

## **BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. R. Bartlett	County Cllr. M. Baldock
	Cllr. G. Randall	Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
	Cllr. P. England	Borough Cllr. N. Hampshire
		12 Residents

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Vice-Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Parish Cllrs. Herbert, Major and Dewar-Whalley and the PCSO.

He then handed over to Sue Crawford and Yvonne Herbert to were there to award prizes to the following winners of the Bobbing in Bloom Competition, 2016:

**Front Gardens:** Runner up: 35 Rooks View; Winner: 6 Allenby Walk

**Hanging Baskets:** Runner up: 2 Meadow View Cottages; Winner: Dunrovin Sheppey Way

**Commercial Award:** Runner up: Garden of England Crematorium;  
Winner: Redrow Show Homes at Watermark

#### **2. Public Session**

1. **Residents** – Sue Samson advised that work on the new toilets for the Church is underway. So far they have £46,000 towards the cost but still need £30,000 to cover the rest. Sadly, their shed was broken into and equipment taken.
2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Baldock advised of the staff shortage in Swale's Enforcement Team, they are looking to take on agency staff to cover. The incorrectly spelt Vellum Drive sign is still the responsibility of Redrow and Swale Borough Council has asked them to replace it.
3. Borough Cllr. Hunt referred to litter in Quartz Way. He has spoken to the Management Company and it is their grounds maintenance that empty the bins; apart from 'One Stop' who empty their own. The situation does seem to have improved lately.

Cllr. Hampshire advised that the consultation period for the Local Plan has come to an end. There will be an examination of the responses in January/February next year.

4. **Community Warden/PCSO** – No report.

#### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. England and seconded by Cllr. Randall; the Minutes of the monthly meeting all held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

#### **4. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Bartlett declared an interest in Item 8.1.

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

1. **Flooding Issues A249 and Surrounds** – No further updates; keep on the Agenda.
2. **Bobbing School Speed Limit Update** – No response from KCC Clerk to keep chasing. **Action: Clerk**

3. **Bobbing Hill Reduction in Speed Limit** – A further response has been received from KCC, which again is not very helpful; County Cllr. Baldock to investigate. **Action: Cllr. Baldock/Clerk**
4. **Working Hours – Howt Green** – Muted response received from Swale Council. It was agreed that the Clerk write inviting Mr. Goatham to a site meeting with two Parish Councillors and two representatives from residents that live adjacent to the site to discuss the issues. **Action: Clerk**

## 6. **Councillors' Report**

Cllr. Ball – advised that the remedial works in Bobbing Hill are still outstanding; he has spoken to the Senior Engineer for the Electric company and is having a meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> October to try and get this work done. He has been approached by two residents regarding parking at the upper end of Bobbing Hill at night; he will discuss this with the P.C.S.O.

Cllr. Bartlett – mentioned the amount of litter at the bottom of Bobbing Hill and strewn across the road by Bobbing Cricket Pitch; could the Clerk ask McDonalds to clear their litter in bobbing Hill. The hedges past the village sign opposite the entrance to the field need cutting back as they are overgrowing the footpath.

**Action: Clerk**

Cllrs. England and Randall – nothing to report.

## 7. **Correspondence**

1. **KCC Local Transport Plan Consultation** – Bring back to November meeting. **Action: Cllr. Paige**
2. **Possible parking spaces along Keycol Hill** – Bring back to November meeting. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Speeding and Parking on Grove Park Estate** – The Vice-Chair asked both the County and Borough Councillors for Grove Park if they could assist with the speeding issues in this area as it is not parished. It was agreed that Cllr. Randall meet with a representative of the residents to look at the possibility of installing bollards on the footpath in Hilton Drive to stop cars from driving along it and causing a hazard to pedestrians. Cllr. Randall to report back to the November meeting. **Action: Cllr. Randall**
4. **DCLG Technical Consultation on implementation of Neighbourhood Planning provisions in the Neighbourhood Planning Bill** – noted.
5. **Consultation on Council Tax Referendum Principles** – Clerk delegated to respond. **Action: Clerk**
6. **Church Christmas Tree Festival** – Cllr. Bartlett to look at creating a tree for the festival and report back to the November meeting. **Action: Cllr. Bartlett**
7. **Parliamentary Boundary Commission** – Pleased to see that Sittingbourne and Sheppey stay the same; agreed to write stating this. **Action: Clerk**

## 8. **Planning Applications**

1. **16/506583/FULL** | Demolish existing rear extension and erection of a new single storey extension (Resubmission). | Rosaleen Old Maidstone Road Borden Kent ME9 8BS – no comments.
2. **16/506575/FULL** | Refurbishment of the restaurant including the construction of extensions at the front of the store to square up the front elevation, totalling 6 sqm. new automated sliding entrance door to be installed, alterations to existing booths and a breeze free canopy over the patio area, with associated works to the site | McDonalds Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8RZ – no objections.
3. **16/506576/ADV** | Advertisement consent for the relocation of 1no. existing fascia sign and re-lamping of 5 existing fascia signs with LED's | McDonalds Sheppey Way Bobbing ME9 8RZ – no objections.
4. **16/507097/ADV** | Advertisement Consent for 6 x non-illuminated pole mounted sponsorship signs | Roundabout Junction with A249 Key Street Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1YU – Agreed to object due to concerns that the proposed six signs will be a distraction on what is already an extremely busy

and fast moving roundabout. There has already been one fatality and numerous other accidents of varying degrees of severity on this roundabout and there is the very real worry that drivers' attention will be pulled towards these advertisement signs taking away their concentration on the fast moving traffic.

