

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 2 August 2017

Prior to the meeting there was a presentation on the proposed development at Southlands by the Carless Adams Group; residents in Rooks View have previously seen the details. Members noted the exhibition boards but did not pass forward a comment on the proposals, as the Parish Council has not yet had sight of any planning application for this site.

Present:

Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair	County Cllr. M. Whiting
Cllr. L. Major	Borough Cllr. M. Baldock
Cllr. G. Randall	Borough Cllr. B. Stokes
Cllr. P. England	6 Members of the Public
Cllr. E. England	

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Dewar-Whalley, Clare and Bartlett, Borough Cllrs. Hampshire, Hunt, the PCSO and Community Warden.

2. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Residents** – no comments.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting advised that he had a site meeting with KCC to look at the Rooks Lane junction; there needs to be a viable solution to this. Cllr. Ball advised that he and Clerk met with the developer of the five houses on the site adjacent to the Reservoir, who agreed to look at the traffic-calming island, which appears to be on the wrong side of the Lane.

Borough Cllr. Baldock advised that the speed humps in Sandford and Gadby Road will not be removed. However, KCC Officers whilst out in the area heard cars scraping when driving over the humps and will raise the tarmac.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – The PCSO did not attend but had forwarded a report on speeding on Keycol Hill and his investigations around Key Street Roundabout as regards signage. This will support County Cllr. Whiting's efforts to get KCC to introduce more signage to make the area safer.

Community Warden – During the month checked the fly tipping hot spots in the area; shops at Gadby Road and Grove Park Recreation ground, residents stating drug-dealing going on in park at night, advised them to phone 101 if there are further incidents. Four fly tipping incidents reported to Swale Borough Council. Checked layby where Lorries are beginning to stay overnight despite time restrictions

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. England the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th July 2017 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 Reduction in Speed Limit** – County Cllr. Whiting met with KCC Highways Officers and they have agreed to change the speed limit from the current 60 mph to 30 mph, from Key Street to a

point near to the junction with Coldharbour Lane. This will be funded by KCC and work is expected to start in the Spring/Summer 2018.

2. **Speeding and Parking on Grove Park Estate** – A resident attended to put forward his concerns and mentioned people had taken to driving on the footpath; can bollards be installed to stop this? Agreed to bring back to the next meeting when Cllr. Clare is present. **Action: Cllr. Clare/Clerk**

6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllrs. Major, E. England, Randall and Ball – nothing to report.

Cllr. P. England advised that traffic has increased down Quartz Way, often vehicles are speeding, can this be made one-way? Borough Cllr. Baldock suggested putting the bollards back in to stop this issue. Cllr. England also asked if anyone knew where the Henge is, there is no signage to indicate its location.

7. **Correspondence**

1. **Have your Say: Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Policing Survey** – Agreed to complete individually.

8. **Planning Applications**

1. **17/503458/FULL**: Change of use from storage to MOT testing and the servicing and repairs to cars and light commercial vehicles: Unit 2 Stickfast Farm Sheppey Way Bobbing Sittingbourne: agreed to object on the following grounds:

- Having visited the site the Parish Council understands the company has been using the unit to repair cars and want to add an MOT Testing Station.
- The Parish Council objects on the following grounds:
- Concerns over an increase in traffic.
- Operating times – hours of opening are not shown; on the application form it states, "Not known"
- Concern that vehicles using the shared access, which is also used by 40 tonne trailers, would affect the tarpaulin repair company that uses the turning space for visiting large vehicles.
- Councillors understand the applicant is renting and using the field to the rear, which raises concerns about environmental implications if this green field is used for storage.
- Where will cars be parked?
- Will it be open to members of the public?
- Nearby residents have not been advised of this application, which could have an impact on them.

9. **Finance**

1. **Noticeboard – Gadby Road** – Clerk and Cllr. Clare still awaiting a response from the Co-op. **Action: Cllr. Clare/Clerk**
2. **Community Projects** – Cllr. P. England suggested purchasing land for the Parish as open space; Members commented although a good idea this could prove difficult and costly. He also suggested creating a natural wildlife habitat, planting trees, an annual recycling scheme and an annual reward scheme – Cllr. England to send website link to Clerk. **Action: Cllr. England**

Cllr. E. England suggested planting areas of flowers within the Parish to enhance its beauty, promoting hanging baskets; wild bird boxes sited within Bobbing, allotments, install more bollards to stop antisocial parking and a bus shelter near the Crematorium.

