

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 1st February 2017

Present: Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair
Cllr. L. Major
Cllr. G. Randall
Cllr. P. England
County Cllr. M. Baldock
Borough Cllr. M. Whiting
5 Members of the Public

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Ball, Bartlett and Dewar-Whalley; the Clerk, Mrs. Fisher; Borough Cllrs Hunt. Stokes and the PCSO

2. **Public Session**

1. **Residents** – No comments.

2. **County and Borough Councillors**

County Cllr. Baldock reported that he was liaising with the Parish Clerk over two outstanding issues, Bollards for Hilton Drive and Swale House Local Plans. He also reported that the Borough Council was having a meeting about the Infrastructure next week, which included the Key Street Roundabout. He pointed out the worry he had about coming off a major roundabout and directly onto a secondary roundabout. He also has worries about a planned slip road from the A249 Maidstone Road to the M2.

Borough Cllr. Whiting advised to wait and see what the further application from Quinn Estates is going to be and how it would affect things.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – None in attendance.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. England and seconded by Cllr. Major; the Minutes of the monthly meeting all held on 10th January 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. **Declarations of Interest** – None.

5. **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

The Chair advised that two Councillor were required and the Clerk has advertised the vacancies.

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

1. **Bobbing Hill Reduction in Speed Limit** – Cllr M Baldock informed the Parish Council that they could apply to have the speed limit reduced by way of a Traffic Road Order via KCC, which would cost £800. The application would go before the Joint Transportation Board of Swale Borough Council and if agreed it would take roughly nine to twelve months to enforce. Yellow lines would need consent.

2. **Speeding and Parking on Grove Park Estate** – Underground services will cause a problem when trying to site the bollards in the required locations; this could be overcome by using less bollards but will be more expensive. Bring back to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

3. **Parking on Keycol Hill** – In the absence of the Clerk, bring back to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

7. Councillors' Report

Cllr. England has ask for a litterbin to be installed, and was advised to write to Borough Cllr. Hunt He is also trying to get a Dog Bin at the at the pedestrian crossing which crosses Staplehurst Road, near the Redrow turn off to the Meads

Cllrs. Major and Randall – nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

1. **Freight Action Plan for Kent Public Consultation** – The Chair read out the plans. Borough Cllr. Whiting suggested submitting a response promoting parking areas for HGV's and more use of rail for freight. Agreed the Chair to draft a response. **Action: Chair**

2. **Draft Kent Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2017-1022 Consultation** – Noted.

9. Planning Applications

1. **16/508591/TPO**: 1 Sweet Chestnut Tree - (1) Raise Canopy to approx. 6-7 metres including removal of 1 x lowest branch to rear of tree also several small hanging branches to be removed. (2) Cut back several dead stubs to branch collars from previous tipping cuts. (3) Cut back dead branches wrapped in dead ivy. (4) Gentle canopy thin (Max 10-15%) by removal of smallest epicormics growth along main branches: 15 Rooks View Bobbing Kent ME9 8GB – No comment.

2. **16/508408/ADV**: Advertisement Consent for Physiotherapy Clinic; 2 x non-illuminated fascia signs and 6 x self-adhesive vinyl signs to front windows and doors: Unit 1A Grove Park Shopping Centre Gadby Road Sittingbourne ME10 1TH – Agreed to request that as part of the conditions the Facia/Window signs should not be allowed to be illuminated by interior lighting after hours of business.

3. **17/500016/ADV**: Advertisement Consent - the installation of a new 5m totem sign, in alternative location to previously approved 16/505327/ADV: Mcdonalds Restaurants Ltd Sheppey Way Bobbing ME9 8RZ – Agreed to comment that agreement was to 'replace' the previous application and NOT in 'addition' to previous application.

10. Speeding and Parking on the Meads Estate

Cllr. England said that he wanted to have these items placed on the Agenda to show residents of the Meads that the Parish Council does care, as comments from residents were to the effect that it did not show an interest in them. He advised that KCC have not adopted Pearl Way, Quartz Way or Spinel Close. He asked Cllr. Baldock about yellow lines and Street signs in the adopted roads and was advised to contact Swale Borough Council for this.

11. Finance

1. **Financial Regulations** – Bring back to March meeting. **Action: Cllr. Bartlett/Clerk**

2. **Bank Mandate – Cheque Signatories** – Place on the March Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

3. **Church Tree Festival** – Place on the March Agenda. **Action: Cllr. Bartlett/Clerk**

4. **Noticeboard – Gadby Road** – Place on March Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

5. **Fencing rear of Village Hall** – Bring back to March meeting. **Action: Cllr. Herbert/ Clerk**

6. **Rural Kent Membership 2017-18** – Bring back to March meeting. **Action: Clerk**

7. **Clerks and Councils Direct Subscription Renewal 2017/18** - Place on March Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. England and seconded by Cllr. Randall; the accounts to the 31st January 2017 were agreed and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
01.02.17	0548	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone and Use of Office - January	£13.77p
01.02.17	0549	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due February 2017	£59.40p
Two Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

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

12. Any Other Matters Arising

Cllr. Herbert proposed that work should commence on a new edition of the Newsletter/Gazette; agreed by Cllr. Randall.

13. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 1st March 2017, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the small meeting room at Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____