

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 3 November 2021

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. R. Ball – Chair	Lynda Ives, Clerk
	Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown – Vice-Chair	County Cllr. M. Baldock
	Cllr. G. Herbert	Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
	Cllr. G. Randall	Borough Cllr. C. Woodford
		Borough Cllr. N. Hampshire
		6 Residents

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllr. Clare and Major, Borough Cllr. Clark, PCSOs Lee Fennell and Kirsty Linge and the Community Warden.

2. Visitors/Public Time

- Residents** – A Resident complained that the dog waste bins on The Meads were not being regularly emptied. Borough Cllr. Hunt advised that Swale Council are aware.
- County and Borough Councillors** – The Chair reminded County/Borough Councillors that the Parish Council is a non-political body.

County Cllr. Baldock advised that planning application 21/501740/FULL has been called in by the Head of Planning. A list of Planning Decisions will be issued on a weekly basis. The Leader of the Council has written to Michael Gove M.P. asking for clarification on the Government's comments about not building on greenfield land.

Borough Cllr. Hunt advised that Redrow will look at bus shelters when the road alterations are undertaken. The new roundabout in Sonora is problematic, Redrow don't like it, KCC have stated that they will not use the layout again. A road safety audit will be carried out to see what problems there are. Cllr. Baldock advised this has not been carried out yet because they cannot do so until the lighting is working.

- Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden – No report – still finding her feet.

PCSO Reports - Bobbing - Crimes of note: None. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: An abandoned vehicle was reported on Bobbing Hill. As it was not stolen, the informant was advised to contact the local council, who can remove such vehicles after a certain period.

The Meads – Crimes of Note: Criminal Damage, Vellum Drive. Victim had a brick thrown through their car window. Report has been filed pending suspect identification. Assault, Emerald Crescent. Royal Mail worker attacked while delivering post, currently under investigation. One Stop, Threats. Youths have threatened shop staff, currently under investigation. Various reports of shoplifting from One Stop. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Nuisance Youths, Amethyst Drive. Group were causing a disturbance. Patrols were unable to attend. No offences took place and group moved on. Nuisance Youths, Peridot Walk. Reports of youths banging on the informant's door and running off. PCSO made contact and offered security advice and passing attention will be given to the area. Quartz Way, reports of possible drug dealing in the area. Intelligence being gathered and reports being investigated. Bismuth Drive, Nuisance Youths gathering, reports of damage being caused to benches. Patrols attended youths were not at the location and no damage was found. Emerald Crescent, possible attempted bike theft. Youths seen pushing a motorbike along the road and then ran off when approached. Witness recovered the bike for safe keeping. However, no victim for a theft has come forward. Police are awaiting

a report from victim as unknown if a crime has taken place. Green area near Quartz Way, reports of possible drug dealing. Sonora Way, firework shot at car. Patrols attended but were unable to locate youths.

The Grove - Crimes of note: No report.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Herbert and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13 October 2021 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Ball declared an interest in Item 8.3 and Cllr. Randall declared an interest in Item 9.5.

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

1. **Bobbing Apple Junction** – Noted that the area has been designated a Crash Remedial Site by KCC. At the present time they are analysing the results of traffic surveys to determine the suitability of a roundabout. Cllr. Herbert asked if the Parish Council can eventually have sight of any designs, County Cllr. Baldock thought it would be possible. **Action: Clerk**
2. **The Meads Community Woodland** – Mike Phillips, White Horse Ecology, has acknowledged the Parish Council's response and taken on board the suggestion of a Park Ranger. He will update the document when all details/submissions are to hand. Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council's Tree Officer, asking him to look at the densely planted trees in the Woodland. **Action: Clerk**

6. **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Herbert advised the two manhole covers at the bottom of Keycol Hill have been repaired.

