

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 5 February 2020

Present: Cllr. G. Herbert – Chair
Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair
Cllr. G. Randall
Cllr. P. England
Cllr. E. England
Cllr. N. Clare
Cllr. R. Morgan-Brown
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. M. Whiting
4 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received Borough Cllr. Hunt, Woodford, Clark and Hampshire, PCSOs Fennell and Linge and the Community Warden.

2. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Residents** – Nothing raised.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting advised no updates received from SGN regarding works to the A2, he will chase. KCC are aiming for 2050 for '0' Carbon. Junction 5 – Highways England have postponed the public enquiry.

Borough Cllr. Baldock advised of a Heritage Conference on the 21 March for Heritage groups. Swale is engaging a Traffic Consultant to look at highway schemes. Had a meeting with a KCC Highways Officer to look at Sandford Road. Swale are not supporting the KCC/Highways England improvement bid 'Hip' for Grovehurst Interchange and Key Street Roundabout because it will open up the majority of this area for housing.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Written report from Community Warden - have taken on a new role as deputy leader of the Swale and Thanet team, so will have to attend more meetings and will be interacting with the community safety Unit. Am still committed to supporting Bobbing Parish as well as my other parishes. Have been keeping an eye on parsonage lane but not seen a white van, but have been reporting any fly tipping found. Made contact with Grove park school which is covered by the parish and will be doing a talk to year 5 next week.

PCSO – **Bobbing** – Crimes of note: stolen Transit van set alight in Parsonage Lane. KFRS attended and vehicle recovered. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: None. **The Meads** - Crimes of note: Criminal Damage to vehicle, Raite Green, wing mirrors kicked off. Report was filed pending further information. Burglary, Ledger Close, furniture stolen, still being investigated. Criminal Damage, Bismuth Drive, Wing mirror kicked off car. Report was filed pending further information. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Nuisance, Helidoor Walk, drunk persons letting off fireworks. Patrols attended no persons there. Multiple Calls re Nuisance Vehicles, Raite Green, Argent Way, Spinel Close Meads Avenue and Quinton Road unidentified persons riding mini motos. The address where the bikes are being kept has been identified and housing have been made aware. Riders will be spoken with. Nuisance vehicle Conqueror Court, 2 cars in the car park playing loud music and throwing rubbish out. Patrols attended and spoke to drivers, words of advice given, details taken.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. R. Ball, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6 January 2020 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. **Declarations of Interest** - None

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

1. **Sheppey Way (near Bobbing Apple) – Alterations to road layout and bollards** – Still awaiting feedback from KCC. Bollards now installed around the green near the Village sign, but 40 tonne lorries are parking on the footpath, causing a blind spot for vehicles at the Junction opposite McDonalds. Agreed to write to KCC thanking for the bollards and advising of lorry parking. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Parish Councillor Vacancies** – No applicants. **Action: Clerk**
3. **20 mph Grove Park** – Take off the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**
4. **Restrictive Parking front of garages entrance near to 42 Hilton Drive** – Proposed by Cllr. Clare and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown; agreed to look at double yellow lines in garage areas in The Grove. **Action: Cllr. Clare**
5. **Sandford Road, Yellow Lines/Bollards** – Borough Cllr. Baldock is waiting for the Highway Engineer to report back to him on this. Keep on the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

6. Councillors' Report

Cllr. P England mentioned 20 mph speed restriction in The Meads, is keen to get a Speed Watch group up and running but needs the equipment. Clerk to see if Iwade will share its equipment. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Clare advised there has been problems with school children damaging property in The Grove; she is pushing for people to report incidents to the PCSO.

Cllr. Ball suggested purchasing a defibrillator for installation in McDonalds (they would keep and take over the machine) as the Bobbing branch is open 24 hours per day, meaning it would always be accessible in the event of an emergency. Clerk to contact McDonalds. **Action: Clerk**

Cllrs. E. England, Randall and Morgan-Brown – nothing to report.

