

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7th December 2022

Present: Cllr. R. Ball – Chair, Cllr G Herbert,
Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown – Vice-Chair, Cllr P French,
Cllr N Clare Cllr G Randall
Sarah Poole - Locum Clerk
Borough Cllrs Cllr J Hunt and Cllr R Clarke arrived 20.09

3 Parishioners in attendance

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Borough and County Councillors due to their Full Council meeting, this evening. No apologies received from Cllr. Major.

2. **Visitors/Public Time**

a. **Parishioners**

Mr Miller came to talk about 22/505001/FULL planning application, he explained that he would like to bring the barn property back to being used as a home for his family for generations to come.

2. **County and Borough Councillors**

Cllr C Woodford sent a report in:

Enforcement Update

8 Bobbing Hill – Officers have confirmed that all the advert signs have now been removed.

Cost of Living Support can be found on the facebook page dated 7th December 2022:
<https://www.facebook.com/BobbingPC>

3. **Community Warden/PCSO**

- a. Community Warden – no report received.
- b. PCSO – no report received.

4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. R Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr G Herbert, the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held 2nd November 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. **Declarations of Interest** – none received.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes and Last Month's Meeting**

Nothing arising.

6. **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllr G Randall thanked for the donation of £200.00.

Cllr G Herbert, has reported some flooding from the Demelza estate, which has been caused by remodelling the topsoil, and placing it behind 48-60 with a large mound, with the rain we have had this has now caused a lot of damage, as it has now washed away into a Parishioner garden up to their back door, the Parishioner had just had landscaping done, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. This is not the first time this has happened it is a repeat of what happened 20 years ago. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Baldock to ask if the planners check.

Cllr G Herbert reported that 4 vehicle accident happened on Friday evening at the top of the road Keycol Hill, he asked about the possibility of getting a speed indicator device, this will be put into the HIP that is being produced. Cllr G Herbert reported it is not helped by the glossy boards that have been put up as the vehicle headlights are then dazzling drivers and are a hazard making it look like there are more vehicle's than they are, the previous wooden boards were fine. The Clerk will write to Cllr Baldock.

7. **Correspondence**

a. A letter has been received from MP Gordon Henderson as well the Acting Chief Constable of North Kent, regarding the PCSO's.

b. The current air quality action plan ends in December, and Swale are planning how they will continue to improve air quality in your area from 2023 to 2028. To have your say, visit <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/e0wqu9>, and complete the online survey to take part in the consultation. If you would like an alternative format, or need technical help, email us at ehadmin@midkent.gov.uk.

8. **Planning Applications**

a. Planning Application Procedure. It was discussed in great length about a Planning committee, as Swale do not like extending our comments due by, as this causes issues in terms of time frame for all parties. The Clerk was asked to write to Mike Baldock asking his thoughts on this matter.

b. 22/505001/FULL PROPOSAL: Conversion and reinstatement of an agricultural building to a single dwelling house, including alterations and rebuilding works.

ADDRESS: Nethertoes Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8QP

Comments: We do not have any objections to this development.

c. 22/505020/FULL PROPOSAL: Erection of a single storey rear extension and alterations to glazing on side elevation.

ADDRESS: 10 Keycol Hill Bobbing Kent ME9 8ND

Comments: No objections

d. 22/505026/FULL Proposal: Erection of a two storey pitched roof side extension, including link to garage.

ADDRESS: 7 Cinnabar Drive Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5LA

Comments: It is out of character, it is a large extension for the plot and we do have concerns along with the neighbours, this will also impact on parking, as this reduces the parking on the plot.

e. 22/505076/OUT PROPOSAL: Outline application for the erection of up to 42no. residential dwellings, including open space, drainage, infrastructure and other associated works (Access being sought).

ADDRESS: Land At Pheasant Farm Bramblefield Lane West Of Iwade Bypass Sittingbourne Kent

Comments: The Parish Council would like further information and to see further plans, but are concerned with the comments that the statutory bodies have already made, this is also in the Countryside Gap.

f. PROPOSAL: Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for a mixed used development comprising up to 2,500 dwellings, a 4.99ha commercial employment zone including doctors surgery, a 4.2ha sports hub, primary school, community facilities, local retail provision, public open space, children's play areas and associated parking, servicing, utilities, footpath and cycle links, drainage, ground and other infrastructure.