Cllrs. Morgan-Brown and Randall – nothing to report.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **New Councillors** – Two applicants have come forward to fill the two vacancies.
2. **Local Plan Review** – Cllrs. Herbert and Ball delegated to formulate a response, with other Councillors forwarding input for collation.
3. **Remembrance Sunday – Wreath Laying** – Cllr. Ball to arrange this. **Action: Cllr. Ball**
4. **20 MPH Zone Signs – The Meads** – When former County Cllr. Whiting spearheaded this project he mentioned that 20 MPH signs would be placed on sporadic lamp columns to remind motorists of the speed limit (existing signs on entrances The Meads are sited so that they are often not spotted by motorists). Clerk to discuss this with Alan Blackburn, KCC Highways, to assess the situation. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Planning Applications**

1. **21/505038/FULL**: Balmoral Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent: Extension to existing drop kerb: No comments.
2. **21/505193/FULL**: Proposed flat roof rear extension: 24 Sandford Road Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1PR: No objections.
3. **21/504829/FULL**: Change of use from offices to class Sui Generis to serve an independent Veterinary Surgery for companion animal species including out of hours provision: Unit 2 Grove Dairy Farm Business Centre Bobbing Hill Bobbing Kent ME9 8NY: No objections.
4. **21/505537/FULL**: Erection of a single storey rear extension and changes to fenestration: 25 Key Street Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1YX: No objections.

5. **KCC/SW/0213/2021:** Construction of highway improvements to the A249 Grovehurst Road junction to replace the existing 'dumbell' junction arrangement with a new gyratory and ancillary works: A249 Grovehurst Road Junction, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 2FF: Agreed to respond that the Council has concerns over the lack of access for pedestrians.

9. Finance

1. **Defibrillator and Electric Quotes – Gadby Road, The Meads, McDonald's Site** – Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Herbert, agreed to go with the Electrical installation quotation from Shanlec, for £228 (includes VAT). Also agreed to accept the quote dated 13 June 2021) for One Defibtech Lifeline Fully Automated AED - £795 plus VAT (recoverable) and one Defibstore Stainless Steel Heated Cabinet - £475 plus VAT. This Defibrillator to be sited on the HEMs unit in The Watermark, to serve this area and the surrounds. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Herbert, agreed the total cost of £1460 (Vat less figure). Discussions are still taking place with McDonalds and Gadby Road Co-op regarding siting Defibrillators in these areas. **Keep on Agenda.** **Action: Clerk**
2. **Snooker Table Disposal** – Advised this is a seven-foot, single slate bed snooker table. Agreed to contact some organisations that sell tables to see if they are interested. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Bus Shelter, The Meads** – See Item 2.2, Cllr. Hunt's comments. Leave on the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Picnic Table, Grove Park Play Area** – No updates, leave on Agenda **Action: Cllr. Clare/Clerk**
5. **Application for grant for Sittingbourne Christmas Lights and Sleigh Rounds** – Proposed by Cllr. Herbert and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown, agreed a Section 137 Donation of £50. Clerk to raise payment at December meeting. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Herbert, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 31 October 2021 and the following payments were agreed. Cllrs. Morgan-Brown and Ball to log into Unity Bank to authorize the payments. **Action: Cllrs. Morgan-Brow/Ball**

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
03.11.21	BACs	L. Fisher	Expenses October: telephone, use of home	£21.00p
03.11.21	BACs	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due for October	£93.80p
03.11.21	BACS	G. Herbert	Mileage assisting during Lockdown – cheque 757 raised 03.02.21, not cashed, out of date. Cheque cancelled and this payment replaces.	£13.95p
03.11.21	BACS	Bobbing Village Hall	Hall hire June to December 2021	£200.00p
01.11.21	SO	Staff Salary	October	£375.05p
01.11.21	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£52.32p
01.11.21	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99p
INCOME				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payment From	Reason	Amount

10. Reports From Representatives

1. **KALC Area Committee** – Nothing to report.
2. **Western Area Committee** – Next meeting 14 December, nothing to report.
3. **Swale West Parishes Meeting** – first meeting 15 November, nothing to report.

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

12. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 1 December 2021, 7.30 p.m. at Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.25 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____