motel Site (Appendix E) – a member asked if the works for the site is ever going forward. Mr Bowen will find out and update.

Royal Military Ave (Appendix E) – a member raised need for footway lighting between Royal Military Avenue and North Road.

Hook Wall (Appendix F) – a member asked for clarification on delay to works. Mr Bowen to raise with the Structure Team and update.

Tanners Hill, Saltwood (Appendix H) – members thanked officers for work getting Tanners Hill Scheme in place.

HE282 – Tolsford Hill (Appendix I) – A member welcomed the footpath on Tolsford Hill and asked will there be measures to stop vehicle traffic. It was advised that it is a byway so no measures can be introduced.

16. **Local Winter Service Plan**

Report JTB/21/05 - Folkestone and Hythe Local Winter Service Plan 2021/22.

The Chairman went through the report and asked members for their comments on each section. Comments and questions raised as follows:

Members raised that the gritting map was unreadable and not available on the website. Members noticed that some of the appendices to the report were missing and this is because they are for internal use only and contain personal contact information. Mr Bowen noted these comments and will update the relevant teams to ensure the reports are clear and concise.

Members commented on the salt bins at Whitehorse Hill and Spitfire Way and wanted assurance they will be filled ahead of weather changes. Mr Bowen advised all 46 bins have been filled with salt, however bins are only topped up once under 50% full.

Members also raised ideas for following government guidance for clearing snow and that we should encourage residents to help with clearance as part of being in the community.

A member highlighted the need for a joint map of yellow and blue salt bins so all bins can be viewed but explained that blue bins are under care of town councils.

Appendix 3 – Salt Bin Locations. The ward names need revision as some are out of date. Mr Bowen will refer back to the report authors.

The Chairman raised his concern about Kerton Road at Lydd on Sea remaining unsalted during the winter, although he states it is a regularly used shortcut to and from the Dungeness Power Station. He did mention that the private road to the Power Station is salted and did not understand why Kerton Road could not be included in the salting schedule. Mr Bowen will update accordingly.

17. **Any Other Business**

A member asked if there was any update on the bus driver availability situation, and had also heard of a possible strike in the district. The Chairman asked for an email to be sent to Stagecoach for an update. This will be arranged by an FHDC officer.