

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 1st July, 2015

Present: Cllr. G. Herbert
Cllr. R. Ball
Cllr. M. Palmer
Cllr. P. Paige
Cllr. G. Randall
Cllr. P. England

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Borough Cllr. N. Hampshire
Ian Henderson, PCSO
4 Residents

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Dewar-Whalley, Bartlett and Major, Nick Mayatt the Community Warden; Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes and County Cllr. Mike Baldock.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 3rd June, 2015, were agreed and signed as true transcripts.

3. **Public Session**

Residents raised issues with the footpath lighting to the shops on the Abbey development; paving broken by contractors' vehicles not being repaired and a dog bin which has been removed. Clerk to chase contractors regarding cracked paving. ***Action: Clerk***

A resident queried verges not being cut on a monthly basis on The Meads and also down Staplehurst Road. Clerk advised that Borough Cllr. Hunt has been looking into this and a map of areas being maintained is being sought.

The PCSO advised that issues seem to be down for the past couple of months. Cllr. Paige asked about CCTV but as nothing is being reported to the PCSO it is difficult to argue the case for this. He mentioned that there have been a couple of grass fires in parts of The Meads; these are being investigated by the Fire Brigade and Police.

The Community Warden's report was circulated; it's been a relatively quiet month. He visited Grove Park Primary School and participated in a talk to Year 6 with a local Magistrate on the topic of the criminal justice system.

4. **Declarations of Interest** - None.

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

1. **Bobbing Hill – Travellers** – Clerk keeps chasing and still no response. She will also see if she can obtain details regarding funding. ***Action: Clerk***
2. **Bollards – A249** – KCC have had to delay this project due to a more urgent matter but this is next in line. Agreed to keep this on the Agenda. ***Action: Clerk***
3. **Network Rail/Simpsons Crossing** – Network Rail still commenting they are unable to provide any further updates and are saying that their team was unaware of the S.106 funding. Clerk to keep this on the Agenda. ***Action: Clerk***

4. **Parking in The Meads** – Cllr. Ball arranged with the Chairman of Marshgate to have a meeting on the 19th June to discuss this matter and two days before it was due to take place he cancelled and asked for new dates, end of July/beginning of August. Cllr. Ball was not happy and has asked if anyone else can attend in the M.D's place; he is still awaiting a response. Cllr. Palmer advised that the parking situation has got worse since the bollards went in. Cllr. England added that it is having a knock-on effect; people are parking on the chicane. Cllr. Ball advised that Marshgate want KCC to adopt the road but they won't because it does not come up to their criteria. **Action: Cllr. Ball**
5. **Bus Shelter, Key Street** – Clerk to ask County Cllr. Baldock for an update and evidence of a consultation with residents with a view to making a decision at the August meeting. Also to look at whether the Joint Transportation Board can assist. **Action: County Cllr. Baldock/Clerk**
6. **Key Street roundabout – Rumple Strips** – Highway Authority advised that this comes under KCC; Clerk has contacted KCC and is still awaiting a response. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Rooks Lane Junction** – The Parish Council put four suggestions to KCC and is awaiting a response to the ideas. Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Parking on Pavements** – Several responses have come in from other Parish Councils; Swale has responded that they are unable to take any action. Cllr. Paige to bring this up at the KALC Area Committee and Clerk to send Swale's response to other Parishes. **Action: Cllr. Paige/Clerk**
9. **Updates** – Pearl Walk Bus Stop – the bus company has responded that it won't move the stop but will ask its passengers to be more considerate. McDonalds, Litter – still waiting for the new Manager to contact; Clerk to chase. Sittingbourne Rugby Club Proposal – Swale Borough Council have given the go ahead for this but with several restrictions, one of which is to look at car parking to reduce issues on the surrounding roads. Emergency Vehicles/Police sign under A249 Viaduct – Clerk to contact the Highway Agency to see if they will give approval for the signs. Resurfacing of footpath under cattle arch bridge – Clerk still awaiting a response from the developers.

