

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 2 May 2018

Present:

Cllr. G. Herbert - Chair
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair
Cllr. L. Major
Cllr. D. Dewar-Whalley
Cllr. P. England
Cllr. G. Randall
Cllr. E. England
Cllr. N. Clare

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. M. Whiting
Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
Borough Cllr. Baldock
9 Parishioners

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Borough Cllrs. Hampshire and Stokes, the PCSO and Nick Mayatt, Community Warden.

2. **Visitors/Public Time**

1. **Residents** – A visitor put forward an idea of reducing the footpath width at the bottom of Bobbing Hill, to help ease the issues with traffic flow and parking. The Chair advised that a meeting will be held with residents in Bobbing/Keycol Hill to look at the whole situation.
2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting advised the cattle arch belongs to British Rail, he is aware of this because he has been dealing with lighting issues. It would be better to reduce the speed limit from Key Street roundabout up through to the current 40 mph area to 50 mph and then to 40 mph. There will be two public meetings relating to the rural bus service, one organised by KALC and the other by KCC.
3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden's monthly report circulated. Reported large fly tipping on Bramblefield Lane to Swale Borough Council. Checked areas around Gadby Road Shops, Grove Park Primary School and Bristol Close. Smart water delivered to properties at Keycol Hill.

The PCSO sent a written report - there have been a number of reports of youths on pushbikes in the area and wider Sittingbourne, a large number identified and parents spoken to with follow up warning letters sent out. Local schools have been supportive and assisted with identification of youth's. The area other than above has not had much more to report, overall a good month.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. P. England the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 4 April 2018 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

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

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

1. **GDPR** – Proposed by Cllr. Clare, seconded by Cllr. England, all agreed to go with the firm of GDPR-info, who will act as the Data Protection Officer, supply templates/policies and carry out a data audit, for the yearly cost of £482.50p. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – two people came forward by the closing date of the 30th April; one was sent details but did not contact again, the other is very keen and has attended tonight's meeting to see the workings of the Parish Council. Agreed Cllrs. Herbert and Ball to meet with this candidate.

Action: Cllrs. Herbert/Ball/Clerk

7. Councillors' Report

Cllr. Ball attended a meeting with McDonalds, arranged by the Parish Clerk, along with Parish Cllrs. Herbert and Dewar-Whalley, County Cllr. Whiting and Officers from KCC, to look at traffic issues and problems with the junction. It was a positive meeting with ideas put forward and County is now looking at these.

Cllr. P. England commented that there are still problems with litter in the Meads, traffic (particularly Quartz Way) and Gemstone Court the bins are not being emptied.

Cllr. Randall advised that 1200 copies of the Bobbing Reporter were distributed.

Cllrs. E. England, Clare and Major – no comments.

8. Correspondence

1. **Government consultations on the National Planning Policy Framework and Developer Contributions** – Agreed to respond as follows:

Question 12. Do you agree with the application of the presumption in favour of sustainable development where delivery is below 75% of the housing required from 2020?

No, because this rewards developers who deliberately delay building houses for as long as possible. By simply "holding off", they can ensure that a council fails to meet its delivery target, then in return they will be given the right to ignore the brownfield sites that require remedial work and go straight to the easy green fields and build on prime agricultural land. Developers should not be given an incentive to stop building and wait for the rules to favour them.

Question 14. Do you have any other comments on the text of Chapter 5?

Councils should be allowed to take in to account whether a developer has actually finished the work at previous sites in a reasonable time and to the satisfaction of the local authority. It is ridiculous that developers can get away with not finishing roads, streetlights, signs and other parts of a development for as long as 10 years after residents move in and yet councils have no right to take that into account the next time the developer applies for planning permission. Why should they be immune from having their previous behaviour taken in to account?

Just a few words to this effect in legislation could force developers to promptly complete estates where they have not finished the job and where they are just waiting for councils to give up and use taxpayers' money to do their work for them. This would encourage development that delivers housing on time and would discourage developers from delaying work.

Question 31. Do you have any other comments on the text of Chapter 13?

There is a danger to green fields from the proposed presumption in favour of sustainable development where delivery is below 75% of the housing required from 2020. (See Question 12.)

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2. **Consultation - Refresh of Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy** – Noted.
3. **Draft Economic Regeneration Framework for Swale 2018-2021** – Agreed to respond that in order to truly make this economic regeneration successful there needs to be drastic improvements to the infrastructure, which includes improvements to highways to cope with the added influx of traffic. If infrastructure is not improved the regeneration will struggle. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Government Consultation on unauthorised encampments** – noted.

5. **Model Standing Orders 2018** – bring back to next meeting.

Action: Clerk

6. **Yellow Lines, Bobbing Hill** – on the advice of County Cllr. Whiting, the Parish Council sent out a letter to residents to get their input. Most people in Bobbing Hill want the lines all the way up, but people in Keycol Hill use this road for parking and the lines will be an issue. Some suggestions have been put forward, such as making it one way, widening it, a piece of land between Bobbing Hill and Keycol Hill could be used for parking. County Cllr. Whiting has agreed to attend a meeting to speak to residents to see how to take this forward.

Action: Clerk

9. **Planning Applications**

1. **18/501863/FULL**: Erection of a new single storey special educational needs primary school with formation of a new access onto Vellum Drive and associated car parking and drop-off area, pedestrian access, drainage, areas for formal and informal outdoor play, and landscaping works: Land East Of Vellum Drive Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5BE. Agreed to respond that the Parish Council has no objections to this application and would be supportive, but has the following concerns which need to be addressed:

- The increase in traffic on the already busy Staplehurst Road, any school events, such as fetes, openings, etc., could be problematic.
- The entrance to the School should not be so close to the Staplehurst Road roundabout, which is already heavily congested.
- For health and safety reasons, a reduction in the speed limit on Staplehurst Road (at present 50 mph) would be prudent and needs to be taken up with KCC.
- Request that zig zag yellow lines be placed both sides of Vellum Drive, the full length of the school site, to keep this part of the highway clear at school dropping off/picking up times, as at present it is used as a parking area.

10. **Finance**

1. **Insurance Premium Renewal 2018/19** – Agreed to renew at a cost of £445.55p.

Action: Clerk

2. **KALC Subscription 2018/19** – Agreed the subscription of 746.42p.

Action: Clerk

3. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. P. England, agreed accounts to the 30 April 2018 and the following Cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
02.05.18	0610	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone, Use of Office, Refreshments April	£18.54p
02.05.18	0611	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due May 2018	£59.80p
02.05.18	0612	Steve Wakeling	Grass Cutting – two months, installation of new gate stop (Village Hall) and Noticeboard (Gadby Road)	£430.00p
02.05.18	0613	Iwade Parish Council	Confidential Shredding – 5 x 25 kilo sacks	£17.66
02.05.18	0614	Came & Company	Insurance Renewal Premium 2018/19	£445.55p
02.05.18	0615	William Giles	Quarterly Payroll Preparation	£57.60p
02.05.18	0616	K.A.L.C.	Subscription 2018/19	£746.42p
Seven Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

Wages - salary April

£239.55p

Paid by Standing Order

Paid in:

Swale Borough Council

£9615.50p

First Half Precept

11. **Any Other Matters Arising** - None

12. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 6 June 2018, 7.30 p.m. in the Bobbing Parish Hall's small Committee Room

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____