

## **BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Cllr. R. Ball - Chair	Borough Cllr. M. Baldock
	Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown – Vice-Chair	Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
	Cllr. G. Randall	Samantha Gray, Clerk
	Cllr. N. Clare	1 Resident
	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 and Clarke. No apologies received from Cllr. Major.

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

a. **Residents** – Nothing to report.

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

i. KCC Borough Cllr. Baldock advised the following:

- KCC will review their budget next week. This will have an impact on road maintenance due to not having the funds needed to carry out a backlog of work required.
- There are transport to grammar school cases to review for this September.
- The council are planning to increase charges for waste disposal and is concerned that fly-tipping will increase.
- There is currently a consultation on the Lower Thames Crossing.
- Cllr French reported there is a high amount of litter on the A249 embankment, which Cllr. Baldock will report to Kent Highways.

ii. Borough Cllr. Hunt advised the following:

- Roadworks on Staplehurst Road have increased parking concerns in Archers Park. Cllr. Hunt has asked engineers for a parking report to take to the Joint Transportation Board. The road will be closed overnight for 8 weeks, with a diversion through Milton Regis and Sonora Way and he is concerned the roads are not accessible for lorries.
- Cllr Ball advised Cllr. Hunt that KCC did not inform the Parish Council that the roadworks was planned. He has suggested that the Parish Council write a letter to Kent Highways regarding this.
- Cllr. French advised the roadworks have obstructed the pedestrian pathway towards the Bobbing Apple and the traffic lights on Sonora Way are intermittent and is concerned an accident will happen. Cllr. Hunt advised the position of the traffic lights has moved today (1<sup>st</sup> February).
- Sonora Way road will be widened and used as the main route for the new housing development on Quinton Road.

iii. Swale Borough Cllr. Baldock advised the following:

- The planning department issue weekly updates of planning decisions that are made, and a web link for this will be advised.
- Parking fees will increase.

- c. **Community Warden/PCSO**
- a. Community Warden – no report received.
- b. PCSO – no report received.

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

Proposed by Cllr. Herbert and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown, the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held 4 January 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**

- a. **Mixed use development comprising up to 2,500 dwellings Land to the West of Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8QL:**
  - Cllr. Hunt held a meeting with developers. Contractors will be appointed in 12 – 18 months. Work on the development will start in 3 years and will be complete in 10-12 years.
  - Bobbing Parish council held a meeting with neighbouring Parish's – it was suggested each Parish hold a contingency fund of £5,000 to source legal advice.
  - Residents have formed a committee and have named this 'CABE' (Communities Against Bobbing Expansion). They have held two meetings and are hoping to hold a large community meeting at Bobbing Village Hall.
- b. **H.I.P** - Cllr. Baldock suggested the cost of yellow lines could be split with another Parish. Clerk to send the H.I.P form to all council members, then discussions can take place at the next council meeting.  
**Action: Clerk**
- c. **Dog Bins** – The bins will be installed 27 February and Swale have agreed to fund this.

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

Cllr. Clare – Parking for businesses at Archers Park is an issue, there are not enough spaces and the management company are introducing a new parking system which prevents double parking and businesses sharing parking spaces, therefore the problem will increase. It was suggested that businesses contact the management company to express their concern.

Cllrs. Morgan-Brown and French – Both councillors attended the recent KALC meeting. The Police now have a 5-point plan. The minutes of the meeting have been circulated.

Cllrs. Randall and Herbert – Nothing to report.

Cllr. Ball – Expressed disappointment that Kent Highways did not inform the Parish Council regarding the B2006 roadworks and suggested the Parish Council write a letter to Gordon Henderson and Kent Highways Cabinet Manager.  
**Action: Clerk**

### 7. **Planning Applications**

**22/505996/FULL:** Erection of an annexe building with associated parking/access and extension to driveway ancillary to the main dwelling. ADDRESS: Webbenditch Cottage Cold Harbour Lane Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8NN. Council members discussed and advised no comments.

**22/505991/TPOA:** TPO application: Removal of snapped branch hanging in one Scots Pine; Reduction of lowest hanging branches on one Scots Pine by 3m to reduce weight and allow more sun into garden. Reducing lowest limbs from 4m to 1m or 2m. LOCATION: 16 Rooks View Bobbing Kent ME9 8GB. Council members discussed and advised no comments.

**23/500240/FULL:** Erection of a two-storey pitched roof side and a single storey linked to garage rear extension including changes to fenestration (Resubmission 22/505026/FULL). ADDRESS: 7 Cinnabar Drive Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5LA. Council members discussed and agreed to stick to their comments made on the original planning application.

**APP/V2255/D/22/3308882:** 12 Keycol Hill Bobbing Kent ME9 8ND. Creation of a dropped kerb and driveway. Council members discussed and agreed not to change comments made on the previous planning application.

**23/500288/FULL:** Erection of a single storey rear extension with a loft conversion including rooflights and changes to fenestration. 13 Bobbing Hill Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8NY. Council members discussed and advised no comments.

## 8. Finance

1. **Accounts and Cheques raised** - Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Herbert. Members noted and authorized the expenditure for February 2023. Cllrs. Ball and Morgan-Brown to log into Unity Bank to authorize the payments. **Action: Cllrs. Ball/ Morgan-Brown**
2. **Fund for fighting Bobbing Development** – Discussed at item 5.a, council members agreed to set aside a £5,000 contingency fund, proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Randall.

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
04.02.23	BACS	Iwade Parish Council	Printer Ink (Iwade/Bobbing)	£72.63 to pay £36.32
04.02.23	BACS	S Poole – Expenses	Milk, Millage,	£69.05
04.02.23	BACS	SLCC Locum Clerk	Salary and Fees December	£1,320.60
04.02.23	BACS	Dean Wild	Grass Cutting	£140.00
04.02.23	BACS	Lynda Ives -	Digital River - Anti Virus (Iwade/Bobbing)	£104.99 to pay £52.50
01.2.23	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	9 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£54.58p
INCOME				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payment From	Reason	Amount

## 9. Reports from Representatives

- a. **KALC Area Committee:** Discussed at item no .6.
- b. **Western Area Committee:** No meeting held.
- c. **Swale West Parishes Meeting:** No meeting held.
- d. **Community Woodland Group:** Cllr. French advised the group are working to set up a bank account. Buzzards have returned to the woodland. Rabbits are eating trees which could cause them to fall.
- e. **Bobbing Development Meeting:** Discussed at item no. 5.a.

## 10. Any Other Matters Arising

Cllr. Ball discussed the upcoming elections in May and the need for new council members. Clerk to post a notice on Facebook. Notices are also posted on the Parish notice boards. **Action: Clerk**

**11. Next Meeting(s)**

Monthly Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 1 March 2023, 7.30 p.m. at Bobbing Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.44 p.m.**

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

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