7. Correspondence

1. **Kent County Council Select Committee on Affordable Housing** – Noted.
2. **Swale Borough Council corporate plan 2020-2023** – Noted.
3. **Foxchurch Development, Bobbing** – The Chairman drew Members' attention to the fact that there is no current planning application and as such they should not make any positive comments on this. Clerk advised that since Appin's initial contact seeking a meeting with the Parish Council, and the Council's response that this should be a public meeting, no further communication has been received.

8. Planning Applications

1. 19/506412/FULL: Webbeditch Cottage Cold Harbour Lane Bobbing Kent: Demolition of existing dwelling, outbuilding and garage, and erection of a replacement four-bedroom dwelling with detached double garage, gym and garden store, including creation of a new vehicle access – no comments.
2. 19/506435/SUB: Southlands Rook Lane Bobbing ME9 8DZ: Submission of details to discharge conditions 2 - Finishing Materials, 4 – Arboricultural statement, 6 - Arboricultural (i) Construction methods (ii) Site Monitoring, 7 - Soft Landscaping, 9 - Hard landscaping, 10 - Archaeology, 24 - Crime prevention, 30 - Ecology, 33 - Travel plan subject to 17/506010/FULL – no comments.
3. 18/502190/EIHYB: Land North Quinton Road Sittingbourne Kent ME10 2SX: Phase 1 North - Erection of 91 dwellings accessed from Grovehurst Road. Full Planning Application - Phase 1 South - Erection of 257 dwellings (including 35 affordable dwellings) accessed from Quinton Road. Outline Planning Application - for up to 852 new dwellings – Agreed to respond that Bobbing Parish Council's previous objections still stand. To add Members, have very real concerns over air quality in the region. To also

point out that Highways England have stated that the A249 only has capacity for another 50 cars per day, hence their blocking development along this corridor.

9. **Finance**

1. **Websites** – Cllr. Morgan-Brown and the Clerk attended the KALC Website Accessibility Workshop; it's a minefield when looking at what is required by the new legislation. The Clerk has obtained three quotes, one of which includes a 20% reduction in the build cost of a new site should both Iwade and Bobbing go with the same firm. There will, with all three, be a monthly charge for the domain name, support, etc. Bring back to the March meeting. **Action: Clerk**
2. **Model Financial Regulations 2019** – Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. E. England, the new Financial regulations were adopted. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Request for Donation – Timu Academy Trust** – Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Morgan-Brown; agreed a donation of £50.
4. **Project – Plan 'B'** – noted.
5. **Clerks & Councils Direct Subscription 2020/21** – Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Ball, agreed the subscription renewal at a cost of £12.
6. **Increase in Grass Cutting** – Proposed by Cllr. P. England and seconded by Cllr. Ball, agreed the increase in cost from £120 to £140 per cut for grounds maintenance.
7. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – Proposed by Cllr. N. Clare and seconded by Cllr. P. England, agreed accounts to the 31 January 2020 and the following Cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
05.02.20	0700	L. Fisher	Expenses: Tele, Office Use, AVG Ultimate 1 Year Subscription	£46.40p
05.02.20	0701	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due for January	£85.40p
05.02.20	0702	Bobbing Village Hall	Hall Hire April to September 2019	£200.00p
05.02.20	0703	Swale Borough Council	Election Costs 2 May 2019	£166.06
Four Cheques in total				

Paid Out:

Wages – January	£341.98p	Paid by Standing Order
Invicta IT Solutions – Mailboxes & 365	£52.32p	Paid by Standing Order

10. **Any Other Matters Arising**

Clerk to write to Kent Highways stating that last year a lot of money was spent on 'Keep Clear' markings on the Key Street Roundabout, these has now all worn away! **Action: Clerk**

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

Wednesday 4 March 2020, 7.30 p.m. in Bobbing Parish Hall's small Committee Room.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____