

## MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

3 June 2026 at 7:30pm

The Guildhall

### Present:

Cllr B Martin (Chair)	Present	Cllr Perkin	Apology
Cllr Saunders (Vice Chair)	Present	Cllr A Hook (KCC)	Present
Cllr Cook	Apology	Michelle Anderson (SBC)	Apology
Cllr Gibson	Present	Chris Oswald-Jones	Present
Cllr Rowlands	Apology	Tim Stonor	Apology
Cllr T Martin	Present	Adrian Oliver (KCC)	Apology

### In attendance:

Rob Gibbs (Office Manager)

### Public Questions

Residents of Ospringe Street and surrounding area attended the meeting to gain support for their campaign for the speed limit in Ospringe Street to be reduced to 20mph. The Committee confirmed its support for the campaign referencing its Highway Improvement Plan that includes 20mph for Ospringe Street and Water Lane. Cllr Hook agreed to arrange a meeting with Jennie Watson (KCC Community Engagement Team Leader (East)) to raise the issue again highlighting the public support.

### 282. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Cook, Cllr Perkin, Cllr Rowlands, Michelle Anderson, Tim Stonor, and Adrian Oliver.

### 283. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gibson – DNPI as Governor of Ospringe C of E Primary School

### 284. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Extraordinary Active Travel Committee dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

**Decision:** Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were accepted.

**Decision:** Minutes of the Extraordinary Active Travel Committee dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were accepted.

## **285. Committee Terms of Reference**

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to update the Committee Terms of Reference as follows:**

***In paragraph 2:***

***Original: The Committee's prime aim is to promote sustainable transport and active travel including cycling and walking.***

***New: The Committee's prime aim is to promote sustainable transport and active travel including cycling, walking, and wheeling.***

***In paragraph 3:***

***Original: To oversee the town wide 20mph scheme and actively look at opportunities to create a self-enforcing area.***

***New: To oversee the town wide 20mph scheme and actively look at opportunities to create a self-enforcing area and expand boundaries.***

***In paragraph 5:***

***Original: To work with neighbouring parishes, Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council to promote the Eastern Area Committee funded parish to town cycling and walking project.***

***New: To work with neighbouring parishes, Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council to promote the parish to town cycling and walking project.***

**Decision:** The amended Committee TOR were accepted.

## **286. Committee Priorities, Projects and Budgets 2026/27**

Cllr Saunders provided a summary of his report on Committee Priorities, Projects and Budgets 2026/27.

There was a £5,000 allocation for mobility and safety project work (dropped kerbs and lighting improvements). Cllr Saunders felt the funding would be best spent on survey work in order to consult with KCC on lighting improvements. A final list of dropped kerbs was awaited. Cllr Perkin had already completed some work on this.

The discussion widened to future development sites. It was felt that where housing schemes came forward, especially on sites where walking links were weak, the Committee should press for infrastructure that improved pedestrian movement as part of the development itself. Improvements might be delivered more effectively through planning obligations than through Committee budgets.

Rob Gibbs advised he was in dialogue with Jean Molloy (KCC Community & Concessionary Transport Senior Officer) regarding a future bid for a further Community Transport grant.

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the report.**

**Action:** RG to seek list of dropped kerbs from Cllr Perkin. A full proposal for allocating the Mobility and Safety Project funding to come forward to the next meeting.

**Decision:** The Report on Committee Priorities, Projects and Budgets 2026/27 was accepted.

#### **287. Ospringe Street and Water Lane, Ospringe - 20mph Extension**

It was agreed that Cllr Hook would request a meeting with Jennie Watson (KCC Community Engagement Team Leader (East)) then review item 6 in the Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) at the next meeting.

**Action:** Cllr Hook to request a meeting with Jennie Watson.

**Action:** Item 6 in the HIP to be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### **288. A2 London Road Pedestrian Crossing Consultation Meeting (7th July)**

Cllr Saunders referred to Jennie Watson's request via email to form a Working Group. It was agreed to request that Active Travel Committee members including Adrian Berendt, Chris Oswald-Jones, and Tim Stonor; Watling Ward Councillors, representatives from Abbey School, its Multi Academy Trust, and Ethelbert Road School should be invited. The Committee felt this would provide community knowledge and technical support. It would be important for participants to adopt a constructive tone.

