

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 4 January 2021

MEETING HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Present:

Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair
Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown
Cllr. N. Clare

Cllr. P. England
Cllr. G. Randall
Cllr. L. May
Lynda Fisher, Clerk

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the Zoom video conferencing meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Major and E. England, County Cllr. Whiting, Borough Cllr. Woodford and the PCSOs (who could not attend due to Kent Police not supporting the use of Zoom because of security).

2. Visitors/Public Time

Residents, County and Borough Councillors, PCSOs and Community Wardens were advised that they could attend as normal but public speaking time might be limited; they were also invited to forward reports/questions to the Clerk beforehand.

1. **Residents** – None attended, and nothing raised.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting – written report – Expressed concern that Sittingbourne is not included in the 1,000 vaccination centres named by Government. He suggested looking at <https://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/your-health/coronavirus/covid19vaccine> which is updated daily and best explains how NHS will roll the vaccines out in the weeks ahead. Mass testing is now available to all residents in Swale, a new test centre opens this week in Kemsley. He urged everyone to get tested. The Consultation regarding improvements to Key Street junction and Grovehurst junction runs until 26 January 2021. The Consultation Booklet, is downloadable from the consultation website via the following link: www.kent.gov.uk/A249swalejunctionimprovements. KCC welcomes input and any comments regarding the proposals, these can be provided via the 'Have Your Say' section within the Virtual Consultation Hall. If you have any questions for the project team or require any of the consultation material printed, please email them at A249swalejunctionimprovements@kent.gov.uk or leave a message on 03000 42 14 37.

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

4. **PCSO's - Bobbing** - Crimes of note: Vehicle stolen from Sheppey Way (near the school) during the day. A crime report has been taken and the investigation is ongoing. Report of a drunk driver in Ladyfields Close. Patrols attended and person arrested. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Report of two young boys running in front of traffic, playing 'chicken'. Patrols attended but did not find anyone in the area. Report of possible sexual activity in vehicles in Belnor Avenue over a couple of evenings. Police are aware, but there have been no further reports since the beginning of December. Cllr. Ball expressed his concern about the number of crimes in the area; sheds were being broken into, thieves used fields as a means of access at night; this is affecting both Bobbing and The Grove.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 December 2020 were agreed and the Chair will sign as a true transcript.

4. **Declarations of Interest** – None
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes and Last Month's Meeting** – None

6. **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. Clare advised the Grove has been quite quiet. Had problems with a 4x4 and small bike racing around The Grove, they then headed over towards Sonora. Small gas canisters had been found in the Bobbing Hill.

Cllr Ball had residents approach him regarding rubbish; both Sheppey Way and Parsonage Lane are in a dreadful state. Sheppey Way is mostly due to lorries; there are bottles of urine, tissues which have been used for toilet paper, discarded litter, action really needs to be taken. Clerk has chased Swale on numerous occasions, she will do so again. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Morgan-Brown will be attending a KALC Planning training session at the end of the month.

Cllrs. P. England, Randall and May – nothing to report.

7. **Reports from Representatives**

1. KALC – Cllrs Balls and Morgan-Brown attended in December; there was a discussion and presentation on HIPS (Highway Improvement Plans).
2. Western Area Committee – Funding was raised, and Members were asked for ideas. Agreed to come back to the February meeting with suggestions. **Action: All Councillors**
 - a) Brown Tourism Signs – No existing signs within the Parish. Agreed to suggest new signs for the Grade I Church, Grove Park itself and The Henge. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Correspondence**

1. **KALC Community Awards Scheme 2021** – No recommendations for this year.
2. **A249 Key Street and Grovehurst Road Junction Improvement - Public Consultation** – Agreed Members to respond individually and to send comments to the Clerk to collate into a response from the Parish Council. **Action: All Councillors/Clerk**
3. **Climate Adaptation Survey for Kent and Medway - 15 January 2021** – Main concern is flooding. Cllr. Morgan-Brown was delegated to respond on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action: Cllr. Morgan-Brown**

9. **Planning Applications**

1. **20/502559/FULL**: Land on The North West Side of A249 Bobbing Sittingbourne Kent: Erection of 4 stables on concrete base and open menage measuring 40m x 20m. (Amended site address) – The Council's previous objections still stand.
2. **20/505813/FULL**: Erection of a replacement dwelling house including orangery gymnasium and creation of a new access point: Webbenditch Cottage Cold Harbour Lane Bobbing Kent ME9 8NN – No comments.
3. **20/505883/LAWPRO**: Lawful development certificate for proposed siting of 2no. mobile homes, incidental to the main dwelling: Langdales Sheppey Way Bobbing Kent ME9 8QP – no objections. To ask that the garden be reinstated when the mobile homes are no longer needed and removed.

10. **Finance**

1. **Replacement Bench, Churchyard** – £1000 is earmarked in the budget. Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Clare, agreed to go with a four-seater bench with the inscription carved into the wood. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Projects and Precept 2021/22** – Proposed by Cllr Ball and seconded by Cllr. P. England, agreed a 2021/22 Precept of £19000, a decrease of 3.51%., with a Band D being £19.25p.

Suggested project for 2021/22 Picnic Benches with wheelchair access. 2020/21 to 2021/22 cross over projects include Defibrillators for possibly three sites, Trees for Grovehurst and the Aspire Schools, and building material donations to the Village Hall to assist with the extension.

3. **KALC Planning Training – Roger Morgan-Brown** – Proposed by Cllr. Ball and seconded by Cllr. Clare, agreed Cllr. Morgan-Brown to attend this training at a cost of £60 (includes VAT, reclaimable).

Action: Cllr. Morgan-Brown/Clerk

4. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. Clare and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown, Members noted the budget figures, agreed the accounts to the 31 December 2020 and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
06.01.21	0745	L. Fisher	Expenses December: telephone, use of home,	£21.00p
06.01.21	0746	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due for December	£168.82p
06.01.21	0747	K.A.L.C.	An Introduction to Planning Course – Cllr. Morgan-Brown	£60.00p
06.01.21	0748	Waller Associates Limited	Building Materials to be donated to Bobbing Village Hall	£23927.41p
Four cheques in total				

Paid by Standing Order:

Staff Salary – December 2020:	£341.98p	Paid by Standing Order
Invicta IT Solutions – Mailboxes & 365 December	£52.32p	Paid by Standing Order
GoCardless – HugoFox Monthly Fee 2 Nov	£29.99p	Paid by Direct Debit
GoCardless – HugoFox Monthly Fee 9 Nov	£29.99p	Paid by Direct Debit
GoCardless – HugoFox Monthly Fee 8 Dec	£29.99p	Paid by Direct Debit

11. **Any Other Matters Arising**

Cllr. Clare raised the issue of the new junction between the A2 and Staplehurst Road, had the Clerk received a response from County Cllr. Whiting regarding this? The Clerk has not, she will chase. **Action: Clerk**

12. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 3 February 2021, 7.30 p.m. venue depending on Covid-19 situation.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____