5. **16/507069/ADV** | Advertisement Consent for 5 No. non-illuminated pole mounted sponsorship signs. | Advertisement On Roundabout at Sonora Way/Jacinth Drive Sittingbourne Kent – Agreed to object on the grounds that in the past foliage has been lowered because of problems with visibility on this roundabout; to place 5 signs on it will exacerbate this and add to the hazard.
6. **16/507067/ADV** | Advertisement Consent for 4 No. non-illuminated pole mounted sponsorship signs. | Advertisement On Roundabout at B2006/Sonora Way Sittingbourne Kent – no comments.

## 9. Finance

1. **Financial Regulations** – Bring back to November meeting. **Action: Cllr. Bartlett/Clerk**
2. **Bank Mandate – Cheque Signatories** – Cllr. Randall and Cllr. Bartlett to become signatories. Bring this back to the November meeting for completion of the Mandate forms. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Annual Return 2015/16** – the Clerk was pleased to report that the Annual Return form had been received duly signed by the External Auditors and no issues were raised. Proposed by Cllr. England and seconded by Cllr. Randall; agreed that this be accepted and noted. Clerk has posted the necessary notices advising of the conclusion of the Audit.
4. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. England; the accounts to the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 were agreed and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
05.10.16	0531	L. Fisher	Expenses Sept – Telephone, Use of Office Sept	£13.77p
05.10.16	0532	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due October 2016	£59.20p
05.10.16	0533	Bobbing Village Hall	Room Hire 6 months to September 2016	£200.00p
05.10.16	0534	William Giles	Quarterly Preparation of Payroll	£57.60p
05.10.16	0535	S. Crawford	Postage, prizes and other costs related to Bobbing in Bloom 2016	£144.93p
05.10.16	0536	Swale Borough Council	Printing of Bobbing Reporter Newsletter	£71.98p
05.10.16	0537	Steve Wakeling	Grass Cutting, July and August	£220.00p
05.10.16	0538	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit 2015/16	£120.00p
Eight Cheques in total				

### Paid Out:

Wages - salary August, 2016      £237.16p      Paid by Standing Order

### Paid in:

Swale Borough Council      £8180.57p      2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Precept – paid by BACS  
 Iwade Parish Council      £55.67p      Reimbursement one third SLCC Subscription

## 10. Steering Group

Response received from Newington; still awaiting responses from Iwade and Borden. Bring back to November meeting. **Action: Clerk**

## 11. Emergency Plan

Bring back to November meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

## 12. Land North of Quinton Road – Persimmon Development

The Chairman attended the consultation (which Swale Borough Council was not aware of) and as a result of this submitted the following report to the Parish Council:

*The exhibition gave a little more detail as to what types of development could be expected on this site. The four housing sites could support approximately 1,500 homes. In addition, there would be a secondary school and a primary school.*

*About 20% of the 75-hectare site falls in Bobbing Parish. All of the Bobbing section is currently green field farmland. The remaining land in the site is unparished.*

*The exhibition showed three access roads to the site. Two from Quinton Road in the South and one from Grovehurst Road in the North.*

*The impact on Bobbing Village and the Meads and Watermark developments could be considerable.*

*There are approximately just over 200 homes on the Meads that fall within Bobbing Parish and all the new homes on the Watermark development are in Bobbing Parish.*

*The developers appeared to be more concerned about what they were going to build on the site rather than what the impact of such a large scale development would have on the neighbouring residential areas.*

*The biggest impact would be the amount of traffic. It would be reasonable to assume each house would have a least one car, some with two. Given the street scene of other local estates it would not be unreasonable to assume there would be a considerable number of 'white vans' parked there also. There appears to be no consideration given to the local road network, or how it could be improved to cater for additional traffic, on to which these vehicles would emerge.*

- 1. Considering the two sites entrances in the south (Quinton Road). From the site entrance(s) vehicles can only go in three directions. East (towards Milton) where there is a traffic light controlled railway bridge, presumably because of width and weight restriction. West towards the old Sheppey Way where it meets a 'T' junction. To join the main road network traffic goes through Bobbing Village past the Village School, Church and Hall which recently has had a 20 mph speed limit installed because of safety issues. After the 20mph restriction there is a 'T' junction by the village sign. This area outside McDonalds is notoriously dangerous with a number of serious accidents in recent years.*
- 2. Finally, South through the Meads development to join the B2006 Staplehurst Road link road at a roundabout. The Meads is a residential neighbourhood where the roads were not designed for carrying through traffic.*
- 3. After finally leaving the site vehicles will reach the A249 either at the Bobbing interchange, Key Street or Stockbury roundabouts. Most local people know about the traffic issues at these junctions.*

*In short it would appear there is no 'joined up plan' for Western Sittingbourne. It is being allowed to develop piecemeal. Not all the residents would agree to this style of planning.*

Members agreed that in light of resident's concerns about Schools, traffic, other housing proposals and the impact on the area that this report be sent to the JB Planning Associates. **Action: Cllr. Herbert/Clerk**

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

**12. Next Meeting(s)**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the small meeting room at Bobbing Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_