ADDRESS: Land To The West Of Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8QL

APPLICATION TYPE: Large Maj Dwellings

COMMENTS DUE BY: 30 December 2022

Comments: Full details are published on the portal. But the Parish Council fully object to this proposal.

9. Finance

a. Accounts and Cheques raised

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
05.12.22	BACS	Gala Lights	Christmas Lights	£8,820.00
11.11.22	BACS	Waller Building Glazing	Village Hall Extension	£3,148.34
07.12.22	BACS	Gareth Randall	Sleigh Run	£200.00
07.12.22	BACS	SLCC Locum Clerk	Salary and Fees	£1,917.00
07.12.22	BACS	S Poole – Expenses	Milk, Millage	£52.30

01.12.22	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	9 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£54.58
01.12.22	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99

Proposed by Cllr G Herbert and seconded by Cllr R Morgan-Brown. Cllrs Ball and Morgan-Brown to log into Unity Bank to authorise the payments. **Action: Cllrs Ball/Morgan-Brown.**

b. 6 monthly report and discuss Precept for 2023/2024

The Clerk produced the following after a meeting with Cllr R Ball, Cllr R Morgan-Brown and Cllr G Herbert, it is shows the amount that has been spent within the last 6 months and what was requested for this year's precept, it also shows what is proposed for next year's precept, and this includes a 10% increase for inflation. It also includes the clerk's salary increase which will be discussed in 8.c, along with the pension contribution.

It was felt that the precept should remain the same this year and spend some of the reserves if needed.

It was also discussed about opening up separate accounts for renewals and repairs so this would be easily demonstrated to the external audit that these funds were ring fenced for future works.

It was also discussed that Bobbing is still the lowest precept in the borough and this should be looked at carefully next year as the Council could pass some of the costs onto the Parish Council. The Borough Council is unable to put there precept up by more than 2.99% each year, which the Parish Council must be aware of as a cap could be placed in future for Parish Councils, as at the moment the Parish Councils do not have a cap to put the precepts up.

Cllr G Herbert has also mentioned that the Parish Council may have to budget for legal professional fees to fight against this proposed development for a new village, as currently we do not have this.

It was proposed that the Parish Council asks for a precept of £18,980.00 this was proposed by Cllr R Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr P French.

c. Clerks Back pay and Pay scale Review

A discussion was had regarding the review of the Clerk's payscale, she will be increased from point 12 to pay scale point 20, which is in line with Iwade Parish Council as she is also an employee there, and the clerk will also study CILCA to become a fully qualified Clerk. This will also include a pension which the Parish Council will pay 5% and the employee will pay 3% of their earning, this will be with

NEST pension which is set up with the Government. It was proposed by Cllr P French and seconded by Cllr R Ball.

11. **Reports from Representatives**

KALC Area Committee: There has been no meeting since the last meeting, the next meeting is Tuesday 13th December.

Western Area Committee: Cllr G Randall was unable to attend, but Cllr J Hunt said there is nothing to report.

Swale West Parishes Meeting: There has been no meeting since the last meeting and the next one is in January date to be advised.

Community Woodland Group: Cllr P French had a meeting today, with Swale Officers (Open Spaces Manager and Tree Officer) regarding the trees and which ones will need coppicing, they identified Oak Trees which are too close to each other which will need to be looked at urgently, Ash die back, also looking at hallowing as the trees are too compacted, this is to create trees around trees. Cllr J Hunt advised that the Community Incorporated Organisation so it can be registered as a Charity and request grants funding, we will be looking for people to get involved with working parties in the new year, and getting some projects set up.

12. **Any Other Matters Arising**

- a. Christmas Tree Lights – The Locum Clerk reported that the trees are up now, after having some difficulties, they have been received very well from the Parishioners, it was requested that maybe in future we could get a plaque to say they are sponsored by Bobbing Parish Council so Parishioners are aware of who is funding them. Cllr J Hunt has had an email thanking whoever did the lights. The Clerk will post something on the local facebook page.
- b. Cllr P French asked if we could get some dog bins or litter bins on the old Sheppey Way, Cllr J Hunt has said he will look into this and report to the clerk but he will get some requested for this area.
- c. Cllr R Ball reminded Cllrs that we need to look at what will be happening to the Village Hall next year, and recruitment of new councillors to fill current vacancies and possible retirement of members next year.

13. **Next Meeting(s)**

Monthly Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 4th January 2023, 7.30pm at Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.36

These minutes are certified to be a true and just record.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____