

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 6th January, 2016

Present:	Cllr. G. Herbert - Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair	County Cllr. M. Baldock
	Cllr. L. Major	Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
	Cllr. R. Bartlett	8 Members of the Public
	Cllr. G. Randall	
	Cllr. P. England	

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from the Cllrs. Dewar-Whalley and Paige and the Community Warden.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd December 2015, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

3. Public Session

County Cllr. Baldock advised that there has been flooding in the Simpson Crossing area which has impacted on a property in Gadby Road and garages in Norwood Walk; Gordon Henderson's Case Worker has been in touch with Network Rail regarding a possible blocked culvert. He advised that Swale Borough Council's consultation on CCTV will be coming out soon; the Parish Council could look at new hotspots.

A resident from Tunstall addressed the Council regarding the emerging Local Plan; she has spoken to the Planning Inspector on potential green spaces and Parish Councils could put this forward when the new Plan comes out for consultation. Another resident mentioned that she also attended regarding the Local Plan and was present when the important local countryside gaps were being discussed; builders were pushing for these to be done away with. Residents in Tunstall have started a petition (now has 400 names) and she wondered if residents in Bobbing would like to add to this?

Community Warden – could not attend; he sent a report stating that he had checked outlying areas for fly tipping; a resident spoke to him about speeding vehicles on Keycol Hill; Dog walkers at Grove Park Recreation Ground say there is a problem with a minority of dog owners who do not pick up dogs mess. He also talked to groundsman of local cricket club; again some dog owners will not pick up on his pitches, although in general things are better than in the past. There were fly tipping incidents at Parsonage Lane and Sheppey Way which were reported to Swale Borough Council.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bartlett declared an interest in Item 98.1; Cllr. Randall in Item 9.2.

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

1. **Bobbing Hill – Travellers** – It was hoped that the blocks would be installed before Christmas but the supplier failed to do this; Clerk to discuss this with KCC. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Key Street roundabout – Rumble Strips/Accidents** – Clerk to ask KCC for confirmation that they are looking to change the signage on the A2 as requested. **Action: Clerk**

6. Councillors' Report

1. **Parking on Pavements** – Cllr. England advised that on the 7th December he stood before the Joint Transportation Board and gave a 2 minute speech regarding parking on pavements; he mentioned that

there was already a Bylaw for parking on verges and suggested that parking on pavements be added to this. His proposal was then put to the vote and supported by Cllr. Baldock. The vote was in favour 8 to 5 Councillors and this will now go to the Cabinet. Further to this Cllr. England has been in touch with the M.P. for Bristol and Avon who put forward parking on pavements on behalf of the Blind Association. He understands the Department of Transport has promised to look at bringing this to law without too much impact on Borough Councils.

Cllr. Ball referred to the planning appeal at Howt Green and advised that the Inspector's promise of a response by Christmas has not come to fruition. He also referred to litter along the Sheppey Way (Bobbing end); Clerk to report this to the Borough Council. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Bartlett raised the issue of dog fouling in Bobbing Hill; she will contact the Dog Warden regarding this.

Cllrs. Randall and Major – nothing to report.

7. Correspondence

1. **Kent Fire & Rescue Service Consultation: Safety and Wellbeing Plan 2016-2018 - deadline 16 January 2016** – noted.
2. **Planning Enforcement Strategy** – Clerk to circulate draft response to Members. **Action: Clerk**
3. **NALC - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Local Council Tax Support Scheme** – CIL not yet adopted by Swale Borough Council. Clerk to respond regarding Local Council Tax Support Scheme. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Proposed Permanent M20 Lorry Area: Invitation to Stakeholder Briefing** – Noted.
5. **Consultation: Council Tax precept 2016/17** – This relates to the Police. Agreed Cllr. Bartlett to draft a response and circulate. **Action: Cllr. Bartlett**
6. **DCLG Consultation - National Planning Policy Consultation on proposed changes** – Agreed Members to respond individually. **Action: All Councillors**
7. **Invitation to Lord Lieutenant of Kent's Civic Service** – None to attend.

8. Planning Applications

1. **15/509675/FULL:** Demolish an existing two storey self-contained building to incorporate a single storey dwelling in its own grounds: Blossoms Stickfast Lane Bobbing ME9 8QL – no comments.
2. **15/509625/FULL:** Demolish existing rear extension, build a new rear extension and new double garage in the front garden - Rosaleen Old Maidstone Road Bobbing Kent ME9 8BS – no comments.

9. Finance

1. **Swale Marching Band – Request for Donation** – Clerk to ascertain frequency of using Bobbing Village Hall and times and report back to February meeting. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Donation to Sittingbourne Christmas Lights Association** – Agreed to support on the proviso that a written request is received from the Association. **Action: Cllr. Randall**
3. **Quotation for Concrete Blocks- Bobbing Hill** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Bartlett, all agreed the sum of £7000 (excluding V.A.T. – reclaimable) for the concrete blocks.
4. **Parish Council Computer** – Agreed to submit an application for a grant under the Government's scheme and for the payment of the extra £100 excess for the computer and £60 for the HDMI Switch.
5. **2016/17 Budget and Precept** – Proposed by Cllr. Bartlett and seconded by Cllr. Randall, all agreed no increase in the 2016/17 Precept and the Budget was formally accepted.

6. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – the accounts to the 31st December, 2015, were agreed and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
06.01.16	0492	L. Fisher	Expenses December – Telephone, Use of Office,	£13.77p
06.01.16	0493	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due December 2015	£46.60p
06.01.16	0494	Steve Wakeling	Grass cutting – 7 th Cut	£100.00p
06.01.16	0495	Bobbing Village Hall	Hall Hire 12 months to end March 2016	£400.00p
06.01.16	0496	William Giles	Quarterly payroll preparation to Dec 2015	£54.00p
Five Cheques in total				

Payment:

Wages - £186.08p - salary December 2015

Paid by Standing Order

10. **Any Other Matters Arising** – None.

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

The next monthly Meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd February, 2016, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the small meeting room at Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.35 p.m.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____