6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllr. Randall commented on the poor state of the Gibbons Road street nameplate. Borough Cllr. Hampshire offered funding to pay for this; Clerk to e-mail him. Cllr. Randall also mentioned the residents' bins in Gadby Road (the Co-op own the site) and wondered whether something could be done to stop others from using them. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. England raised the issue of speeding cars on the new bit of road in The Meads; he will contact the PCSO with details. He also advised of broken paving slabs in Helidor Walk; this damage had been caused by contractors' vehicles driving over them. Clerk to request that these be replaced. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Palmer advised that the feedback on the newsletter had been good.

Cllr. Paige advised that the Minutes of the Swale Area Committee have been circulated. The date for the next meeting is under discussion as Swale have not honoured the regular booking; dates will be circulated in due course. The Joint Transportation Board's Minutes are now on Swale's website. He also advised that infilling the archaeological site at Rose Hill has had to be done due to theft and damage.

Cllrs Ball advised that the War Memorial (in the Church) has now had work completed to the lettering and it is looking good but the wooden border needs doing. He has spoken to Steve Wakeling who will have a look at it tomorrow afternoon to see if it can be rubbed down and stained. Sue Samson suggested using Remembrance Sunday to rededicate the memorial.

9. **Correspondence**

1. **Outline planning application for up to 100 homes at Church Farm, Bobbing: Exhibition on 22nd June** – Members noted that the developer organised this to give members of the public sight of the possible application proposals.

2. **KCC Consultation on Kent's Drainage & Local Flood Risk draft Policy Statement** – No comments.
3. **Call for Sites – Swale Borough Council Local Plan Part 2: Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations** – Agreed to refer Swale to the response made by the Parish Council in 2010. **Action: Clerk**

10. **Planning Applications**

1. **15/504001/FULL** – Agricultural access – Pheasants Garage, Sheppey Way, Bobbing, ME9 8QX – Agreed to respond as follows:
 - Although we have now been advised as to exactly where the site of the proposed access and gate is Parish Councillors are still a little puzzled regarding an area about 100 metres away which has had vegetation cut away as though preparing for an access on to the site – trees have been cut down and shrubs removed?
 - Concerns that this road has a national speed limit and large agricultural vehicles have a wide turning circle and would need the whole road to turn.
 - The proposed access does not appear to give direct access to the agricultural land in question; large vehicles will then have to stop in the road and with the speed that motor vehicles normally travel along this stretch there could be an accident.
 - Should consent be considered then gates must be locked at all times (except when in use) to avoid entry by those without permission; this area often suffers from illegal encampments.
2. **15/505146/TPO** - TPO application to prune back 1no Cedar by up to 2m - Keycol Hospital Rook Lane Bobbing Kent ME9 8NL – Members raised no objections to this application and in light of residents' concerns about the dangerous state of this tree request that this work is carried out as a matter of urgency.

11. **Finance**

1. **CCTV The Grove** – Nothing further heard from the resident contact in The Grove. Cllr. Paige has concerns and suggested writing to KCC and the Borough Council to clarify the position on CCTV. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Noticeboard The Grove** – Agreed to place an item in the newsletter asking residents where they want the noticeboard to be placed. **Action: Cllr. Randall**
3. **Bobbing in Bloom** - £200 in the budget; Clerk to speak to Sue Crawford regarding this. **Action: Clerk**
4. **SLCC Subscription Renewal 2015/16** – Proposed by Cllr. Paige and seconded by Cllr. Palmer, agreed the sum of £56, a third of the annual fee.
5. **Resident Request for two Bus Shelters adjacent to Bobbing Crematorium** – Agreed to write to the Crematorium to see if they will assist with this. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Paige and seconded by Cllr. England, the accounts to the 30th June, 2015, were agreed and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
01.07.15	0461	L. Fisher	Expenses May – Tele, Use of Office, Refreshments, Postage	£13.64p
01.07.15	0462	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due June 2015	£46.60p
01.07.15	0463	Steve wakeling	Grass Cutting June and May 2015	£200.00p
01.07.15	0464	Set in Stone	2 nd payment renovation of WW1 War Memorial	£1137.00p
Four Cheques in total				

Payment: Wages - £186.08p - salary June 2015

Paid by Standing Order

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

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

The next monthly Meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th August 2015, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.50 p.m.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____