

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 6 April 2022

Present: Cllr. R. Ball – Chair
Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown - Vice-Chair
Cllr. P. French
Cllr. L. Major
Cllr. G. Herbert
Cllr. G Randall

Samantha Gray – Clerk
Chief Executive SBC – Larissa Reed
Borough Cllr. N. Hampshire
Borough Cllr. C. Woodford
Community Warden - Helen Binning

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllr. Clare; and Borough Cllrs. Hunt and Baldock.

2. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Residents** – No comments.

2. County and Borough Councillors

a. Borough Cllr. C. Woodford advised the following:

- Residents of Lower Halstow have requested that a planning decision for Raspberry Hill solar farm does not happen until all comments are received.
- Will be attending the planning meeting on Thursday 7 April for planning application 21/500173/FULL: Retrospective application for change of use of land from agricultural to animal rescue including new stock fencing and gates, mobile field shelters, small animal houses, shipping containers for storage, associated boundary treatment and stationing of a mobile caravan for use as a residential unit for staff. Land East of Hawes Woods High Oak Hill Iwade Road, Newington Kent ME9 7HY

b. Borough Cllr. N. Hampshire advised the following:

- Leader of the Council Roger Truelove has stood down from his position, therefore a new leader of the council will be announced soon.
- Adult exercise equipment will be installed in Grove Park.

c. Chief Executive Swale Borough Council – Larissa Reed advised the following:

- There will be a new planning co-ordinator starting at the council soon.
- Council is discussing a recent policy update and levelling up white paper.
- Meeting regarding the Platinum Jubilee will be held 26 April at 7pm.

3. Community Warden/PCSO

a. Community Warden – nothing to report.

b. Report received from PCSO Green:

- 27/03/2022 – Nuisance Vehicles – Old Ferry Road, Sheppey Way, Iwade and Bobbing – A large group of cars were racing in the streets and being very loud. Multiple reports of this were received. A number of patrols from the Roads Policing Unit were deployed to the location, resulting in all vehicles being dispersed from the area. Because of these incidents, a Section. 34 dispersal order had been authorised for the weekend of 01/04/22-03/04/2022. No racing incidents have been reported over this weekend with the dispersal order on.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Herbert and seconded by Cllr. French, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 March 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Declarations of Interest – Cllr. Ball declared an interest in item 9.4 of the agenda – Grass cutting quotes.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes and Last Month’s Meeting

1. **Bobbing Apple Junction** – No updates, leave on the agenda. *Action: Clerk*
2. **Simpson’s Crossing** – Update received from Nation Rail by email and sent to members 06/04/22.
3. **Newington Cricket Ground** – Council members discussed that unfortunately Newington Cricket ground has been vandalised with diesel. The council would like to donate £400 to the cricket ground to help towards repair costs. Proposed by Cllr. Major and seconded by Cllr. Randall. *Action: Clerk*

6. Parish Councillors’ Reports

Cllrs. Morgan-Brown and Herbert - nothing to report.

Cllr. Randall has been helping with the crisis in Ukraine by taking delivery of donations purchased from Amazon and arranging for them to be delivered to Ukraine.

Cllr. French reported that there is still an issue with speeding cars and lorries from the Quinton building site using Sonora Way.

Cllr. Major reported his concern over the rising fuel costs and that renewal energy resources cannot cope with the demand. He discussed the need for renewal energy resources such as solar panels to be looked at by new housing developers.

7. Correspondence

1. **Community Governance Reviews – The Meads – Bobbing Parish Area** – Council members discussed the Community Governance review received from Swale Borough Council. Chief Executive of Swale Borough Council – Larissa Reed agreed to conduct a review to include amending the boundaries and/or electoral arrangements of the parish. Council members agreed to leave on the agenda. *Action: Clerk*

8. Planning Applications

No planning applications to discuss.

9. Finance

1. **Defibrillator and Electric Quotes – Gadby Road, The Meads, McDonald’s Site** –
 - a. No further update on McDonalds site.
 - b. Update received by email from Cllr Clare regarding Gadby Road (Co-op); she met with an electrician to look at installing the defibrillator cabinet. Keep on the Agenda. *Action: Clerk*
2. **Bus Shelter, The Meads** – No update. Agreed to leave on the agenda. *Action: Clerk*

3. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Ideas** – Council members discussed donating buddy benches to 3 schools in the Parish to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Clerk to look into the cost of 2-to-3-seater benches. Agreed to leave on the agenda. **Action: Clerk**

4. **Grass cutting quotes** – Council members discussed the quotes received and agreed to accept the quote from Dean Wild for £70 for each monthly mow. Proposed by Cllr. Randall and seconded by Cllr. Herbert. **Action: Clerk**

5. **Village Hall** – Council members discussed a quote received of £764.40 for a new front door. More information is required. Agreed to leave on the agenda. **Action: Clerk**

6. **Computer Chair, Keyboard and Mouse, Dictaphone for Clerk £255.47 share 50% with IPC** – Proposed by Cllr. Randall and seconded by Cllr. Herbert.

7. **National Salary Award** – Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. French.

8. **SLCC membership cost £186 share 50% with IPC** – Proposed by Cllr. French and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown.

9. **SLCC Course: Agendas and Minutes for Clerk £60 share 50% with IPC** - Proposed by Cllr. French and seconded by Cllr. Randall.

10. **SLCC Course: Introduction to Local Council Administration for Clerk £120 + VAT share 50% with IPC** - Proposed by Cllr. Morgan-Brown and seconded by Cllr. Randall.

11. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 28 February 2022 and the following payments were agreed. Cllrs. Ball and Morgan-Brown to log into Unity Bank to authorize the payments.

Action: Cllrs. Ball/ Morgan-Brown

EXPENDITURE				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payable to	Reason	Amount
06.04.22	BACs	S. Gray	Expenses March: Telephone, Use of home as office, Salary, Computer Chair (50% of cost), Keyboard & Mouse (50% of cost), Dictaphone (50% of cost), Milk, tea bags, and biscuits	£542.25
06.04.22	BACs	S. Gray	Mileage Allowance for planning meeting	£5.22
06.04.22	BACs	SLCC Enterprises	From One Clerk to Another: Agendas & Minutes – Clerk Samantha Gray	£72.00
06.04.22	BACs	Iwade Parish Council	Year End Payments Reconciliation	£31.4
01.03.22	SO	Invicta IT Solutions	12 Microsoft 365 Mailboxes	£52.32
01.03.22	DD	HugoFox	Website monthly fee	£29.99
28.03.22	DD	William Giles	Quarterly Payroll Preparation	£62.40
INCOME				
Pay Date	Pay Method	Payment From	Reason	Amount
09.03.22	BACs	L Ives	Repayment of Salary	£375.05

10. Reports From Representatives

1. **KALC Area Committee** – No updates.
2. **Western Area Committee** – No updates.

3. **Swale West Parishes Meeting** – Cllrs. Ball and Herbert attended the meeting and reported that the following was discussed:
 - a. A speaker attended from Age UK and discussed how loneliness and isolation is affecting the community, and that they are working on current projects to help residents who are affected.
 - b. Buses and Highway scheme was discussed.

11. **Any Other Matters Arising**

1. Savings Account – add to next agenda.

Action: Clerk

12. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 4 May 2022, 7.30 p.m. at Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.35 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____