

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 5 September 2018

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. G. Herbert - Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair	County Cllr. M. Whiting
	Cllr. P. England	Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
	Cllr. E. England	6 Parishioners
	Cllr. L. Major	
	Cllr. A. Cavanagh	
	Cllr. N. Clare	

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Parish Cllr. Dewar-Whalley, Borough Cllr. N. Hampshire and the Community Warden.

2. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Residents** – A resident raised the issue of the Hill Farm Enabling planning application and its tie in with Demelza, on a site not within the Local Plan. He felt that by granting the application Swale Borough Council had opened up the door to similar applications and further loss of agricultural land, in his words Swale's Planning Committee has opened up a 'complete can of worms'. The Chair advised that the Parish Council had objected, not because it was against Demelza which is a charity it holds in high regard, but because of the manner in which this application was presented and the worrying outcome. The resident asked what will the Parish Council do now? The Chair responded that the Parish Council is exploring the avenue of a Judicial Review or getting the Secretary of State to call this in; both are not straightforward procedures.

A resident from Keycol Hill advised that Optivo have agreed in principle that land to the side of their property could be used as an access to properties in Keycol Hill who do not have parking areas. Keycol Hill residents now need to meet to consider options and let County Cllr. Whiting know how they want to proceed.

2. County and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting reported the Optivo solution above. He advised that Traffic Orders to reduce speed limits from Key Street Roundabout to Boyces Hill; Key Street Roundabout to Bobbing McDonalds and Staple Hurst Road have been issued. There are proposals to change priority in Rooks Lane. Work is progressing on The Meads becoming a 20 mph zone. Cllr. Clare referred to a meeting with Borough Cllr. Baldock when a 20 mph speed restriction was raised. She asked if this was possible in Grove Park; Cllr. Whiting advised that it was down to the local Member (Cllr. Baldock).

Borough Cllr. Hunt referred to the new Garden Communities. Paperwork is being submitted to the Local Plan Committee on the 20 September and one of area that has come forward is land at Bobbing for up to 2.5 thousand houses; this raised concerns amongst the Parish Council. Cllr. Ball raised the issue of land left looking like 'the Somme' on the proposed site for the new School near to Archers Park. Cllr. Hunt advised that this is due to ecology.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Checked fly tipping in area; reported incident in Parsonage Lane and fridge/freezer in Sheppey Way to Swale Borough Council. Three further fly tipping incidents in Parsonage Lane reported. Visited vulnerable resident to discuss scams and doorstep callers/bogus traders. Crime reports - Between 2 - 6pm on 24 August, 2 empty suitcases stolen from a vehicle on Bobbing Hill Bobbing. Between 21/22 August, burglars broken into a garage and stole 2 bikes: one green and black Carrera and one BMX from Wilton Terrace London Road Sittingbourne.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Cavanagh, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1 August 2018 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. **GDPR** – Clerk still awaiting quotes for setting up e-mails with a domain of .gov.uk or .org.uk.
2. **Bobbing Hill Parking Issues** – See latest update on parking for residents in Keycol Hill under 2.1 and 2.2 above. Chair advised this needs to be solved first and then to look at yellow lines for Bobbing Hill.

6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllr. P. England – the usual issues, rubbish, lights not working. He also referred to the 20's Working Party – see 7.3 below.

Cllr. Cavanagh asked if there had been any action concerning the Ragwort, Clerk has written to Swale, Cllr. Hunt to chase. She is trying to negotiate with Redrow/their maintenance company to keep any informal opening in the fence residents might have made whilst they wait for Redrow to obtain planning permission for the two planned pedestrian exits/entrances Bobbing end of Archers Park. Cllr. James Hunt told her Redrow hadn't yet even applied for planning permission for this, although she has been told by Redrow it would have gone to planning before now; Cllr. Hunt to look into this. She referred to a site visit to A.C. Goatham, relating to a noise nuisance complaint. Goatham are talking about having an open day in September. **Action: Borough Cllr. Hunt**

Cllr. Clare raised concerns about the number of gas canisters found in the area. Clerk to ask PCSO to investigate and to ask Cllr. Randall to place an article in the next edition of the newsletter. She referred to the closure of the crossing and expressed concern that temporary fencing, put in place by Network Rail 2 years ago was still in situ near to the garages at the back of Hilton Drive. The fencing is not secured and children tend to climb on it. Clerk to ask Network Rail to remove this, or make secure. **Action: Clerk**

Cllrs. Major, Ball and E. England - nothing to report.

7. **Correspondence**

1. Consultation: LGA green paper for adult social care and wellbeing – Noted.
2. Government Shale Gas Exploration And Production Planning Consultations – Proposed by Cllr. England and seconded by Cllr. Clare; agreed (5 for 1 against) to respond over concerns that there is no need for planning permission before digging holes for exploration. **Action: Clerk**
3. 20's Plenty Working Group Minutes and Motions for KALC AGM – Clerk to contact Working Parking to ascertain if Cllr. P. England can become a member. **Action: Cllr. P. England/Clerk**
4. Consultation: Swale Cycling and Walking Policy Framework 2018-2022 – Cllr. Herbert delegated to draft a response. **Action: Cllr. Herbert/Clerk**

8. **Planning Applications**

1. **18/503657/FULL**: Petrol Filling Station: Sheppey Way Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent – no comments.
2. **18/503941/FULL**: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension: 25 Bobbing Hill Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8NY – no comments.
3. **18/504333/FULL**: Erection of two storey rear extension: 29 Bobbing Hill Bobbing Kent ME9 8NY – no comments.

9. **Standing Orders**

Noted the subsequent NALC amendments. These have now been included in the adopted Standing Orders, the amended copy has been dated August 2018.

10. **Finance**

1. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. England and seconded by Cllr. Clare, agreed accounts to the 31 August 2018 and the following Cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
05.09.18	0632	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone, Use of Office – August, Refreshments, May, July and August	£23.88p
05.09.18	0633	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due September	£77.80p
05.09.18	0634	Bobbing Village Hall	Hall Hire April to September 2018	£200.00p
Three Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

Wages - salary September

£388.72p

Paid by Standing Order

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

12. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 3 October 2018, 7.30 p.m. in the Bobbing Parish Hall's small Committee Room

The meeting closed at 09.30 p.m.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____