



Shepway Joint Transportation Board

Held at:	Boulogne Room - Civic Centre Folkestone
Date	Monday, 4 July 2016
Present	Hod Birkby, Miss Susan Carey, Malcolm Dearden (Chairman), Peter Gane, Frank Hobbs, Frank Mckenna, Robert Neaves, Mrs Susan Wallace and Martin Whybrow,
Apologies for Absence	County Councillor Mrs Carole Waters
Officers Present:	Anna Taylor, KCC Committee Officer, Pauline Rockett, KCC and Richard Smith, KCC
Others Present:	

25. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

26. **Minutes**

Councillor Miss Susan Carey spoke on behalf of County Councillor Mrs Carole Waters and informed that at the meeting held on 29 February 2016 Mrs Waters had raised an objection to the "lego blocks" at Hammonds Corner and her request to have them removed as soon as possible. The minutes of the meeting of 29 February would be amended to reflect Mrs Water's objection.

Resolved: Subject to the amendment above the minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2016 were submitted, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

27. **Highways Works Programme 2016/17**

Report JTB/16/01 updates Members on the identified schemes approved for construction in 2016/17.

Board members raised a number of issues as follows:

- Footway protection treatment on Sandling Toad – members were informed that it was hoped that this work would take place during October half term.
- Pond clearance and treatment of Japanese Knotweed in Canterbury Road, Hawkinge – these works were now complete and members were informed that the Japanese Knotweed had been disposed of in accordance with regulations and that a report would be brought back to the board at the next meeting with details of the cost of clearance and disposal.
- ‘Lego blocks’ at Hammonds Corner – these have now been removed and views were being sought from Lympne Town Council. County Councillor Mrs Waters has been advised of this progress.
- Scanlon’s Bridge junction with Dymchurch Road – a report would come forward to the board on progress to the work on Scanlon’s Bridge junction with Dymchurch Road.

RESOLVED:

1. **To the Highway Works Programme 2016/17.**
2. **That a report be brought to the next meeting of the board in respect of the cost of clearing and disposing of the Japanese Knotweed.**
3. **That a report be brought to the board in respect of progress to the work on Scanlon’s Bridge junction.**

28. **Nickolls Quarry (Martello Lakes) Off-Site Highway Works - Proposed Traffic Calming Scheme - Aldington Road And Lympne Hill, Lympne And West Hythe Road, Hythe**

Report JTB/16/02 gives details of the proposed traffic calming measures to be introduced in Aldington Road, Lympne Hill and West Hythe Road under a s.278 agreement.

The Chairman agreed that Mr Bryer, a resident of Lympne Hill be allowed to speak for a maximum of five minutes on this item.

Mr Richard Smith, KCC introduced the report setting out the proposed traffic calming measures to be introduced in Aldington Road, Lympne and West Hythe Road under a s.278 agreement. Mr Smith explained that the draft plans had been consulted on and had been amended in light of the consultation. Since the paper had been drafted one further consultation response had been received so in total 115 responses (out of 600) had been received, 13 objections, 92 in support and 10 were unsure. The plan marked P11 showed the updated proposal.

Mr Bryer, local resident explained to members that he supported the plans, he was a resident on Lympne Hill and the traffic had increased greatly in recent years, and the proposed scheme would help with the speed of the traffic.

Mr Bryer proposed that the 30mph limit should be moved up Lympne Hill slightly and by doing so traffic would have a chance to see the signs which could be obscured by overhanging branches.

Mr Bryer suggested that Kent Police's comments referred to the wider area and that his proposal related to the houses at the top of Lympne Hill.

Mr Bryer asked that members accept the recommendations as set out in the report with his minor amendment.

In response to above, Mr Smith explained that the response from Kent Police was based on the joining up of the two 30mph zones. He was conscious of the desire to progress the scheme and suggested that if members were minded to approve the recommendations that further works could be carried out on the amendment suggested by Mr Bryer.

Members paid particular attention to the following:

- Councillor Miss Carey explained that there was no desire to hold the scheme up but that members did wish to hear from local residents and if possible make the amendments to the scheme to improve safety around their home and to improve their quality of life.
- Members raised concerns about traffic only slowing down once they had passed the 30mph sign and the increased safety if the sign was moved further up Lympne Hill.
- Mr Whybrow expressed his view that there was merit in the proposed scheme, the part of Lympne Hill referred to by Mr Bryer was very narrow and he had received correspondence about the width of that section. However it was important not to delay the whole scheme.
- Mr Hobbs supported the 30mph sign being moved further up Lympne Hill and considered that this would provide more protection for those living in this area.
- It was noted that the speed limit on Aldington Road was not changing.

Members discussed the enforcing of the speed restrictions, and there were requests for more emphasis from the police on speeding and dangerous driving. Members were happy for the proposal, which was well supported by local people, to go ahead. The consultation process was congratulated; it had been thorough and had the support of the Parish Council.

It was suggested that members agree the scheme, allowing the developer to progress and then more work could be undertaken on the section discussed by Mr Bryer. The developer was bound to complete the scheme by the time the 30th property was occupied. Currently the show home was being completed.

Proposed by Councillor Miss Susan Carey
Seconded by Councillor Peter Gane and

RESOLVED:

- 1. To receive and note Report JTB/16/02.**
- 2. That the amended scheme is implemented as set out in section 3.0 of the report.**
- 2. That officers be asked to review Mr Bryer's proposals with the developers to determine whether they could be worked into the scheme.**
- 3. That officers report back to the next meeting of the board.**