

## **BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

**Present:**

Cllr. G. Herbert  
Cllr. R. Ball  
Cllr. L. Major  
Cllr. P. Paige  
Cllr. D. Dewar-Whalley  
Cllr. P. England  
Cllr. G. Randall

Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
Borough Cllr. N. Hampshire  
Borough Cllr. B. Stokes  
8 Parishioners

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Parish Cllr. Bartlett; Borough Cllr. Hunt and Nick Mayatt, Community Warden.

3. **Public Session**

1. **Residents** - A resident raised the issue of the Howt Green Planning Appeal and advised that he had approached the Local Government Ombudsman regarding how the procedure had been undertaken. Cllr. Dewar-Whalley suggested inviting a member of the Planning Team to a Parish Council meeting; Clerk to action this and copy Cllr. Dewar-Whalley into any correspondence. **Action: Clerk**

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – nothing to report.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – nothing to report from the Community Warden.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Paige and seconded by Cllr. England; the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

None

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

1. **Bobbing Hill – Barriers** – Cllr. Ball advised that some of the barriers still need painting and a group of residents are keen to be involved. Agreed to take this off the Agenda.
2. **Flooding Issues A249 and Surrounds** – Cllr. Ball advised that he has had a number of meetings with The Grove. Network Rail has been very good and has done some work on the pipework. He referred to licences for the extraction of water in the area and the attempt to work out which are working; there are concerns about the one for the old paper mill (the pump is still working down by Morrisons). Following the April meeting as suggested the Clerk contacted Ashford Borough Council and one of their Engineers gave her a contact for a Land Drainage Engineer at KCC; she was advised that although they cannot undertake any remedial work they can investigate issues on private land. The Clerk has passed these contact details to the representative from The Grove.
3. **Key Street Roundabout** – The meeting took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> April and basically all the issues raised at the first meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> November had to be relayed again! A new suggestion of 'keep clear' boxes

on the roundabout was raised and it was commented that development at Newington may have an impact on this highway. The Clerk is waiting to hear from KCC as to what is happening.

6. **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – no action at present; keep on the Agenda.

**Action: Clerk**

7. **Councillors' Report**

Cllr. England has been following up residents issues in The Meads (many were reported at the April meeting) and arranged a site meeting, Borough Cllr. Hunt suggested he invite Robert Colley, Highways Engineer from KCC. A lot of the issues raised have already been taken up with the developer. He understands a safety audit will be undertaken by KCC and that this will happen over the next few weeks; the 'T' junction will be included. The PCSO is dealing with the youth issue. Shrubs are still under Abbey Homes and are being maintained by them. Regarding the build-up of rubbish around the bus stop in Pearl Walk; he wondered if Swale Borough Council could install a waste bin in this area; Cllr. England to advise the Clerk as to where this should be sited. He also mentioned about parking on the pavement; Robert Coley seems to think that KCC might consider some action. Clerk to chase KCC to see what is happening regarding this.

**Action: Cllr. England/Clerk**

Cllr. England referred to the area cleared for the installation of the new water pipe on the A249; Lorries are now using this for parking. Cllr. Ball to speak to the landowner.

**Action: Cllr. Ball**

Cllr. Paige reported that the next meeting of the KALC is the AGM in June. The JTB meeting scheduled for May has been cancelled.

Cllr. Ball reported that U.K. PowerNetworks will be closing Bobbing Hill for three weeks from the 16<sup>th</sup> May to undertake essential work; this will have a huge impact on residents accessing their properties.

Cllrs. Major, Randall and Dewar-Whalley - nothing further to report.

8. **Correspondence**

1. **Queen's 90th Birthday** – The Church is planning an all-day event on the 12<sup>th</sup> June and has asked if the Parish Council wants to assist; agreed to bring this back to June meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

2. **KALC Cost Saving Proposals** – Cllr. Paige to circulate response to Members.

**Action: Cllr. Paige**

8. **Planning Applications**

9. No applications.

10. **Finance**

1. **Insurance Renewal 2016/17** - Proposed by Cllr. England and seconded by Cllr. Major; agreed to accept the quotation from Hiscox of £410.63p and to tie in for three years.

**Action: Clerk**

2. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Paige and seconded by Cllr. England, the accounts to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were agreed and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
04.05.16	0509	L. Fisher	Expenses February – Telephone, Use of Office, stationery	£22.88p
04.05.16	0510	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due May 2016	£58.60p
04.05.16	0511	K.A.L.C.	Subscription 2016/17	£583.66p
04.05.16	0512	Sittingbourne Christmas Lights Association	Donation 2016/17 – covered by S.137	£50.00p
04.05.16	0513	Action with Communities in Rural Kent	Subscription 2016/17	£50.00p
04.05.16	0514	L. Mitchell	Deposit for components for new P.C. Computer	£450.00p
04.05.16	0515	Came & Company	Insurance Premium 2016/17	£401.63p
Seven Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

Wages - salary April 2016

£234.71p

Paid by Standing Order

Paid in:

2016/17 Precept – 1<sup>st</sup> instalment

£8180.58p

BACS payment

11. **Any Other Matters Arising**

None

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2016, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the small meeting room at Bobbing Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 09.30 p.m.**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_