

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 3 October 2018

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr. G. Herbert - Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair	Borough Cllr. M. Baldock
	Cllr. P. England	Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
	Cllr. E. England	PCSOs Linge and Ansbro
	Cllr. A. Cavanagh	28 Parishioners
	Cllr. G. Randall	

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

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

2. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Residents** – A large number of residents attended to put forward their extreme concerns at the proposed development of 2,000 houses on land in the Rooks Lane/Bobbing Hill area; this is being termed a ‘Garden Community’ and is being looked at by Swale Borough Council as part of its five year review of the current Local Plan. Lack of infrastructure, the roads cannot cope with the present amount of traffic, air pollution and loss of Grade 1 agricultural land were raised. The Parish Council explained that all Members have seen is a map showing the area under consideration ‘hatched’, but no actual details have come forward as yet and it cannot comment until such time, otherwise it would be argued that a pre-determined decision had been made. Residents took the opportunity to ‘quiz’ Borough Cllr. Hunt on the proposal being put forward; he believes that Garden Communities are the way forward to find the housing numbers necessary to meet Government requirements. Residents are still reeling from the decision to grant the granted ‘enabling’ application, 15/505488/OUT Land at Church Farm; associated with Demelza, which they felt had opened up an avenue for developers to bring forward land not in the Local Plan in other areas of Bobbing. They also expressed concern that Borough Cllr. Hunt cast the deciding vote for this, although he did clarify his reason for doing so. Many residents felt that Swale Borough Council should stand up to the Government as regards the housing quotas as local infrastructure just cannot cope.

Regarding 15/505488/OUT Land at Church Farm (raised by residents at this meeting), the Parish Council has approached the Planning Inspectorate relating to the possibility of a Judicial Review but been advised that costs could run into many thousands of pounds. In addition, the outcome might not be favourable because the Review would be looking at whether Swale had gone through the correct procedure, and at best could show the procedures were wrong but not the actual decision. Gordon Henderson MP has also commented the same and advised that the Secretary of State will only call in an application up until the LPA makes its decision. He added that the term ‘enabling’ is not a statutory one, it generally refers to a situation in which development that would otherwise be refused is considered acceptable because it would facilitate (or enable) benefits that outweigh any harm.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting reported via letter – expressed disappointment in the decision to allow the enabling development in Rook Lane on land that is not allocated for housing in the Local Plan. Plans for the new look Key Street Roundabout been produced, though they are still subject to funding from the Government. The new design only has one set of traffic lights. He is working with Highways to get various pavements cleared of vegetation, pothole repairs and requests for 20 mph Zones in Grove Park. A consultation for lowering speed limits in Sheppey Way, Staplehurst Road and Keycol Hill has finished; he is awaiting the results.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – No report from Community Warden. PCSO Kirsty Linge and Dave Ansbro took over the area in May of this year. They advised things are relatively peaceful at the moment; have done a lot of work in Archers Park/Sonora relating to cyclists. Are still dealing with Nitrous oxide gas canisters; as they are not illegal they cannot stop children from buying them. They asked if residents contact them direct, instead of posting on Facebook. They will be patrolling on Halloween to stop any anti-social behaviour.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Ball, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5 September 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. Members attended GDPR training on the 12 September 2018.
2. **Bobbing Hill Parking Issues** – No further updates.
3. **Network Rail Temporary Fencing, Hilton Drive** – Clerk reported that she had received a response, in relation to her complaint, stating that the fence did not belong to Network Rail and that they had closed the case. She has queried this with Cllr. Clare, who could not attend tonight's meeting. Cllr. England suggested reporting it to British Transport Police.
4. **20's Working Party Group** – Cllr. England advised that he has been invited to join this group, the aim of which is to try to put speed issues in the hands of the local authority and to instigate 20 mph speed limits without traffic calming.

6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllr. P. England (apart from querying dealing with issues related to the forthcoming Halloween answered by the PCSO above), Cllr. E. England and Cllr. G. Randall, nothing to report.

Cllr. Cavanagh mentioned problems with roads in Archers Park. Nothing has changed as regards the new School site. She is going to complain to KCC regarding Chalkwell Coaches and the issue with the school buses. Cllr. Hunt mentioned Swale Quality Bus Partnership and suggested she go to the local Councillor. As representative of the Parish Council, she attended the Swale Green Grid Forum, which was very productive; they meet four times a year.

Cllr. Ball advised of fly tipping in a field on the Sheppey Way, about 500 yards up from Key Street Roundabout, there are containers which appear to be full with liquid. Clerk to Report to Swale Borough Council.

Action: Clerk

7. **Correspondence**

1. Kent County Council's 'Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Consultation' – Agreed to respond as follows:
 - This proposal will only increase the existing huge problem of fly-tipping, with more money coming out of the tax payers' pockets to clear up incidents.
 - It was mentioned that people are coming from outside Kent to use the Waste Tips and that by doing this it will stop this practice; instead of charging could you not request evidence of where users reside, i.e. an address, and then refuse any non-Kent users?
2. New Suicide Prevention Funding for Community Groups – Noted.
3. KALC Community Awards Scheme 2019 – Agreed to place on Facebook.

Action: Clerk

8. **Planning Applications**

1. **18/504644/FULL:** Erection of a single storey side extension: 8 Clive Road Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1QQ: no comments.
2. **18/504690/FULL:** Single storey rear extension: 56 Keycol Hill Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8ND: no comments.

9. **Finance**

1. **Internal Audit Report 2017/18** – report noted; no issues raised.
2. **External Audit Report 2017/18** – Completion of the external audit noted, no issues raised and the Clerk has posted the required notices on the website and noticeboards.
3. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Cavanagh, agreed accounts to the 30 September 2018 and the following Cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
03.10.18	0635	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone, Use of Office, Refreshments, September	£16.66p
03.10.18	0636	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due October	£77.60p
03.10.18	0637	Steve Wakeling	Grass Cutting – 1 Cut	£120.00p
03.10.18	0638	David Buckett	Internal Audit 2017-18	£254.95p
03.10.18	0639	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit 2017-18	£240.00p
Five Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

Wages - salary October

£388.72p

Paid by Standing Order

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

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 7 November 2018, 7.30 p.m. in the Bobbing Parish Hall's small Committee Room

The meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____