

## **BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Held on Wednesday 2 October 2019**

**Present:** Cllr. G. Herbert - Chair  
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair  
Cllr. A. Cavanagh  
Cllr. P. England  
Cllr. E. England

Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
Borough Cllr. M. Baldock  
Community Warden, Adam McKinley  
8 Parishioners

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Major and Randall, County Cllr. M. Whiting, Borough Cllrs. Woodford, Hampshire and Hunt and the PCSO.

#### **2. Visitors/Public Time**

1. **Residents** – A resident queried why double yellow lines in Sonora Way, Jacinth, etc., were being removed as there were concerns about parking. The Parish Council has not been notified about this and will ask why we were not included in the consultation. Another resident stated the double yellow lines in Sandford Road were not working; cars are still driving up on the pavement. The lines need to be down both sides of the road; clerk to raise this with KCC. **Action: Clerk**

2. **County and Borough Councillors** –Written report from County Cllr. Whiting – report referred to proposed gas main repairs on the A2 and concerns raised by traders and residents. Also referred to HGVs breaking the law by ignoring any restricted areas and traffic signs.

Borough Cllr. Baldock commented on the proposed Area Committees, looking at either 3 or 4 different Wards. Bids can be made to Swale Council for Village Hall funding. Swale is aware of increased anti-social behaviour in the Borough. 20 mph is being proposed for Grove Park.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Adam McKinley, the new Community Warden introduced himself. He previously covered the Maidstone area and replaces Nick Mayatt. He will be covering Kemsley, Iwade and Bobbing and has only been here a week. The only issue so far is children throwing stones on to the A249 from the bridge. He is going to Bobbing School tomorrow to speak to the children about this and the dangers. He is meeting with the PCSO on Friday and will be discussing youths on bikes issues.

PCSO – Bobbing – nothing that can be reported. The Meads - report of nuisance youths in the Park by Balas Drive, patrol attended but did not find anyone. Report of young males knocking on doors asking for scrap metal. Motorbike stolen from Bismuth Drive; Moped damaged in Pearl Walk; Van broken into in Amber Rise. Report of nuisance youths in Conqueror Court; patrol attended, no damage, youths were spoken to and dispersed. Report of damage around the community centre – patrols attended and found young people were breaking off bits of tree to play with. Words of advice given; youths apologised.

#### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. E. England, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4 September 2019 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. **Sheppey Way (near Bobbing Apple) – Alterations to road layout and bollards** – Bring back to November meeting, still awaiting Cllr. Whiting to be present to discuss this. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Parish Councillor Vacancies** – Agreed to meet with candidates on the 15 October, Clerk to make the necessary arrangements and to notify Councillors. **Action: All Councillors/Clerk**

6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllr. P. England advised lighting around the 'One Stop' area is poor; Clerk to ask Cllr. Hunt if this can be improved. No suitable location found for a seat.

Cllr. Cavanagh attended the KALC meeting, which was good and had speakers on Air Quality. Attended the Community Led Housing meeting, several people have agreed to form a networking group. Archers Park has problems with staff from the business units parking on the road, even though their car park is not full.

Cllr. Ball raised the issue of road signs along the Sheppey way being obscured by trees; he will advise Clerk of the location so that she can ask KCC to cut back. **Action: Cllr. Ball/Clerk**

Cllr. E. England – nothing to report.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Area Committees online Survey** – Councillors completed the survey, Clerk to submit. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Planning Applications**

1. **19/504488/FULL** 7 Wellington Road Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1LU: Loft conversion with flat rear dormer and 2no. front apex dormers. Raised roof height and changed from side hip roof to gable roof – agreed to object to this application on the grounds that it will be out of character with the rest of the properties and the street scene. It will create a Town House amongst two storey buildings.

The Parish Council would urge Members of the Planning Committee to arrange a site visit to fully understand and appreciate the implications of the proposals, which are difficult to see from the plans and need to be seen in situ.

9. **Finance**

2. **Scrolls** – Work completed on this project.
3. **Conclusion of External Audit 2018/19** – Clerk advised the Audit has been completed with no issues raised, she posted the necessary notices, prior to the 30 September, on noticeboards and the website.
4. **Interpretive Board, The Meads** – Agreed this needs to be near to the Community Centre.
5. **Donation Request – Sittingbourne Christmas Lights Association** – proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Ball; agreed the donation of £50 under S.137.
6. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. E. England, agreed accounts to the 30 September 2019 and the following Cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
02.10.19	0679	L. Fisher	Expenses: Telephone, Office Use	£16.66p
02.10.19	0680	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due for September	£85.60p
02.10.19	0681	Steve Wakeling	Grass Cutting August and September	£240.00p
02.10.19	0682	Invicta IT Solutions	10 Mailboxes, Microsoft 365 software, installation & Labour	£775.32p
02.10.10	0683	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit 2018/19	£240.00p
02.10.19	0684	Swale Borough Council	TRO and Double Yellow Lines, Sandford Road	£500.00p
02.10.19	0685	A. Cavanagh	Travelling Expenses – Community Led Housing	£7.90p
Seven Cheques in total				

**Paid Out:**

Wages - salary September

£341.98p

Paid by Standing Order

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

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 6 November 2019, 7.30 p.m. in Bobbing Parish Hall’s small Committee Room.

**The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.**

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

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