

## **BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Cllr. R. Ball - Chair	Borough/County Cllr. M. Baldock
	Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown – Vice-Chair	Samantha Gray, Clerk
	Cllr. G. Randall	12 Residents
	Cllr. N. Clare	
	Cllr. P. French	
	Cllr. G. Herbert	

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

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Borough Cllrs Woodford, Hunt and Clarke, PCSO's David Ansbro and Kirsty Linge.

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

a. **Residents** – Requested to speak during the Planning items which Cllr. Ball agreed to.

##### **b. County and Borough Councillors**

i. County Cllr. Baldock advised the following:

- KCC have issued their budget and there is a lack of support provided for buses. This affects the Gadby Road service and Cllr. Baldock is trying to get a diversion from Kenilworth Road.
- There have been further budget cuts for Community Wardens.
- The government does not provide enough money to support roads and highways.
- A meeting took place with the Joint Transportation Board to discuss the Bobbing interchange, this can now go out to consultation.

ii. Borough Cllr. Baldock advised the following:

- Swale Borough Council have frozen staff wages and are moving to a 34-hour working week.
- The next Council Liaison Form is in two weeks.

##### **c. Community Warden/PCSO**

1. **Community Warden** – no report received.

##### **2. PCSO Ansbro – Grove/Meads report:**

Crimes/Cads of note:

- Tesco, Quartz Way – Theft from store x 5  
& public order x 1
- Quinton Road – Theft from motor vehicle
- Knightsfield Road - Theft other
- Onyx Drive – Attempt criminal damage
- Raite Green – Attempt criminal damage
- Staplehurst Road – Theft from motor vehicle
- Tourmaline Drive – Criminal damage to vehicle
- Grove Park – Theft from store x 14
- Gadby Road – Theft from motor vehicle x 2
- Gayhurst Drive – Distraction burglary
- Bourne Grove – Vehicle interference
- London Road – Burglary

- London Road – Attempt criminal damage

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- Onyx Drive – Nuisance youths
- Allenby Walk – Nuisance youths

3. PCSO Linge – Bobbing Report:

Crimes of note:

- 09-02/23 – Bobbing services – Reports of shoplifting at the Petrol Station shop. Crime report has been taken and is under investigation.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- 06/02/23 – Stickfast Lane – 2 females were parked up in Stickfast Lane. A van with 3 males pretending to be plain clothes Police Officers pulled up the males came over to the car and began speaking to the females asking if the car was registered to them. When the females challenged the males, they started laughing and left.
- 08/02/23 – Bobbing Hill – reports of 2 large black dogs roaming around the road, potentially from Pigeon. Farm Inft advised to contact SBC dog warden.
- 08/02/23 – Demelza House –Staff at the location reported vehicles meeting in the car park of Demelza House and potentially dealing drugs. Details of the vehicles have been given to Police for further enquiries.
- 10/02/23 – Parsonage Lane – reports of various cars meeting and potentially drug dealing. Local officer aware and paying passing attention.
- 12/02/23 – Stickfast Lane – RTC, 2 male occupants arrested by Police.
- 12/02/23 – Bobbing Crem – Alarm going off at the location. Everything all in order.
- 18/02/23 – Sheppey Way near Bobbing Breakers – 2x dirt bikes causing issues, driving recklessly. Officers attended but were unable to locate the bikes.
- Report of abandoned car by Cllr Ball – local officer to make enquiries.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. French, the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held 1 February 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

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

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

1. **H.I.P** - Cllr. Baldock attended a meeting with KCC and discussed the Bobbing Apple junction - he advised he would like Highways to keep to the plan of a new roundabout at this junction.
2. **Bobbing Village Plan** – No update but meetings are being held for residents to discuss this, the next being 25<sup>th</sup> March at Bobbing Village Hall. Bobbing Parish Council will pay for the hire of the hall, proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Clare.

## 6. **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. French advised the road works are still in place at Sonora Way and re-surfacing work has begun on the Zebra Crossing.

Cllr. Herbert reported there is still a high amount of litter on the A249 embankment and asked the Clerk to contact National Highways. He also reported there are piles of earth around the Demelza House estate. Clerk to contact the Developer and Kent County Council planning enforcement to find out how they plan to use it.

**Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Randall has been litter picking at The Grove Park.

Cllr. Clare expressed her concern over the build-up of traffic along Chestnut Street.

## 7. **Correspondence**

1. **Police Survey – My Community Voice** – Council members agreed to answer individually.
2. **Eden Top** – Council members discussed a licence application from Eden Top for 1 goods vehicle and advised the Clerk to contact Hilcrest House and the Planning Department to ensure the correct procedures have taken place.

**Action: Clerk**

## 8. **Planning Applications**

**23/500430/FULL:** Change of use of existing public house to 1no. residential dwelling and a commercial workshop, including erection of a detached ancillary showroom. ADDRESS: Dancing Dog Saloon Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8QP. Bobbing Parish Council do not object to the above planning application but advise that the following conditions should be observed: Business opening hours. Noise and pollutions levels.

**23/500616/FULL:** Erection of a two-storey side extension. ADDRESS: 1 Norwood Walk West Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1QF. Bobbing Parish Council objected to the previous planning application in 2019, and council members object to the above planning application. The reasons for the objection are: The proposed extension would block light to neighbouring properties. The proposed extension would overlook neighbouring properties. Could lead to more parked cars increasing congestion on the road. The property would be out of character for the area. Southern Water have problems with sewage in the area and it is known by residents that the drainage capacity is not the correct specification for the area. The increase in property size could add to the existing problem.

## 9. **Finance**

1. **Internal Audit quote** – Proposed by Cllr. Clare and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown, the quote of £295.00p plus travel for April Skies Accounting was accepted. **Action: Clerk**
2. **SLCC 2023/24 Subscription Renewal** – Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Clare the cost of £220.00p for the yearly renewal was agreed. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Clerks & Councils Direct Subscription Renewal** – Proposed by Cllr. Clare and seconded by Cllr. French the cost of £14.00p for the yearly subscription was agreed. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Bobbing Reporter** – Proposed by Cllr. French and seconded by Cllr. Clare, the cost of £200 to print the Bobbing Reporter was agreed.
5. **Accounts and Cheques raised** - Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Clare. Members noted the budget figures and agreed the accounts from October 2022 – 28 February 2023. The following payments were agreed. Cllrs. Ball and Morgan-Brown to log into Unity Bank to authorize the payments. **Action: Cllrs. Ball/ Morgan-Brown**

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
01.03.23	BACS	S. Gray – Expenses	Expenses February - Telephone, Use of home as office, Mileage, Milk	£36.03p
01.03.23	BACS	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due for February	£87.80p
01.03.23	BACS	SLCC Locum Clerk	Salary and Fees January	£1,661.70p
01.03.23	BACS	Kent County Council	BSEN 40 Load Testing Nov 22 – Nov 25	£1,192.00p
01.03.23	BACS	Kent County Council	Corrective works following festive lighting	£668.95p
01.03.23	BACS	S. Gray	Clerks Salary February – wage increase	£221.88
01.03.23	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	9 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£54.58p
01.03.23	SO	S. Gray	Clerks Salary February	£325.87p
20.02.23	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee – February Payment	£29.99p
01.03.23	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee – March Payment	£35.99p
10.02.23	DD	ICO	Yearly Renewal	£35.00p
INCOME				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payment From	Reason	Amount

## 10. Projects

1. **The Kings Coronation** - Proposed by Cllr. Clare and seconded by Cllr. French, members agreed not to proceed with this project.

## 11. Reports from Representatives

- a. **KALC Area Committee:** Next meeting is at the end of March.
- b. **Western Area Committee:** Meeting not attended.
- c. **Swale West Parishes Meeting:** Next meeting will be held in June.
- d. **Community Woodland Group:** Nothing to report.
- e. **Bobbing Development Meeting:** Nothing to report.

## 12. Any Other Matters Arising

It was reported that concrete bollards situated at the end of Bobbing Hill have been moved and the Clerk was asked to inform KCC Highways. **Action: Clerk**

## 13. Next Meeting(s)

Monthly Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 5 April 2023, 7.30 p.m. at Bobbing Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.**

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

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