

MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

1 July 2026 at 7:30pm

The Guildhall

Present: Cllr B Martin (Chair), Cllr Saunders (Vice Chair), Cllr Cook, Cllr T Martin, Cllr Perkin, Cllr A Hook (KCC), C Oswald-Jones, T Stonor, A Oliver (KCC)

Apologies: Cllr Gibson, Cllr Rowlands, M Anderson (SBC)

In attendance: R Gibbs (Office Manager)

Public Questions:

Graham Peter referred to Ospringe Action Group's presentation of a petition to seek the lowering of the speed limit in Ospringe Street and Water Lane to 20mph to the recent Swale Joint Transportation Board and sought the advice of the Committee on the next steps.

Cllr Saunders suggested that the Town Council representatives and the KCC member write to the Chair of the JTB to request the issue be added to the agenda. Cllr Hook said that he would raise next steps with the relevant KCC link officer. Cllr B Martin said that his understanding was that a petition of this scale had to be discussed by the JTB.

A general discussion followed on physical interventions to the road layout to slow traffic.

296. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Gibson, Cllr Rowlands, M Anderson (SBC) and A Berendt.

297. Declarations of Interest

None.

298. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 3rd June 2026.***

The Office Manager advised that he had started advertising the Faversham Bus Users' Forum meeting on 16th July and to date 18 people had confirmed their attendance. The meeting had been advertised on the Town Council website and social media channels, and it was agreed it should be advertised in the GP surgeries.

The Office Manager advised the Swale BC Eco Fair at The Recreation Ground on 21st June had been cancelled and it was hoped this would now take place in September.

There was no update available about footpath ZF18, which had been discussed at the previous meeting.

299. KCC Funding Offer

The correspondence from SBC and the summary report was received and noted.

There was general agreement that in terms of the capital works projects proposed by KCC a crossing at North Lane was the priority item.

A Oliver advised designs for junctions where capital works were planned would be presented at the KCC consultation meeting on an A2 pedestrian crossing, with Jennie Watson, at The Guildhall on Tuesday 7th July 2026.

It was agreed that there was further clarification required, regarding the Bysing Wood/ West Faversham Feasibility Study, that KCC was making £35,000 available for and which would be managed by the Town Council, before a decision on whether to use KCC's Framework or to manage a tender process is taken. The extent of involvement from SBC needed to be clarified.

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to set up a working group consisting of Cllr B Martin, Cllr Saunders, A Oliver, T Stonor, and Cllr Hook with the intention of clarifying details and timescales, developing a specification, and making a recommendation regarding whether to use KCC's Framework.***

The Office Manager agreed to contact Cllr Gibson and Cllr Rowlands to see if they wanted to be included in the Working Group.

300. Highway Improvement Plan

A revised Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) intervention list was received for comment from the Committee. Cllr Saunders explained that Adrian Berendt had revised the list since the previous revision in 2025, taking account of developments in funding and referencing that KCC was likely only to be able to fund small development through the HIP. He also noted that following discussions with Jennie Watson (KCC) it had been agreed that the LCWIP would be included as an Appendix.

It was agreed that once a revised HIP document had been prepared, the annual HIP review should be set up. It was also agreed to seek clarification from Jennie Watson (KCC) about the flexibility she could work with in terms of ordering priorities.

301. Ospringe Street and Water Lane, Ospringe – 20mph Extension

The relevant item in the Highway Improvement Plan (currently item 6 and titled "Ospringe Street") was reviewed.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr B Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to amend item 6 by removing note 2:***

Install new white gates including village name plate on Water Lane and Ospringe Street at 20mph extents.

The new notes order as follows:

- 1. 20mph speed limit with clear gateways on Ospringe Street, from the junction with Sheerways to the junction with Ashford Road and on Water Lane to the junction with Mutton Lane.***
- 2. Reduce pedestrian wait times on pelican crossing near Water Lane.***
- 3. Consider other traffic calming measures when the impact of the above are seen.***

302. Project Plan for Mobility and Safety Project

A report was received and noted.

It was proposed by Cllr B Martin, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to take up Cllr Perkin's offer to review relevant reports on mobility and safety (including the Town Council funded 2022 report by Dr Blackburn) before making decisions on allocating the project funding available for this work at the September meeting.***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the list of proposed dropped kerbs in the report should be included in the HIP and that it should be clarified with Jennie Watson, what KCC could fund.***

It was agreed the addition of a dropped kerb at Preston Street by the alley next to Moonlight Café which connected Preston Street with Newton Place Surgery was a priority.

303. Faversham LCWIP

There were no additions required.

304. Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service

The Office Manager provided the following report:

- The Saturday service on FH2 had been signed off by KCC and had been submitted to the Traffic Commissioner.
- A volunteers' get-together was held on 17th June where volunteers had a photo taken with their Mayor of Swale's Civic Award and the volunteers received their 2026 volunteer badges.
- KCC had yet to confirm a handover date for the additional minibus, however the vehicle would receive a new MOT and have its livery removed, which would save some cost.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr B Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting by 30 minutes so that the remaining business on the agenda could be completed.***

305. Matters for Report

- Extension of speed cushions in a Westward direction in Lower Road – it was agreed that this could be a potential intervention for the KCC funded feasibility study.

The meeting closed at 9:34pm.