

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 1st March 2017

Present: Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair
Cllr. R. Ball
Cllr. L. Major
Cllr. G. Randall
Cllr. P. England
Cllr. D. Dewar-Whalley
Cllr. N. Clare
Cllr. E. England

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. M. Baldock
Borough Cllr. M. Whiting
Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
2 Members of the Public

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies received from Parish Cllr. Bartlett.

1. Residents

A resident from The Meads advised that builders on the Watermark are throwing their rubbish on to the ground. Borough Cllr. Hunt will speak to Redrow and the Clerk will ask the Community Warden to look into this. **Action: Clerk**

2. County and Borough Councillors

County Cllr. Baldock advised corner protection yellow lines now installed in Sonora Way and yellow lines laid along Wormdale Bridge Bridleway because it has become a location for advertising vans. He mentioned the withdrawal of funding for Cycling Proficiency; Cllr. Dewar-Whalley thought the Governors of Schools should write to KCC if they had concerns. Clerk to investigate. **Action: Clerk**

Borough Cllr. Hunt advised that four trees have now been planted on The Meads; next comes the information boards. The Community Pay Back Team cleared litter from The Meads and the Management Company will look into bins. The Environment Warden will also write to the Management Company.

Borough Cllr. Whiting mentioned litter on the A249 and the roundabout; he is chasing Highways England to clear it. Cllr. Ball advised Lorry drivers using the laybys often leave their litter behind.

3. Community Warden/PCSO – Community Warden's report noted. During the month, he carried out predictive policing along Rook Lane; made a welfare visit to a scammer's victim and dealt with fly tipping in the area.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Major and seconded by Cllr. Randall; the Minutes of the monthly meeting all held on 1st February 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Declarations of Interest – None.

5. Parish Councillor Vacancy

Nikki Clare and Elizabeth England were co-opted onto the Parish Council; duly took up their seats and signed the Acceptance of Office.

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

1. **Bobbing Hill Reduction in Speed Limit** – Clerk to write to Borough Cllr. Bowles, the Chairman of the J.T.B. asking that this be added to Agenda of the next meeting. In the meantime, County Cllr. Baldock will approach KCC's Matthew Balfour regarding this. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Speeding and Parking on Grove Park Estate** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Randall; agreed the sum of £2000 towards the cost of installing bollards in Hilton Drive and Clerk to set up a site meeting with Alan Blackburn to look at the proposed locations. Cllr. Clare referred to the dangerous practice of people parking on the bends in Sandford Road and Gadby Road, creating blind spots for traffic; agreed to look at this when the Officer visits Hilton Drive. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Parking on Keycol Hill** – Noted the comments from the Agents acting on behalf of the landowner; Cllr. Major has passed this information on to the resident. Take off the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

7. Councillors' Report

Cllr. Randall raised the issue of the diseased trees that Swale Council are felling on Gore Court Cricket ground; are these being replaced and will shrubs be planted as promised in the play area? Cllr. Dewar-Whalley to take this forward. **Action: Cllr. Dewar-Whalley**

Cllr. P. England asked for a dog bin on Staplehurst Road, opposite the Meads near the pedestrian crossing – Borough Cllr. Hunt to assist. He attended a KALC meeting when a talk took place on Tree Wardens and ancient hedges and recording them. Dave Austin, KALC gave a talk on Computers. The next meeting is in June (Parish Council can send an extra delegate) when a speaker from CRPE will give a talk about how to present planning arguments to planning committees.

Cllr. Clare referred to the Chiropractors' lighting and signage; nothing has come back. Concerning the water leak in The Grove, this has been located and a temporary repair carried out. The Water Company now has six months to complete the full repair but are expecting to carry out the work around the 8th March - ironically they have left it because of localised subsidence. The Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott, is at Phoenix House on the 9th March, 2.00 p.m. for the Neighbourhood Watch Seminar.

Cllr. R. Ball has received a complaint from a Parishioner regarding BT internet, which has been slow and is affecting his business; he contacted BT who stated, "What do you expect when you have a sub-standard line?". Clerk to contact KCC's George Chandler to see if he can assist. **Action: Clerk**

Cllrs. Major and E. England – nothing to report.

8. Policies

Proposed by Cllr. Dewar-Whalley and seconded by Cllr. Ball, 1 abstention; agreed to adopt the Social Media Policy and to set up a Parish Council Facebook page, but to defer making the site live. Clerk to give passwords to the Chairman. **Action: Clerk**

9. Correspondence - None

9. Planning Applications - None

10. Finance

1. **Financial Regulations** – Bring back to April meeting. **Action: Cllr. Bartlett/Clerk**
2. **Bank Mandate – Cheque Signatories** – Place on the April Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Church Tree Festival** – Place on the April Agenda. **Action: Cllr. Bartlett/Clerk**
4. **Noticeboard – Gadby Road** – Clerk to contact to the Co-op to ascertain if services run under the lobby step. **Action: Clerk**

5. **Fencing rear of Village Hall** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Dewar-Whalley; agreed to accept the quotation for the supply of five foot chain link fencing with metal post and erect concrete post to the rear of the Village Hall, to improve site security, for the sum of £1330. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Rural Kent Membership 2017-18** – Proposed by Cllr. Dewar-Whalley and seconded by Cllr. Ball, agreed to renew the 2017/18 membership fee of £50. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Clerks and Councils Direct Subscription Renewal 2017/18** – Proposed by Cllr. Major and seconded by Cllr. Ball, agreed to renew the 2017/18 subscription fee of £36. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Dewar-Whalley and seconded by Cllr. Ball; the accounts to the 28th February 2017 were agreed and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
01.03.17	0550	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone, Use of Office, Refreshments (Milk/Coffee), 8 Canon Ink Cartridges (one-third share) - February	£24.45p
01.03.17	0551	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due March 2017	£59.20p
Two Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

Wages - salary February 2017 £237.16p Paid by Standing Order

12. Any Other Matters Arising

Cllr. Herbert referred to the Government’s “Fixing our broken housing market: consultation”, which came out on the 7th February and closes on the 2nd May. Clerk to place this on the April Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

13. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 5th April 2017, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the small meeting room at Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____