Rob Gibbs agreed to feedback the suggestions to Jennie Watson.

**Action:** RG to feedback to Jennie Watson and to liaise with JW over invitations to the meeting.

## **289. Project Updates**

### **a) Highway Improvement Plan**

Adrian Berendt was working on a revised HIP; it is scheduled to have a discussion on the HIP at the next meeting in July.

### **b) 20mph Compliance**

A feedback report had been emailed to those who had responded to the consultation by email and Rob Gibbs was to hand deliver printed copies to residents in Cambridge, Athelstan, Ethelbert, Upper St Ann's, and Canute Roads. Because of potential developments around Canute Road linked to an A2 crossing it was proposed that Cambridge Road should be the first road to have a consultation meeting.

**Action: RG to deliver reports.**

**Action: A consultation meeting to be set up for Cambridge Road.**

### **c) North South Walking Route**

There was nothing further to report.

### **d) Faversham Bus Users' Forum**

Rob Gibbs provided an update. The date of 16<sup>th</sup> July was agreed for the inaugural meeting, which Cllr Saunders would chair. Rob Gibbs would invite all those who had expressed an interest in the Bus Users' Survey.

**Action: Inaugural meeting of the FBU Forum to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July at The Guildhall.**

## **290. Faversham LCWIP**

There were no additions to discuss.

## **291. Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service**

Rob Gibbs provided a verbal update. There were sufficient volunteers available to provide the Saturday service on the FH2 route. The relevant paperwork had been submitted to KCC before submission to the Traffic Commissioner. Considering the relevant notice periods, it was hoped that 15<sup>th</sup> August would be the first Saturday service.

Rob Gibbs had spoken to Jean Molloy (KCC Community & Concessionary Transport Senior Officer) about the handover process for the minibus that had been offered for donation. KCC were to inspect the minibus and advise on whether it would be handed over with a new MOT or not. Once the date for collection was known, the insurance would be able to be arranged.

The Hopper was due to feature in the next edition of the Faversham Firework newspaper (due to be published in July). Adrian Wills, one of the volunteers had been commissioned to write an article and the article focused on how the Hopper helped with social inclusion.

**292. Abbey School/Perry Court Footpath ZF18 Upgrade**

A brief discussion was held but details of the extent and date of upgrade had not been provided by KCC at the time of the meeting.

**293. Section 106 List**

The following items were agreed as the Committee's contribution to the Section 106 List requested by the Planning Committee:

- Faversham LCWIP detailed all the interventions sought.
- Contributions for the expansion of the Faversham Hopper including funding for additional bus(es), paid drivers, commuter services.
- Street trees on new developments.
- New primary school in the east of town.
- Car share scheme (larger developments).
- Gaps in pedestrian pavements such as on Love Lane.
- Access routes whether old or new to be brought up to KCC adoptable standard.
- Bus stops.

**Action: RG to provide list to Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk).**

**294. Active Travel Month**

Rob Gibbs provided a verbal update. A stand had been setup in the exhibition space at the Town Hall detailing the walks and cycling events during Active Travel Month. Various groups including Boots on Adventures, Birdwise, Faversham History Walks, Faversham Footpath Group, and Dad Space, had put on walks, which had been well attended. The Rotary Club Family Bike Ride had been held and well attended. The Scalextric bikes would be at Faversham Market on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Rob Gibbs advised that Claire Elliott and he were trying to establish from Swale BC whether the Eco Fair at Faversham Recreation Ground would go ahead on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026. This would include the Swale Cycle Recycle scheme and it was agreed this was important as it would be the only time Faversham would have access to the Scheme this year.

**295. Matters for Report**

None.

The meeting finished at 9:30pm.