

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 5th April 2017

Present:

Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. R. Ball	County Cllr. M. Baldock
Cllr. L. Major	Borough Cllr. M. Whiting
Cllr. G. Randall	Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
Cllr. P. England	Borough Cllr. Nicholas Hampshire
Cllr. N. Clare	4 Members of the Public
Cllr. E. England	

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Bartlett and Dewar-Whalley; Borough Cllr. Stokes and the PCSO.

1. **Residents**

A resident queried the Artisan Market notices on a roundabout; Cllr. Hunt will ask Lynn Newton (Swale Borough Council) if permission has been given for these signs to be posted. **Action: Cllr. Hunt**

Sue Samson asked if the Council is interested in getting involved in an event the Church is planning for the weekend of the 21/22 June, linked to 1914-1918 commemorations.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – no comments.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden's report noted. During the month, he checked the fly tipping hot spots in the area and dealt with dumped waste in Rook Lane, Parsonage Lane and Sheppey Way. He carried out predictive policing in Rook Lane.

The PCSO has been checking speed near the School and surrounds; so far, he has not caught anyone exceeding the speed limit.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

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

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

1. **Bobbing Hill Reduction in Speed Limit** – This will appear on the next the JTB Agenda. If the Parish Council pays for the work to move the speed limit sign it will cost £1500 for the TRO and then up to a further £2500 for the employment of an engineer and contractor. County Cllr. Baldock suggested waiting until June and then asking the newly elected County Councillor to assist with the funding. Agreed to place this on the May Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Speeding and Parking on Grove Park Estate** – The Clerk and Cllr. Clare met with the KCC Highways Steward, who is going to try to install seven bollards on the Hilton Drive footpath. He will then get the pathway resurfaced as vehicles mounting onto the pavement have worn the tarmac away. Discussed Parking on the bends in Sandford Road and a suggestion is to make the highway from the bottom of Hilton Drive up to the A2 one-way, although this could increase traffic using Kenilworth. Cllr. Clare to put this out through Neighbourhood Watch to obtain residents' views. **Action: Cllr. Clare**

7. Councillors' Report

Cllr. P. England again raised the issue of the amount of rubbish in the surrounding area (particularly the A249); Cllr. Hunt advised that Biffa (paid by Carillion) had cleared the banks but the central reservation was the responsibility of Highways England. Borough Cllr. Whiting spoke to Highways England regarding this two weeks ago. Clerk to write to Highways England. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. England went on to thank Borough Cllr. Hunt for organising the litter clearance on the Meads. He also thanked Cllr. Hunt for organising the moving of the rubbish bin on Pearl Walk and asked about the provision of a dog bin near the pedestrian crossing close to the Redrow development. Cllr. Hunt advised that the Borough Council would not do this because of a bin nearby. He mentioned people working on cars; Cllr. Hunt has reported this to Swale Borough Council

Cllr. Clare advised that the recent water leak has now been fixed by SWA. She queried making the Grove 20 mph. Cllr. Hunt advised that this is being looked at in Faversham and depending on the outcome, the Meads will consider this.

Cllrs. Major, Ball, Randall and E. England– nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

1. **The Rural Kent Coffee and Information Project** – noted.
2. **Fixing our broken housing market: Consultation** – Cllr. Herbert advised that this is about faster cheaper houses, in whatever form. It was agreed Cllr. Herbert will draft a response and circulate to Members; Councillors can respond individually if they so wish. **Action: Cllr. Herbert**

9. Planning Applications - None

10. Finance

1. **Village Hall Improvement Plan** – Agreed to remove from Agenda for the time being.
2. **Financial Regulations** – Bring back to May meeting. **Action: Cllr. Bartlett/Clerk**
3. **Bank Mandate – Cheque Signatories** – Place on the May Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Church Tree Festival** – Place on the May Agenda. **Action: Cllr. Bartlett/Clerk**
5. **Noticeboard – Gadby Road** – Clerk is awaiting a response from the Co-op. **Action: Clerk**
6. **The Grove Easter egg Hunt** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Randall; agreed to donate £88.70p towards the insurance costs for this event. **Action: Clerk**
7. **KALC Subscription 2017-18** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Randall, agreed to renew the 2017/18 subscription of £692.14p. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. England; the accounts to the 31st March 2017 were agreed and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
05.04.17	0552	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone, Use of Office, Refreshments, 12 x 1 st , 6 x 2 nd class stamps, 10 packs A4 paper; 6 Lever Arch Files; Ring Pads; 5 Document Wallets; Paperclips (one-third share of cost)	£39.30p
05.04.17	0553	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due April 2017	£59.80p
05.04.17	0554	Communicorp	Subscription renewal 2017/18 Clerks & Councils Direct	£36.00p
05.04.17	0555	Action with Communities in Rural Kent	Subscription renewal 2017/18	£50.00p
05.04.17	0556	Steve Wakeling	Grass Cutting Feb 2017	£110.00p

05.04.17	0557	Cancelled	Cancelled	-
05.04.17	0558	William Giles	Quarterly Payroll Preparation	£57.60p
05.04.17	0559	Iwade Parish Council	One-third reimbursement Media Conference	£20.00p
Two Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

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

12. Any Other Matters Arising - None

13. Next Meeting(s)

The Parish, Annual Parish Council and monthly meetings will take place on Wednesday 3rd May 2017, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the small meeting room at Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____